

**Year 7 Annual Report**  
**Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit**  
**Reporting Period: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025**

*\*\*Please DO NOT attach any documents to this form. Instead, attach all requested documents to an email when submitting the form. Also ensure any websites included on this form are to publicly accessible sites\*\**

*Unless otherwise noted, all fields are required to be filled out. If a field is left blank, it will be assumed the requirement or task has not been completed. Please ONLY report on activities between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 unless otherwise requested.*

**Part I: Contact Information**

Name of Municipality or Organization:

EPA NPDES Permit Number:

**Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information**

Name:  Title:

Street Address Line 1:

Street Address Line 2:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Email:  Phone Number:

**Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information**

SWMP Location (publicly available web address):

Date SWMP was Last Updated:

If the SWMP is not available on the web please provide the physical address:

## Part II: Self-Assessment

First, in the box below, select the impairment(s) and/or TMDL(s) that are applicable to your MS4. Make sure you are referring to the most recent EPA approved Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List which can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-impaired-waters-and-303d-lists-state>

**Impairment(s)**

Bacteria/Pathogens       Chloride       Nitrogen       Phosphorus  
 Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals

**TMDL(s)**

*In State:*

Assabet River Phosphorus       Bacteria and Pathogen       Cape Cod Nitrogen  
 Charles River Watershed Phosphorus       Lake and Pond Phosphorus

*Out of State:*

Bacteria/Pathogens       Metals       Nitrogen       Phosphorus

Next, check off all requirements below that have been completed. **By checking each box you are certifying that you have completed that permit requirement fully.** If you have not completed a requirement leave the box unchecked. Additional information will be requested in later sections.

Year 7 Requirements

- Completed catchment investigations associated with Problem Outfalls
- Completed catchment investigations where information gathered on the outfall/interconnection indicated sewer input

Annual Requirements

- Provided an opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP and complied with State Public Notice requirements
- Kept records relating to the permit available for 5 years and made available to the public
- The SSO inventory has been updated, including the status of mitigation and corrective measures implemented
  - This is not applicable because we do not have sanitary sewer
  - This is not applicable because we did not find any new SSOs
  - The updated SSO inventory is attached to the email submission
  - The updated SSO inventory can be found at the following publicly available website:

- Updated system map due in year 10 with information from completed catchment investigations
- Provided training to employees involved in IDDE program within the reporting period
- Properly stored and disposed of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they did not discharge to receiving waters

- All curbed roadways were swept at least once within the reporting period
- Enclosed all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities
- Updated inventory of all permittee owned facilities as necessary
- O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities have been completed and updated as necessary
- Implemented all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- Implemented program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- Inspected all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)

*Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:*

The Town did not complete inspections of town-owned treatment structures in the reporting period but has completed inspections as of 9/22/25.

### **Bacteria/ Pathogens** (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)

#### Annual Requirements

##### *Public Education and Outreach\**

- Annual message was distributed encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- Permittee or its agents disseminated educational material to dog owners at the time of issuance or renewal of dog license, or other appropriate time
- Provided information to owners of septic systems about proper maintenance in any catchment that discharges to a water body impaired for bacteria
  - This is not applicable because there are no septic systems present

*\* Public education messages can be combined with other public education requirements as applicable (see Appendix F and H for more information)*

*Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:*

### **Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or Metals**

#### Annual Requirements

##### *Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations*

- Increased street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots to a schedule that targets areas with potential for high pollutant loads
  - The street sweeping schedule is attached to the email submission

The street sweeping schedule can be found at the following publicly available website:

- Prioritized inspection and maintenance for catch basins to ensure that no sump shall be more than 50 percent full; Cleaned catch basins more frequently if inspection and maintenance activities indicated excessive sediment or debris loadings

*Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:*

*Optional: Use the box below to provide any additional information you would like to share as part of your self-assessment:*

DPW conducted the following maintenance and structural improvements work during the reporting period: rebuilt/repaired ten (10) catch basins, one (1) drain manhole, one (1) sewer manhole cover, and one (1) headwall; brook cleaning in four (4) locations; installed one (1) dry-well, two (2) drain manholes, one (1) catch basin, one (1) double catch basin, and one (1) berm; brush cutting and cleaning in two (2) locations; one (1) emergency sink hole repair.

The Town planted seven (7) new trees in five (5) locations. Located at 51 Lincoln Ave (1), 34 Biscayne Ave (1), Across from 75 Summer St (1), 498 Main St (2), 2 Wolcott Rd (2).

### Part III: Receiving Waters/Impaired Waters/TMDL

Have you made any changes to your lists of receiving waters, outfalls, or impairments since the NOI was submitted?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:

Two previously unmapped outfalls were identified during the previous reporting period and were noted in last year's report. They have been added to the outfall inventory, and were screened in July 2025.

### Part IV: Minimum Control Measures

Please fill out all of the metrics below. If applicable, include in the description who completed the task if completed by a third party.

#### MCM1: Public Education

Number of educational messages completed during this reporting period:

Below, report on the educational messages completed during this reporting period. For the measurable goal(s) please describe the method/measures used to assess the overall effectiveness of the educational program.

#### **BMP: Stormwater Educational Pamphlets**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Physically distributed educational pamphlets and handouts to residents and participants at Founders Day and available at the DPW main office.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Existing pamphlets developed under this permit always available and brought to events

Message Date(s):

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements  Appendix H Requirements

Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes  No

If yes, describe why the change was made:

#### MCM2: Public Participation

Describe the opportunity provided for public involvement in the development of the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) during this reporting period:

At the annual Saugus Founders Day on September 14, 2024, representative engineers and Town staff worked an information booth at the event discussing the town stormwater permit and passed out supplemental information fliers. The Town hosted the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on October 26th, 2024.

Was this opportunity different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes  No

Describe any other public involvement or participation opportunities conducted **during this reporting period**:

### MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

#### Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Check off the box below if the statement is true.

- This SSO section is NOT applicable because we DO NOT have sanitary sewer

Below, report on the number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed **during this reporting period**.

Number of SSOs identified:

Number of SSOs removed:

#### MS4 System Mapping

Percent of Phase II map complete:

*Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:*

MS4 System mapping is being updated as catchment area investigations proceed.

#### Screening of Outfalls/Interconnections

*If conducted, please submit any outfall monitoring results from this reporting period. Outfall monitoring results should include the date, outfall/interconnection identifier, location, weather conditions at time of sampling, precipitation in previous 48 hours, field screening parameter results, and results from all analyses. Please also include the updated inventory and ranking of outfalls/interconnections based on monitoring results.*

- No outfalls were inspected  
 The above referenced outfall screening data is attached to the email submission  
 The above referenced outfall screening data can be found at the following publicly available website:

Below, report on the number of outfalls/interconnections screened **during this reporting period**.

Number of outfalls screened:

*Below, report on the percent of outfalls/interconnections screened to date.*

Percent of outfalls screened:

*Optional: Provide additional information regarding your outfall/interconnection screening:*

Two previously unmapped outfalls were identified during the previous reporting period. They were both screened in July 2025.

### **Catchment Investigations**

*If conducted, please submit all data collected during this reporting period as part of the dry and wet weather investigations. Also include the presence or absence of System Vulnerability Factors for each catchment.*

- No catchment investigations were conducted
- The catchment investigation data is attached to the email submission
- The catchment investigation data can be found at the following publicly available website:

*Below, report on the number of catchment investigations completed during this reporting period.*

Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period:

*Below, report on the percent of catchments investigated to date.*

Percent of total catchments investigated:

*Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding the catchment investigations below:*

### **IDDE Progress**

*If illicit discharges were found, please submit a document describing work conducted over this reporting period, and cumulative to date, including location source; description of the discharge; method of discovery; date of discovery; and date of elimination, mitigation, or enforcement OR planned corrective measures and schedule of removal.*

- No illicit discharges were found
- The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission
- The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following publicly available website:

*Below, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed, along with the volume of sewage removed during this reporting period.*

Number of illicit discharges identified:

Number of illicit discharges removed:

Estimated volume of sewage removed:  gallons/day

*Below, report on the total number of illicit discharges identified and removed to date. At a minimum, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed **since the effective date of the permit (July 1, 2018).***

Total number of illicit discharges identified:

Total number of illicit discharges removed:

*Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding illicit discharges identified, removed, or planned to be removed below:*

The homeowner's sewer service lateral at 26 Mount Vernon Street was crossing through a drain line intact and was identified as a potential future illicit. It was repaired to not intersect the drain line 4/9/25.

**Employee Training**

Describe the frequency and type of employee training conducted **during this reporting period:**

Department heads participate in quarterly stormwater committee meetings and training discussions occur during the year, as lead by the stormwater consultant. Formal training is provided through recorded sessions to new employees. Consultant IDDE training occurred June 2025 and the town engineer participated. The Town utilizes the services of a consultant to complete IDDE investigations. Consultant IDDE employee training was held on June 4, 2025.

**MCM4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

*Below, report on the construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions completed **during this reporting period.***

Number of site plan reviews completed:

Number of inspections completed:

Number of enforcement actions taken:

*Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions:*

**MCM5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment**

**As-built Drawings**

*Below, report on the number of as-built drawings received **during this reporting period.***

Number of as-built drawings received:

*Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to the submission of as-built drawings:*

**Street Design and Parking Lots Report**

Below, describe any changes made or planned to be made to local regulations and guidelines based on the report completed in Year 4:

**Green Infrastructure Report**

Below, describe progress towards making green infrastructure practices allowable based on the report completed in Year 4:

The Town’s report found that Green Infrastructure practices are allowable. Report recommendations included continued regular interdepartmental Stormwater Committee meetings to review projects and ensure proper enforcement of existing regulatory and permit requirements for employing GI & LID techniques in new development and re-development, and following recommendations to reduce impervious area. The Town continues its regular Stormwater Committee meetings and review of projects. The Town also continues to identify retrofit projects/opportunities to reduce impervious area or disconnect runoff from the MS4 system.

**Retrofit Properties Inventory**

Below, list remaining permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas (must maintain a minimum of 5 sites in inventory until less than 5 sites remain):

See Appendix A for list of sites.

Below, list all properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area that were inventoried as part of 2.3.6.d of the permit and the type of BMP(s) implemented. Non-MS4 owned properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area may also be listed, but must be indicated as non-MS4.

Anna Parker Playground retrofit was designed in 2024, with construction occurring during the current reporting period and completed April, 2025. The Belmonte STEAM Academy designed a retrofit reconstruction of the school courtyard in 2023. The design featured separation of impervious area from the MS4 system. Construction was completed in fall of 2024. Appendix A has been updated to reflect progress of both retrofits. Design of a stormwater retrofit at Golden Hills Playground is under consideration at this time by the Town.

### MCM6: Good Housekeeping

**Catch Basin Cleaning**

*Below, report on the number of catch basins inspected and cleaned, along with the total volume of material removed from the catch basins **during this reporting period.***

Number of catch basins inspected:

Number of catch basins cleaned:

Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins:

*Below, report on the total number of catch basins in the MS4 system.*

Total number of catch basins:

*If applicable:*

Report on the actions taken if a catch basin sump is more than 50% full during two consecutive routine inspections/cleaning events:

Cleaning frequency has been increased.

**Street Sweeping**

*Report on street sweeping completed **during this reporting period** using one of the three metrics below.*

Number of miles cleaned:

Volume of material removed:

Weight of material removed:

**Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**

*Below, report on the number of site inspections for facilities that require a SWPPP completed **during this reporting period.***

Number of site inspections completed:

Describe any corrective actions taken at a facility with a SWPPP:

Town completed quarterly SWPPP inspections at the DPW and CHaRM Facility. Two corrective actions were taken: fallen yard waste bags removed from detention basin area. The Town periodically completes O&M Audits at municipal facilities to assure the municipal facilities inventory is up to date. This reporting period, audits were completed at eleven (11) sewer pump stations and four (4) town parks. Sewer Pump Stations: Lincoln Avenue, Aberdeen Avenue, Blacksmith Way, Bristow Street, Lamplighters Way, Laurel Street, Morris Place, Park Street, Route 1, Walnut Street, Saugus Avenue. Parks: Bristow Park, Golden Hills Playground, Stackpole Field, Stocker Park.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Monitoring or Study Results**

*Results from any other stormwater or receiving water quality monitoring or studies conducted during the reporting period not otherwise mentioned above, where the data is being used to inform permit compliance or permit effectiveness must be attached.*

- Not applicable
- The results from additional reports or studies are attached to the email submission
- The results from additional reports or studies can be found at the following publicly available website(s):

If such monitoring or studies were conducted on your behalf or if monitoring or studies conducted by other entities were reported to you, a brief description of the type of information gathered or received shall be described below:

#### **Additional Information**

Enter any additional information relevant to your stormwater management program implementation during the reporting period. Include any BMP modifications made by the MS4 if not already discussed above.

--

## Year 8

### Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period

Please confirm that your SWMP has been, or will be, updated to comply with all applicable permit requirements including but not limited to the year 8 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree

### Annual Requirements

- Annual report submitted and available to the public
- Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- Keep records relating to the permit available for 5 years and make available to the public
- Properly store and dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they do not discharge to receiving waters
- Annual training to employees involved in IDDE program
- Update inventory of all known locations where SSOs have discharged to the MS4
- Continue public education and outreach program
- Update outfall and interconnection inventory and priority ranking and include data collected in connection with the dry weather screening and other relevant inspections conducted
- Implement IDDE program
- Review site plans of construction sites as part of the construction stormwater runoff control program
- Conduct site inspection of construction sites as necessary
- Inspect and maintain stormwater treatment structures
- Log catch basins cleaned or inspected
- Sweep all curbed streets at least annually
- Continue investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities
- Review inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment; update if necessary
- Review O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities; update if necessary
- Implement all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- Implement program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- Enclose all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- Review as-built drawings for new and redevelopment to ensure compliance with post construction bylaws, regulations, or regulatory mechanism consistent with permit requirements
- Inspect all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)
- Identify additional permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious areas so that the permittee maintains a minimum of 5 sites in their inventory, until such a time when the permittee has less than 5 sites remaining

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 8 below:

## Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2025

### 40 CFR 144.32(d) Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Name:  Title:

Signature:  Date:

*[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]*