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NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit
Annual Report
(Due: May 1, 2018)

Part I. General Information

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Part II. Self-Assessment

In Permit Year 15 (April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018), the Town of North Andover continued to implement its Stormwater Management Program. As part of developing the Annual Report, the Town evaluated compliance of the Stormwater Management Program with the conditions of the NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small MS4s, effective May 1, 2003, as required by Part II.D.1 of the permit. As of the end of Permit Year 15, the Town has achieved nearly all of the measurable goals for the BMPs selected in the 2003 Notice of Intent and added in subsequent years to reflect unplanned stormwater activities by the Town.

As part of the Annual Report development, the Town also evaluated the appropriateness of all BMPs in efforts towards achieving the defined measurable goals. This year, BMPs and measurable goals continue to be appropriate.

Part III. Summary of Minimum Control Measures

1. Public Education and Outreach

Note that the “Planned Activities” column has been deleted from this Annual Report. In Fiscal Year 2019, the Town of North Andover will focus on compliance with the new requirements of the 2016 MA Small MS4 General Permit, including assessment of existing stormwater practices, policies, and Town-wide stormwater-related programs, preparation of the Notice of Intent, and implementation of Best Management Practices to address the permit requirements for each Minimum Control Measure.

BMP ID#	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./ Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 15 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)
1a	Air stormwater messages on local cable	Division of Public Works/ Schools	Air one new message for two weeks quarterly	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town has aired multiple stormwater messages on the local cable access channel, North Andover CAM Access, and the school channel, CAM-Ed, in previous Permit Years. The messages informed homeowners what they can do to prevent nonpoint source pollution, including reporting illicit discharges.
1b	Add stormwater information to Town’s website	Division of Public Works	Complete update by end of second permit year	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. Links to information about stormwater included on the Town website during Permit Year 1 were maintained throughout Permit Year 15. This includes a webpage of stormwater tips, located on the Engineering Department website, that provides information on illicit discharges, non-point source pollution, and local watershed associations. Additionally, the Town maintains a public drive of shared documents, which includes educational materials about pet waste management, algae and cyanobacteria in waterbodies, and storm drain policies and procedures. The North Andover Annual Water Quality Report provides information on the proper disposal of animal waste, describes stormwater runoff, and includes stormwater best practices. A postcard with a link to the 2017 Water Quality Report, available on the Water Treatment Plant’s webpage, will be mailed out to all businesses and residents in the Town in May 2018.

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1c	Distribute/post non-point source pollution posters	Community Development & Schools	Post in all school and Town-owned buildings	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. Posters were distributed to and posted in the Town Library, Office of Community Development, Town Hall, and the Water Treatment Plant during Permit Year 1. The Town continued to display <i>Maintain Your BMPs</i> and <i>Stormwater and the Construction Industry</i> posters at the DPW and Community Development Offices, respectively, during Permit Year 15. The Town joined Greenscapes, a group promoting water conservation and protection, during Permit Year 12. A link to the Greenscapes website is included on the Town’s Conservation Department webpage. In Permit Year 15, three brochures were available at the Town Hall and DPW which discuss what stormwater is, what residents can do to be a “Greenscaper”, and how residents can reduce impervious cover at their homes and within Town. Greenscapes held a workshop for fifth graders at the Atkinson School on November 21, 2017. This workshop aimed to engage students in hands-on activities that introduce them to the effect of the built environment on the natural water cycle, what happens to water that enters the storm drain, and how water flows in the local watershed. In previous Permit Years, the Town installed dog waste stations consisting of plastic waste bags and a trash receptacle along walking trails, shorelines, and at other public open space areas. The Town’s DPW regularly maintains the dog waste stations, including stocking the bags and emptying the trash receptacles, and repairs or replaces the stations as needed. Greenscapes provided the Town with “Scoop it!” brochures in Permit Year 13, which explain how pet waste can affect the local waterbodies, and include proper disposal practices. These brochures have been maintained at various municipal office during Permit Year 15. The North Andover Annual Water Quality Report includes information about how pet waste can contaminate local drinking water sources, including Lake Cochichewick, and the proper disposal of pet waste to prevent pollution.

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1d	Inform Residents of Town's recycling programs/schedules	Division of Public Works	Distribute information to all residents by website, mailings, etc.	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town's Department of Public Works website contains information on Town's recycling programs, schedules, and frequently asked questions. Single stream curb-side recycling is picked up on a weekly basis. A local recycling facility (TBI) also accepts drop-off of recyclables with the exception of waste oil. Waste oil is collected by the Town's DPW (see BMP 2a). North Andover Public Schools also offer an extensive recycling program. More information is available on the Town's website. During Permit Year 15, North Andover Middle School continued to participate in The Green Team program sponsored by the Massachusetts EOEEA and MassDEP, which "empowers students and teachers to help the environment through waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, energy conservation, and pollution prevention." The Town implemented a rain barrel program in Permit Year 8, which has been on-going since the program's inception. In Permit Year 15, 31 barrels were sold. The North Andover High School also has an Environmental Club, which discusses different ways to recycle and help clean up North Andover, as well as educates others about the environment.

2. Public Involvement and Participation

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2a	Collect household hazardous waste from residents	Division of Public Works	Hold household hazardous waste collection day twice per year.	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. North Andover held Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days twice in Permit Year 15, on April 15 and October 7, 2017, at the TBI recycling facility. The Collection Days are advertised on the Town’s website.
2b	Collect & Recycle waste oil	Division of Public Works	Collect waste oil from residents twice per month	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The DPW collects waste oil for recycling twice per month at the DPW garage. Additionally, the Town website provides residents with information about alternative means of used motor oil disposal.
2c	Develop Stormwater Hotline	Division of Public Works	Create phone number(s) & inform residents of hotline	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town continued to promote reporting of illegal dumping, with information including a 24-hour hotline (978-685-0950 ext. 44014) provided on the Town website and cable TV. Residents are able to call the Town Engineer and obtain information, ask questions, provide feedback, and report illegal dumping. No calls were received during Permit Year 15. The North Andover Annual Water Quality Report and Stormwater Tips webpage provides information about suspicious discharges and includes a contact phone number for the Town’s Conservation Commission (978-688-9530) to promote reporting of suspicious discharges.

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2d	Coordinate an annual, voluntary waterways cleanup day	Division of Public Works/ Con Com	Hold waterways cleanup day once per year beginning in the Spring of 2005 (Permit Year 3)	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. North Andover held their Annual Town-wide Earth Day Clean-up Event on April 29, 2017. Residents volunteered to pick up litter in a part of Town of their choosing. On October 21, 2017, multiple Town staff, local environmental group members, students, and other volunteers participated in the annual Lake Cochichewick Shore Clean Up. Friends of North Andover Trails held a Shawsheen River Trail work day and cleanup day on September 9, 2017. The Town typically provides additional assistance for local cleanups by removing the bags of collected trash at the conclusion of the event.
2e	Make SWMP available for public review/comment	Division of Public Works	Post SWMP on Town website, in library, in Division of Public Works office	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. Copies of the SWMP created for the Town were placed in the Town Library, at the DPW office, and the SWMP was posted on the Town website during Permit Year 1. The SWMP remained available at these locations through Permit Year 5 and is still available on the Town's website under the DPW page in 'DPW Documents' and on the Engineering page.

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

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3a	Map outfalls, receiving waters and storm drains	Division of Public Works	Complete mapping by end of fourth permit year	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. Outfall mapping in urbanized areas was completed in 2008. The Town developed an initial map of catchments within North Andover in anticipation of issuance of the new General Permit. This has been included in the Town’s GIS stormwater mapping. With the assistance of a consultant, the Town is updating the initial catchments to comply with the 2016 General Permit requirements. In Permit Year 14, the Town hired a consultant to complete additional mapping of the storm drain system. The consultant georeferenced as-built plans to update connectivity and attribute information in the Town’s GIS mapping.
3b	Develop illicit discharge detection & elimination plan	Division of Public Works	Make recommendations for proposed plan	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town’s IDDE Plan was completed in October 2010 by a working group comprised of multiple Town departments. The plan establishes actions, procedures, and a timeline for IDDE activities to comply with both the 2003 General Permit and many of the anticipated 2012 North Coastal Small MS4 General Permit requirements. The Town updated their IDDE Plan in Permit Year 15 to include components required by the 2016 Final General Permit. In-stream water quality sampling continued to be conducted in Permit Year 15 at several brooks discharging into Lake Cochichewick for parameters including total coliform, ammonia, and phosphorus. The “Sutton 06” outfall was investigated during Permit Years 11 and 12 for an illicit discharge per EPA’s NOV. One section of sewer in the catchment area on School Street was replaced due to continuous surcharging. During Permit Year 14, drainage improvements were completed in this area.

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				Currently, there is no evidence of a direct illicit connection to the MS4, and the Town considers this a High Priority catchment for additional investigation. No illicit discharges or connections were found during Permit Year 15.
3c	Review existing bylaws and regulations	Division of Public Works	Determine whether existing bylaws/regulations are adequate	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town finished reviewing their existing regulations regarding illicit discharge detection and elimination in Permit Year 3. See BMPs 3d and 3e for additional information.
3d	Develop/modify general illicit discharge bylaw	Division of Public Works	If necessary, propose recommendation for bylaw updates.	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town developed a general illicit discharge bylaw that meets EPA requirements during Permit Year 4. The Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw was adopted on May 12, 2009, which also adopts MA Stormwater Standard 10 to prohibit illicit discharges by reference. The Conservation Commission also required 3 applicants to include a “Prevention of Illicit Discharges Statement” in their Stormwater Report during Permit Year 15.
3e	Present bylaw for Town meeting action	Division of Public Works	Make presentations for Town meeting action, if necessary.	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. North Andover adopted the Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw on May 12, 2009. The Regulations were adopted on February 15, 2011.

4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

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4a	Review existing bylaws and regulations	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	Determine whether existing bylaws/ regulations are adequate	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town finished reviewing the relevant sections of their Rules and Regulations governing the Subdivision of Land and the Zoning Bylaws in the Permit Year 4. See BMP 4b for additional information.
4b	Develop/modify bylaws for construction site runoff	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	If necessary, propose recommendations for bylaw updates	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. In Permit Year 4, the Town completed the development of a bylaw for the control of construction site runoff. The Town adopted the Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw on May 12, 2009. The Regulations were adopted on February 15, 2011. In Permit Year 13, the Conservation Commission updated the Wetland Protection Regulations for consistency with the Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw and the updated State regulations. The revised Regulations were adopted at the March 23, 2016 Conservation Commission Public Hearing.
4c	Present bylaw for Town meeting action	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	Make presentations for Town Meeting action, if necessary	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. See BMP 4b above.

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4d	Review existing site inspection practices	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	Determine whether existing practices are adequate	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. During Permit Year 4, the Town completed the development of a bylaw for the control of construction site runoff, including requirements for construction period site inspections. See BMP 4b for more information. In Permit Year 15, the Town inspected 42 sites for erosion and sedimentation control. The Conservation Commission issued stop work orders and collected fines as needed. Inspection reports completed for every construction site larger than one acre in Permit Year 15 are maintained by the Conservation Commission.
4e	Develop/modify site inspection practices	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	If necessary, make recommendations for updating existing practices	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. During Permit Year 5, the Town made changes to their erosion/ sedimentation control and drainage submittal requirements, as well as their site inspection practices. The Conservation Commission maintains records of all inspections in their individual project files.

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

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5a	Review existing bylaws and regulations	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	Determine whether existing bylaws/ regulations are adequate	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town finished reviewing the relevant sections of their Rules and Regulations governing the Subdivision of Land and the Zoning Bylaws during Permit Year 3. The Town adopted Regulations for the Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw on February 15, 2011. The Town continues to require operations and maintenance plans for post-construction stormwater treatment systems, and requires sites to keep five-year monitoring records for review. The Town also encourages and keeps track of sites that utilize Low Impact Development (LID) techniques. In Permit Year 15, 10 sites utilized LID techniques. In Permit Year 15, 8 Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) were submitted. For any stormwater infrastructure, including BMPs, located outside of the Town’s right of way, the responsibility for operation and maintenance is assigned to the private owner or homeowners’ association through an Order of Conditions or the Planning Board approval process. The Planning Department records the Operation & Maintenance Plan (11 in Permit Year 15) and a perpetual condition on the deed.

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5b	Develop/modify bylaws for post-construction runoff	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	If necessary, propose recommendation for bylaw updates	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. During Permit Year 4, the Town developed a post-construction stormwater management bylaw that met EPA requirements and references MA Stormwater Management Standards. This post-construction stormwater management bylaw was presented for Town Meeting action. However, the bylaw did not pass. During Permit Year 5, the bylaw was revised with input provided from the Planning Department and Conservation Commission. See BMP 5c for additional information.
5c	Present bylaw for Town meeting action	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	Make presentations for Town meeting action, if necessary	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town adopted the Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw on May 12, 2009. The Regulations were adopted on February 15, 2011. The Town posted the Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw and Regulations on the Town's website in April 2011. In Permit Year 13, the Conservation Commission updated the Wetland Protection Regulations for consistency with the Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw and the updated State regulations. The revised Regulations were adopted at the March 23, 2016 Conservation Commission Public Hearing.
5d	Review existing site inspection practices	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	Determine whether existing practices are adequate	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. During Permit Year 4, the Town completed a review of their existing site inspection and maintenance practices to determine whether they comply with EPA's stormwater management plan requirements. See BMP 5e for additional information. The Planning Board approved the first Land Disturbance Permit in August 2011.
5e	Develop/modify site inspection practices	DPW/ Planning/Con Com	If necessary, make recommendations for updating existing practices	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. During Permit Year 5, the Town made changes to their existing site inspection and maintenance practices to meet EPA's stormwater management plan requirements. The Planning Board and the Conservation Commission now require applicants to provide a calculation of total square footage of increased impervious area as part of the as-built submission.

6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations

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6a	Sweep streets	Division of Public Works	Sweep all Town streets once per year; Stevens Pond 2/yr.	During Permit Year 15, all Town roads were swept at least once using a broom sweeper. Additional sweeping was completed on an as-needed basis in high use areas in the center of Town and around Stevens Pond.
6b	Clean catch basins	Division of Public Works	Develop & implement cleaning schedule; Stevens Pond 1/yr.	During Permit Year 15, the Town continued to clean catch basins mechanically. 152 catch basins were cleaned during Permit Year 15. This was fewer catch basins than planned because cleaning was put on hold due to coordination with State catch basin mosquito treatment. Material from the catch basin cleaning is disposed of at the Cyr Recycle Center on Sharpener's Pond Road.
6c	Train municipal employees at each facility	Division of Public Works	Target all applicable municipal facilities	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Town started to periodically train employees at all applicable municipal facilities during Permit Year 4. Municipal employees from the Fire Department, School Department, Conservation Department, Planning Department, Department of Public Works, and Youth Services have been/are invited to specific trainings as necessary. The Town has formed a NPDES Subcommittee, which is comprised of members of the Planning, Conservation, Water & Sewer, Engineering, Facilities, GIS, Community Development, and School Departments. The full subcommittee did not meet in Permit Year 15, but coordination was ongoing by phone and email as necessary. During Permit Year 15, Town staff from multiple departments continued to attend monthly Merrimack Valley DPW/Stormwater Collaborative meetings. The Town’s Conservation Administrator has participated in courses to receive a stormwater certification from the University of New Hampshire.

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6d	Perform follow-ups to ensure required practices are met	Division of Public Works	Target all applicable municipal facilities	The Engineering Department monitors practices at municipal facilities through day-to-day activities and communications.
6e	Public Works Facility Good Housekeeping	Division of Public Works	Implement procedures and best management practices to prevent stormwater pollution	In Permit Year 9, the Town hired a consultant to perform an environmental compliance assessment at the Department of Public Works Facility on Osgood Street. As a result, the Town prepared a SWPPP and an Oil Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan for the facility in June 2012. DPW and Facilities staff have been trained on the SWPPP and SPCC Plan. As part of construction of the new DPW building, the contractor worked under a construction SWPPP and the DPW facility SWPPP has been updated and will be finalized in Permit Year 16 when the as-built is received.

7. BMPs for Meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waste Load Allocations (WLA)

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TMDL-1	Check current impairments	Division of Public Works	Check current MA Integrated List of Waters each year for newly listed or delisted receiving waters in North Andover	Measurable goals for 2003 General Permit have been met. The Fecal Coliform TMDL for the Shawsheen River Basin (MA83-01-2002-24) has been in effect since September 2002. See 7b, WLA Assessment, for BMPs that will reduce North Andover’s bacteria contribution to the watershed. Other waters in North Andover listed as Category 5 on the MA 2014 Integrated List of Waters include: • Salem Pond (turbidity) • Lake Cochichewick (mercury in fish tissue) • Stevens Pond (mercury in fish tissue) • Merrimack River (<i>E. coli</i>, PCBs in fish tissue, total phosphorus) • Shawsheen River (dissolved oxygen, fecal coliform) Note: Mercury and PCBs are legacy pollutants and not considered stormwater pollutants. The Town continues to monitor the status of receiving waters and pursue projects that aid the reduction of pollutants of concern, particularly bacteria levels in the Shawsheen River.

7b. WLA Assessment

The Report “Bacteria TMDL for the Shawsheen River Basin: Report MA83-01-2002-24” is final and was approved in August 2002. There was only one monitoring station indicated for the Town of North Andover – Shawsheen River station SH17.8. The Shawsheen River is just downstream of Massachusetts Avenue and had high fecal coliform counts during both dry and wet weather sampling in 1997.

The TMDL sets allowable bacteria levels for urban runoff and point sources equivalent to the water quality standard; for sewer leaks, sanitary sewer overflows, illicit connections, and failing septic systems, the allowable levels are set equal to zero. The following table summarizes the WLA for the Shawsheen River:

Fecal Coliform Wasteload Allocations (WLAs) and Load Allocations (LAs) for the Shawsheen River and Identified Tributary Streams

Bacteria Source Category	WLA (organisms/100ml)	LA (organisms/100ml)
Point Source	Geomean $\leq$ 200 10% $\leq$ 400	
Sewer leaks	0	0
Sanitary Sewer Overflow	0	0
Illicit Sewer Connections	0	
Failing Septic Systems	0	0
Direct Wildlife		Geomean $\leq$ 200 10% $\leq$ 400
Urban Stormwater Runoff	Geomean $\leq$ 200 10% $\leq$ 400	Geomean $\leq$ 200 10% $\leq$ 400

The TMDL does not dictate or require any specific individual controls at a particular outfall or site in North Andover.

The Town completes the following activities and BMPs, which help reduce North Andover's bacteria contribution to the Shawsheen watershed and help meet the applicable WLAs:

- Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning.
- Municipal Pollution Prevention Trainings.
- Pet Waste Signage and education.
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program
- Ongoing sanitary sewer collection system investigations and improvements.

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

No additional information was collected or analyzed this Permit Year.