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**NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit
Annual Report
(Due: May 1, 2017)**

Part I. General Information

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Date: April 30, 2018

Part II. Self-Assessment

The Town of Hopkinton remains committed to completing all of the Minimum Control Measures. The May 2017 Annual Town Meeting appropriated \$370,000 in the FY18 operating budget to cover the costs of stormwater compliance. The May 2018 Annual Town Meeting will be asked to vote to appropriate \$370,000 for stormwater compliance in FY19.

The Town razed and rebuilt its DPW facility during this reporting period. The construction was approved by the Hopkinton Conservation Commission. Construction included paving all parking and operations areas, curbing all paved areas, installing catch basins, installing underground recharge areas, building a garage to house all DPW vehicles inside, and constructing a vehicle wash bay that discharges through an oil/grease separator and into the Town sewer system. This dramatically improved water quality around the site.

The Town eliminated sand from its winter operations during the winter of 2016/2017. The Town eliminated liquid magnesium chloride from its salt during the winter of 2017/2018 and used salt pretreated with magnesium chloride. The elimination of sand greatly reduced debris in catch basins, debris swept up off the streets, and debris disposed of from street sweeping.

Hopkinton also contracted with an engineering firm to further delineate its drainage outfalls and interconnections for ranking.

The Town of Hopkinton also rebuilt or repaired 33 catch basins and rebuilt or cleaned 17 swales.

Hopkinton joined 29 other communities in the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition in 2013 to further its ability to comply with regulations and to better educate its residents. A summary of Hopkinton's activities as part of that Coalition is provided at the end of this Annual Report.

The Town of Hopkinton completed the self-assessment and determined that our municipality is in compliance with the Minimum Control Measures, except for those detailed on the following pages.

Part III. Summary of Minimum Control Measures

1. Public Education and Outreach

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
1-1	Annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day	DPW	Hold Haz Waste Day. Advertise through descriptive flyer and media spots. Track number of cars and quantities.	Held 7/15/17 in Hopkinton. Descriptive flyer mailed to all residents. Posted on website and newspaper. Number of cars and type of waste tracked. Completed measurable goals. E-waste collection offered weekly in Hopkinton's Recycling Center.	Sponsor Hopkinton only Collection Day scheduled for July 2018 and continue E-waste recycling.
1-2	Promoting Water Conservation Practices	DPW	Provide conservation kits. PSAs on water conservation. Public education during Drinking Water Week.	Adopted water supply conservation restrictions, conditions or requirements limiting the use of water as necessary to protect the water supply or required to meet state regulations. Ongoing practices include rain barrel program, shower/toilet retro kits, cable tv shows/updates, communication with Conservation Commission and routine inspection/maintenance of water supply system. Finalized SWMI study with funds received from DEP's SWMI grant to implement groundwater recharge regulations.	Continue various programs.
1-3	Issue education stormwater press release	DPW SuAsCo	Complete article on SWMP and publish. Post educational stormwater flyer on website	Completed measurable goals in program year 3	
1-4	Send out Stormwater Flyer to Community Businesses	DPW SuAsCo	Distribute and post stormwater flyer in Independent and on website, HCAM-TV.	Completed measurable goals in program year 3	

1-5	Place education information on public access television	DPW HCAM-TV	Obtain “Stormwater” PSAs and air on HCAM-3 OPTV-8 and track .	Received Stormwater PSAs from the SuAsCo Watershed Community Council for distribution and display.	Continue Program
1-6	Place education information on the Town’s website	DPW	Post stormwater info on website and update regularly	DPW website contains information and links on recycling and water conservation.	Continue program.

2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
2-1	Public presentations, access to SWMP and Receipt of Comment	DPW	Make final SWMP accessible for public viewing.	Completed program year 1.	
2-2	Public access to Annual Report	DPW	Make Annual Report accessible for public viewing	Annual Report available for review at DPW.	Continue to make Annual Report available at DPW.
2-3	Assist with Local Cleanup Activities	DPW ConCom	Offer assistance with local cleanup activities. Track activities, participants, areas and quantities	Provided recycling containers on Marathon Day and throughout Parks and Recreation properties. Operate Recycling Center on weekly basis to collect recyclables. Operate bulk white metal collection monthly to collect items. Lake Whitehall cleanup occurs annually by volunteers. Sustainable Green Committee conducts cleanup around Earth Day.	Continue programs
2-4	Circulate Stormwater Traveling Display in community	DPW SuAsCo	Display at various Town locations and track	Completed in program year 4	
2-5	Participate in SuAsCo Summit	DPW SuAsCo		Completed in program year 5	

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
3-1	Update outfall location map	DPW Planning Board	Outfall verification and identification	Add GIS drainage information to town's website. As of March 2010 an estimated 99% of the stormwater outfalls and 60% of the storm drainage piping system within the Town were identified on the GIS mapping	Continue to identify and add stormwater infrastructure to Town's new GIS website.
3-2	Adopt an Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance	DPW	Draft ordinance. Approve by Town Meeting. Track enforcement issues	The IDDE plan was approved by the annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2017.	Completed
3-3	Implement an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan	DPW	Develop the Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination Plan	Stormwater outfalls were inspected throughout the year and cleared as necessary. The DPW cleared 17 swales this year.	Continue program
3-4	Establish a Formal Septic System Management Program	Board of Health	Permitting system in use. Track number of haulers, installers, C of Cs, failed systems, routine pumping and participants in CSMBLP	All tracking systems are in place and currently in use. Board of Health continued financial assistance to homeowners through Community Septage Management Program	Continue program
3-5	Conduct I/I removal in sewer system	DPW	Gain SRF funding. Conduct study areas of concern, Develop I/I removal plan. Perform I/I removal.	The Town contracted to have an I/I evaluation of its sewer system completed in calendar year 2018. Flow meters are in place.	Complete evaluation in 2018 and implement recommendations
3-6	Conduct stormdrain stenciling	DPW	Identify areas to be stenciled. Track number of drains stenciled. Press release and runoff reduction tips.	Did not complete measurable goal.	Continue scheduled drain stenciling program and solicit volunteers to complete program.

4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
4-1	Develop an Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance	Planning Board Dpw ConCom Bldg Dept	Draft Ordinance, present at Town Meeting, track enforcement	Completed year 6. Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw adopted at Spring 09 Town Meeting	
4-2	Develop a Site Inspection Form and Conduct inspections	Planning Board DPW ConCom	Develop a Site Inspection Form, Track frequency of inspections, completion of inspection forms and number of failed BMPs discovered	Completed year 6. Stormwater Management and Erosion Control (SWMEC) Bylaw adopted Spring 09 Town Meeting. Planning Board developed and approved Stormwater Regulations to supplement the SWMEC Bylaw	Continue program
4-3	Develop and Implement a Citizen Complaint Hotline	DPW Webmaster	Establish and advertise hotline. Track number of complaints and remediation	DPW receives calls regarding drainage problems and dispatches personnel to investigate/repair.	Continue program

5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
5-1	Revise the Site Plan Review submission requirements and procedures	Planning Board	Draft Amendment, hold public hearing, Town Meeting approval.	Completed year 3. Revisions approved at May 2005 Town Meeting.	

6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
6-1	Develop a Formal Training Program for DPW staff.	DPW HR	Develop manual and conduct training, track. Repeat every 2 years.	Responsible personnel are trained on street sweeping, sidewalk sweeping, catch basin cleaning, flushing procedures and equipment operation. DPW personnel also attend trainings by Baystate Roads and Massachusetts Highway Association related to BMPs, application of winter materials, and proper prewetting techniques.	Continue program
6-2	Develop a Formal Catch Basin Cleaning Program	DPW	Purchase vacuum truck. Establish quadrants and prioritize. Clean 50% CBs/year	100% of all Town catch basins were cleaned this year. The Town contracted with a private vendor to clean and dispose of the material.	Continue program
6-3	Develop a structural BMP Maintenance Program	DPW	Inventory and identify maintenance requirements, develop a schedule, track	DPW to contract with a private contractor for inspection and cleaning of all inventoried structural BMPs	Continue program
6-4	Formalize the Existing Parking Lot and Street Sweeping Program	DPW	Inventory public streets and parking lots and prioritize sweeping activities. Sweep minimum of once/year	All town streets are swept once/year using the Town's two sweepers. The town disposed of 264 tons of street sweepings in 2017.	Continue program
6-5	Implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	DPW	Finalize SWPPP Schedule Plan implementation, track	SWPPP was completed on the Wood Street DPW facility.	Continue program
6-6	Develop a Landscape and Lawn Care Policy for properties under DPW Jurisdiction	DPW	Develop, implement policy. Provide policy to employees and contracted lawn services.	Fertilization schedule was established for parks and fields. All fertilization work is conducted by private vendors through the Parks/Recreation Committee – no fertilizing done by	Continue program

				DPW staff. The DPW also received approval of a VMP and a YOP for treatment of weeds in the sidewalk along Main Street to ensure responsible application of herbicide.	
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Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

GPS identification of storm drains, outfalls and other wetland resource areas. (Designated MS4 Areas) Yes – 99%

Part V. Program Outputs & Accomplishments (OPTIONAL)

(Since beginning of permit coverage unless specified otherwise by a **, which indicates response is for period covering April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011)

Programmatic

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Stormwater management position created/staffed	(y/n)	No
Annual program budget/expenditures **	(\$)	\$150,000
Total program expenditures since beginning of permit coverage	(\$)	
Funding mechanism(s) (General Fund, Enterprise, Utility, etc)		General Fund

Education, Involvement, and Training

Estimated number of property owners reached by education program(s)	(# or %)	
Stormwater management committee established	(y/n)	No
Stream teams established or supported	(# or y/n)	No
Shoreline clean-up participation or quantity of shoreline miles cleaned **	(y/n or mi.)	NA
Shoreline cleaned since beginning of permit coverage	(mi.)	NA
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days		
▪ days sponsored	(#)	1
▪ community participation	(# or %)	
▪ material collected	(tons or gal)	
School curricula implemented	(y/n)	

Legal/Regulatory

	In Place Prior to Phase II	Reviewing Existing Authorities	Drafted	Draft in Review	Adopted
Regulatory Mechanism Status (indicate with “X”)					
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination					X
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control					X
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management					X
Accompanying Regulation Status (indicate with “X”)					
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination					X
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control					X
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management					X

Mapping and Illicit Discharges

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Outfall mapping complete	(%)	99
Estimated or actual number of outfalls	(#)	605
System-Wide mapping complete (complete storm sewer infrastructure)	(%)	60
Mapping method(s)		
▪ Paper/Mylar	(%)	Yes
▪ CADD	(%)	Yes
▪ GIS	(%)	Yes
Outfalls inspected/screened **	(# or %)	17
Outfalls inspected/screened (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(# or %)	
Illicit discharges identified **	(#)	0
Illicit discharges identified (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(#)	
Illicit connections removed **	(#); and (est. gpd)	0
Illicit connections removed (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(#); and (est. gpd)	
% of population on sewer	(%)	40
% of population on septic systems	(%)	60

Construction

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Number of construction starts (>1-acre) **	(#)	2
Estimated percentage of construction starts adequately regulated for erosion and sediment control **	(%)	100%
Site inspections completed **	(# or %)	100%
Tickets/Stop work orders issued **	(# or %)	0
Fines collected **	(# and \$)	0
Complaints/concerns received from public **	(#)	

Post-Development Stormwater Management

Estimated percentage of development/redevelopment projects adequately regulated for post-construction stormwater control	(%)	100%
Site inspections (for proper BMP installation & operation) completed **	(# or %)	100%
BMP maintenance required through covenants, escrow, deed restrictions, etc.	(y/n)	
Low-impact development (LID) practices permitted and encouraged	(y/n)	Yes

Operations and Maintenance

Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (non-commercial/non-arterial streets) **	(times/yr)	One
Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (commercial/arterial or other critical streets) **	(times/yr)	One
Qty of structures cleaned **	(#)	2,645 = 100%
Qty. of storm drain cleaned **	(%, LF or mi.)	17 total
Qty. of screenings/debris removed from storm sewer infrastructure **	(lbs. or tons)	
Disposal or use of screenings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.) **	(location)	

Basin Cleaning Costs		
• Annual budget/expenditure (labor & equipment)**	(\$)	
• Hourly or per basin contract rate **	(\$/hr or \$ per basin)	\$31.00/basin
• Disposal cost**	(\$)	
Cleaning Equipment		
• Clam shell truck(s) owned/leased	(#)	1 contracted
• Vacuum truck(s) owned/leased	(#)	1 owned
• Vacuum trucks specified in contracts	(y/n)	No
• % Structures cleaned with clam shells **	(%)	2,645
• % Structures cleaned with vector **	(%)	

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Average frequency of street sweeping (non-commercial/non-arterial streets) **	(times/yr)	One
Average frequency of street sweeping (commercial/arterial or other critical streets) **	(times/yr)	One
Qty. of sand/debris collected by sweeping **	(lbs. or tons)	264 tons
Disposal of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.) **	(location)	Lorusso Corp
Annual Sweeping Costs		
• Annual budget/expenditure (labor & equipment)**	(\$)	
• Hourly or lane mile contract rate **	(\$/hr. or ln mi.)	
• Disposal cost**	(\$)	
Sweeping Equipment		
• Rotary brush street sweepers owned/leased	(#)	2
• Vacuum street sweepers owned/leased	(#)	0
• Vacuum street sweepers specified in contracts	(y/n)	0
• % Roads swept with rotary brush sweepers **	%	100%
• % Roads swept with vacuum sweepers **	%	0

Reduction (since beginning of permit coverage) in application on public land of: ("N/A" = never used; "100%" = elimination)		
▪ Fertilizers	(lbs. or %)	
▪ Herbicides	(lbs. or %)	
▪ Pesticides	(lbs. or %)	
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Practices Implemented	(y/n)	

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Average Ratio of Anti-/De-Icing products used ** (also identify chemicals and ratios used in specific areas, e.g., water supply protection areas)	% NaCl % CaCl ₂ % MgCl ₂ % CMA % Kac % KCl % Sand	
Pre-wetting techniques utilized **	(y/n or %)	No
Manual control spreaders used **	(y/n or %)	Yes
Zero-velocity spreaders used **	(y/n or %)	
Estimated net reduction or increase in typical year salt/chemical application rate	(±lbs/ln mi. or %)	
Estimated net reduction or increase in typical year sand application rate **	(±lbs/ln mi. or %)	
% of salt/chemical pile(s) covered in storage shed(s)	(%)	100%
Storage shed(s) in design or under construction	(y/n or #)	Built 2017
100% of salt/chemical pile(s) covered in storage shed(s) by May 2008	(y/n)	Yes

Water Supply Protection

Storm water outfalls to public water supplies eliminated or relocated	# or y/n	
Installed or planned treatment BMPs for public drinking water supplies and their protection areas	# or y/n	
Treatment units induce infiltration within 500-feet of a wellhead protection area	# or y/n	

Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition Coalition Activities in Year 15 (April 1, 2017-March 31, 2018)

Introduction

The Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) is an MS4 resource for all 30 member communities. CMRSWC has three standing sub-committees to allow members to focus efforts on specific issues important to the Coalition. These sub-committees are:

Education Sub-Committee: responsible for developing and promoting outreach and educational materials required by the MS4 permit. The Education sub-committee is also responsible for planning and scheduling the Annual Meeting, educational workshops, and other forums for discussion of MS4 topics. The committee is CMRSWC's primary liaison to professional organizations and university partnerships.

Technical Sub-Committee: responsible for managing Coalition's website and shared equipment resources; advising members on relevant technical issues including GIS system maintenance and upgrades.

Legislative Sub-Committee: serves as the liaison to the Massachusetts Statewide Stormwater Collaborative; responsible for tracking MS4 related legislation and regulations and keeping the legislature and regulatory agencies informed of the concerns of member communities.

The CMRSWC Steering Committee held four meetings during this 12 month reporting cycle. The CMRSWC Annual Meeting was held on November 15, 2017 in Worcester. Members of CMRSWC also attended and actively participated in the Massachusetts Statewide Municipal Stormwater Coalition meetings.

MS4 Workshops and Technical Training (Minimum Control Measures 3, 4, 5, and 6)

Best Management Practices Technical Tour

On October 25, 2017, CMRSWC sponsored a technical tour and workshop for DPWs, Highway, and other staff in member communities responsible for the operations and maintenance of local roads, drainage, sidewalks, parking lots, and other public infrastructure. The tour was led by a team from Fuss & O'Neill and took attendees from 14 communities on a "road trip" to visit sites at Dennison Lubricants (Worcester), Tufts Veterinary School (North Grafton), and several Mass DCR sites. At each site, participants had the opportunity to learn about the BMPs in use at the site from a variety of staff from DCR and Mass DOT, as well as engineers and project owners. A lunch program offered additional opportunities to discuss stormwater management techniques. Handouts, presentation materials, and video footage of the tour are being offered to CMRSWC members through the website.

Videos and Templates (Minimum Control Measures 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

As a follow-up to the Best Management Practices Technical Tour, 12 new CMRSWC videos were produced that feature the various BMPs visited on the tour, presentations from the day, and additional detailed footage recorded at the BMP sites after the event.

Department of Conservation and Recreation Education and Outreach Materials (Minimum Control Measures 1 and 2)

As part of the Stormwater BMP Technical Tour, Kelley Freda from the Department of Conservation and Resources presented participants with stormwater education and outreach materials available from DCR. She distributed a packet of various brochures targeting a diverse audience. These materials are available from the DCR website www.mass.gov/dcr/watersupply

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Water Resource Outreach Center (Minimum Control Measures 1 and 2)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute's (WPI) Massachusetts Water Resource Outreach Center (WROC) is dedicated to assisting Central and Eastern Massachusetts municipalities and watershed associations with their water resource needs through student project collaboration. CMRSWC has been working with the WPI-WROC and MassDEP on Interactive Qualifying Projects (IQPs) since 2012.

The CMRSWC and MassDEP sponsored a 2017 WPI-WROC project called "Stormwater Management Educational Materials for Central Massachusetts Municipalities." Municipalities are required to distribute educational materials on stormwater issues to comply with the MS4 permit; "the ultimate objective being to increase knowledge and change behavior of the public so that pollutants in stormwater are reduced." The project team used public surveys and questionnaires to assess the public's understanding of stormwater and stormwater runoff. The results showed that most people do not understand what stormwater is, how it gets into our waterbodies and the impacts it has on water quality and public health. Focusing on increasing awareness of the importance of protecting our water among our elementary school student population, the WPI students developed a stormwater toolkit featuring an activity book and stickers for children. The activity book includes opportunities for parents to participate and ask questions.

Building on the previous work for educational materials, the 2018 student team worked with stormwater experts at MassDEP, MA Department of Education representatives and school teachers from Shrewsbury and Holden to develop a 5th grade watershed curriculum that meets the new Massachusetts Next Generation science standards. Components of the curriculum include the water cycle, watersheds, stormwater runoff and other environmental features that demonstrate to children how runoff and contaminants affect water quality. The students will be presenting their findings on May 1, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the MassDEP Central Regional Office in Worcester.

More information is available at: <http://wp.wpi.edu/wroc/>

EnviroScape Nonpoint Source Pollution Model (Minimum Control Measures 1 and 2)

The CMRSWC owns two 3D EnviroScape® Watershed/Nonpoint Source models which are available for use by our members. These models provide a hands-on, interactive demonstration of the sources and effects of water pollution and ways to prevent pollution. The CMRSWC sponsored a booth at the EcoTarium's Earth Day Celebration in April using the model to teach about stormwater education. Several member communities including Holden, Charlton, Framingham, Hopkinton, Lunenburg, Palmer, Shrewsbury, Auburn, & Dudley have used the EnviroScape model for presentations at Earth Day festivals, school programs, scouting events, and public works open houses.

Member Needs Survey

In March 2018, CMRSWC contracted with Fuss & O'Neill to develop a technical needs survey that measured the concerns of member communities with respect to compliance with the updated MS4 General Permit for Stormwater Discharges (which is currently stayed pending judicial review). The survey served as a follow-up to the first coalition member survey in the fall of 2016 and asked members to rank certain programs/tasks that CMRSWC could support to assist members in complying with the MS4 Permit. The survey also requested that respondents identify the CMRSWC tools, resources, and events that they made use of during 2017 or provide feedback on why they chose not to take advantage of such tools or events.

Coalition members ranked their needs as follows:

- Maintain the CMRSWC Website with Available Tools and Templates
- Provide Written IDDE Program Template and Training
- Provide NOI/SWMP Template and Training

Coalition members ranked their compliance concerns as follows:

- Preparation of NOI and SWMP
- Performing Outfall Inspections
- Performing Outfall Inventory Ranking
- Meeting TMDL Requirements
- Developing Written Catchment Investigation Procedures
- Designing and Constructing BMP Retrofits
- Designing and Maintaining SWPPPs
- Identifying and Removing Illicit/Illegal Discharges
- Developing a Written IDDE Program
- Mapping the Storm Sewer System

Statewide Stormwater Coalition Grant Award

CMRSWC announced at its January 8th Steering Committee Meeting a \$200,000 grant from the State to the Statewide Stormwater Coalition to develop and implement a statewide stormwater education and outreach campaign. The project will provide stormwater education materials to communities across the state, including CMRSWC member communities. The funds, issued through the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2018 "MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant Program," recognize the important work of stormwater coalitions and regionalized stormwater management. Materials will be made available in July 2018.

Conclusion

Working as a group, CMRSWC collectively protects regional water resources while assisting communities with meeting requirements of the MS4 permit in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Member communities continue to benefit from the use of CMRSWC tools, resources, and events to continue to implement their MS4 program with local staff and resources.