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NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

Part I. General Information

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Part II. Self-Assessment

The Town had developed a Stormwater Management Plan with program priorities for 2003-2008 including:

1. Achieving regulatory compliance, particularly EPA and DEP Phase II NPDES permit requirements;
2. Incorporating storm water protection measures into municipal activities;
3. Focusing activities on target pollution reduction (e.g. Section 303.d. waters and protecting the Town's water supply);
4. Ensuring that the Program is current and innovative; and
5. Providing Program administration.

The Water Quality Stewardship element of the program has focused on the protection of the local water supply and addressing the State's Section 303.d waters located within the Town. To this end, staff will continue to develop and improve the Program activities to reduce storm water pollution to the maximum extent practicable and eliminate prohibited non-storm water discharges, while facilitating understanding and involvement in storm water management by various Town departments. Program priorities will also focus on increased efforts to reduce target pollutants and restore local water bodies.

The Town is committed to working with local watershed associations and local businesses to advance their goals and objectives. Another high priority of staff will be to keep abreast of the latest technology and approaches to achieve storm water management. Program activities will also strive to encourage environmental stewardship and continue to build on partnerships with other agencies, neighboring towns, and the community for active participation in accomplishing the Program mission.

The activities performed during Permit Year Fifteen focused on continuing cleanup of the Town's infrastructure (street sweepings/catch basin cleanings), encouraging volunteer efforts on shoreline cleanup (Clean the Bay), and rehab of existing Town MS4 infrastructure. The Town also focused on cleaning and clearing brooks for outflow inspections. The Town is also reviewing the results of the MS4 Gap Analysis performed in Year Fourteen and prioritizing the recommendations for this coming year.

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) – Permit Year 15	Planned Activities – Permit Year 16
1.a.	Air Stormwater message on cable, two weeks quarterly	Planning/GIS Staff	# messages aired; # weeks aired	Stormwater messaging was not published to cable access this Permit Year.	Continue stormwater messaging via cable access; achieve a minimum of four messages; 8 weeks air time, in Year 16.
1.b.	Add Stormwater Information to web site	Administrator's Office/Planning /GIS Staff	Include SWMP, general information, and links	- Town website completed major structural re-design during Permit Year 14. Stormwater updates, SWMP, etc. will be posted to the Highway Department and Conservation Commission links once this process has been completed. - Town website updated to include a mechanism to Track # hits/visitors to Stormwater information.	- Reestablish information and links. - Continue to track number of visitors to web site/stormwater information.

1.c.	Distribution of posters, plan, and informative literature to various departments	Conservation Commission	Distribution of materials to Town Hall	• Posters and plan displayed in Town Hall (outside Conservation Commission, Building, Planning and Board of Health Office) and Library • “No Pollution” Signs at the following boat access locations: Broad Cove, Somerset Waterfront Park and Mallard Point • Community Cleanup Day held on June 24, 2017.	• Information will remain on display.
BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 15	Planned Activities – Permit Year 16
1.d.	Inform Residents of Town’s recycling programs and household hazardous waste.	Administrator’s Office/Fire Department/S. Jepson	Distribute information to all residents by web site and cable access. Track # Visitors to web site; # messages/airtime on cable access. Due to current budget climate, delete direct mailing.	• Information packets issued to new residents by Town Hall to promote curbside recycling (contracted to Republic Services – tracking the tonnage removed from the Town facility.)	• Continue to issue information packets, and update web site information and accessibility. • Include mechanism to track # hits/visitors to website • Work with Administrator’s office and Web Administrator to reformat web site to improve visibility and accessibility of information.
1.e.	Existing Practice: Presentation of environmental programs to local organizations and schools.	Conservation Commission/C. Wordell	Include Stormwater as a topic in environmental programs	• School department to include stormwater topics into environmental curriculum taught by teachers in the classroom. •	• Continue the inclusion of stormwater topics in environmental curriculum in schools. • Continue the activity of sought after environmental programs at non-profit organizations.

2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 15	Planned Activities – Permit Year 16
2.a.	Existing Practice: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Days	Fire Department/S. Jepson	Secure funding to continue program	Conducted HHW collection on June 24, 2017.	Continue to hold annual HHW collection day.
2.b.	Collect and Recycle Waste Oil	Fire Department/S. Jepson	Collect waste oil on household hazardous waste collection days.	Residents reminded (by phone and at transfer station) that they may take waste oil to the Fall River DPW facility at 10 Lewiston Street on the 1st Saturday of every month (8-12) and every Tuesday (8-2).	Continue to advise residents of the Fall River DPW facility.
2.c.	Stream/Beach Clean-up	Conservation Commission/C. Wordell	Hold volunteer-driven clean-up day once per year	- Town contacted two non-profit organizations to assist in running the 2017 cleanup program. - DPW measured tonnage weight/number of bags/large items of debris collected, and the # of volunteers who participated. - Town continues to maintain/empty trash barrels at the following locations: Mount Hope Vista Park and Chase Preserve	Town to continue maintaining/emptying trash barrels at the following locations: Mount Hope Vista Park and Chase Preserve
2.d.	Storm Drain Stenciling Program	Highway Department/Conservation Commission	Storm Drains Stenciled by 2010	Permit Year 7 completed the stenciling of the storm drains, and additional stenciling activities were determined to be needed during Permit Year 15.	Plan for stenciling activities in Permit Year 16.
2.e.	Public review of Stormwater Management Plan	Administration/Highway Dept.	Post SWMP on Town web site, in library, and at Highway Dept. Track #responses or comments received; visitors to website	There was no progress on reviewing the SWMP this Permit Year	Post SWMP to Town website.

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 15	Planned Activities – Permit Year 16
3.a.	Mapping of Stormwater drainage system and outfalls	Highway Department/ GIS	Map locations of all storm structures	- Mapping of Stormwater Structures completed in Permit Year 1, 100% of Outfalls, Open Inlets/Outlets, Catch Basins, Curb Inlets and Manholes; 4268 of 4268 of known structures mapped - Continued field inventory, inspections, and cleaning of storm drainage system over the Winter - Repaired poor condition storm drain structures	Follow up with information gathered during field inventory performed during year 14 and 15.
3.b.	Develop Illicit Discharge Detection/Elimination Plans	Highway Department	Work to set guidelines and measures for Illicit Discharge Detection/Elimination.	Completed upon completion of BMP ID #3.a (directional flow of storm drainage system)	Follow through with plan developed on BMP ID#3.a.
3.c.	Review Existing By-laws and Regulations	Planning Board/Simons	Evaluate existing bylaws/regulations	BMP Completed	N/A
3.d.	Develop/Modify General Illicit discharge By-law	Planning Board/Simons	Development of bylaw; Adoption at public hearing of Planning Board	BMP Completed	N/A
3.e.	Present General Illicit Discharge By-law to Town Meeting (Special)	Planning Board/Simons	Town Meeting Adoption	BMP Completed	N/A

4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) Permit Year 15	Planned Activities – Permit Year 16
4.a.	Review Existing bylaws and Regulations	Planning Board/Simons	Determine if existing bylaws are accurate	Completed this task during year 12 through a Town contract with Environmental Partners Group	N/A
4.b.	Develop/modify bylaws for Construction Site Runoff	Planning Board/Simons	Development of bylaw	- Adoption of Illicit Discharge Bylaw this year enabled the Planning Board to draft/approve implementing regulations. - Planning Board finalized draft Regulations	Implement and enforce new finalized regulations
4.c.	Present bylaw for Town Meeting Action	Planning Board/Simons	Town Meeting Adoption	N/A. See 4.b	N/A
4.d.	Review Existing Site Inspection Practices	Conservation Commission	Practices Reviewed	Reviewed and determined to be adequate between the Conservation Agent and Building Inspector	None

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) Permit Year 15	Planned Activities– Permit Year 16
5.a.	Review existing bylaws and regulations	Planning Board/Simons	Determine if existing bylaws/regulations are adequate	Completed this task through a Town contract with Environmental Partners Group.	N/A
5.b.	Develop/Modify bylaws for Post Construction Runoff	Planning Board/Simons	Development of bylaw; adoption by appropriate board at public hearing	Adoption of Illicit Discharge Bylaw during year 12 enables the Planning Board to draft/approve implementing these regulations.	Draft regulations and finalize.
5.c.	Review Existing Site Inspection Practices	TBD by Town		Reviewed site inspection practices.	Continue to review site inspection practices.

5.d.	Develop/Modify Site Inspection Practices	TBD by Town		Modified site inspection practices.	Continue to develop/modify site inspection practices, <i>as needed</i>.
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6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) Permit Year 15	Planned Activities – Permit Year 16
6.a.	Existing Practice, Street Sweeping Program	Highway Department	Conduct street sweeping once per year, twice per year for streets near Lee/Taunton Rivers	- Program completed for Permit Year 15 - Over 93 miles of streets were swept twice.	Continue annual sweeping of streets; semiannual sweeping of streets near Lee/Taunton Rivers.
6.b.	Clean Catch Basins	Highway Department	Develop/implement cleaning schedule; Lee/Taunton Rivers, once per year.	1,000 catch basins were cleaned in Permit Year 15; - Future cleaning schedule developed (all streets to receive once per year cleaning).	Continue annual catch basin cleaning program.
6.c.	Train Municipal Employees at each facility	Highway Department	# Employees Trained; # Facilities	No training conducted during Permit Year 15.	Plan for additional training in summer of 2018.
6.d.	Perform Follow Ups to Ensure Required Practices are Met	Highway Department	Follow-up Activities	Highway Superintendent performed QAQC on CB Cleaning/SS Program.	Annual follow-up to continue.
6.e.	Existing Practice: Highway Department: Monitoring/Inspection of Facility Oil/Water Separator	Highway Department	Annual inspection of oil/water separator	Inspection completed in Permit Year 14, no inspection during Year 15.	Continue annual inspection program.

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

The activities performed during Permit Year Fifteen focused on continuing cleanup of the Town's infrastructure (street

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sweepings/catch basin cleanings), encouraging volunteer efforts on shoreline cleanup (Clean the Bay), and rehab of existing Town MS4 infrastructure. The Town also focused on cleaning and clearing brooks for outflow pipe inspections. The Town is also prioritizing recommendations from the Gap Analysis of their MS4 system.