

Year 4 Annual Report
Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit
Reporting Period: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

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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, 2021 and June 30, 2022 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 (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

Clear Impairments and TMDLs

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 4 Requirements

Developed a report assessing current street design and parking lot guidelines and other local requirements within the municipality that affect the creation of impervious cover, made it available as part of the SWMP, and:

- No updates were recommended
- Updates were recommended. The anticipated date or date of completion for updates is/was:

Developed a report assessing local regulations to determine the feasibility of making green infrastructure practices allowable when appropriate site conditions exist, made it available as part of the SWMP, and:

- No updates were recommended
- Updates were recommended. The anticipated date or date of completion for updates is/was:

Identified a minimum of 5 permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious cover

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

The Town has engaged a consultant to complete the required Nitrogen Source Identification Reports, including a List of Municipal Retrofit Opportunities. This work is anticipated to be completed by June 2023. The Town is also currently reviewing its street design and parking guidelines relative to impervious cover creation, as well as existing Town regulations relevant to green infrastructure practices.

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 website:
- Updated system map due in year 2 as necessary
- 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:

There were four public participation clean-up events held during the reporting period, however these were not in accordance with State Public Notice Requirements. In the upcoming year, public clean-up events will be noticed in accordance with State Public Notice Requirements. The events held consisted of two clean-ups in May 2022 - one was sponsored by the Swansea Beach Committee and the other was by a community group in Ocean Grove; a June 2022 clean-up occurred in the town parks; and an April 2022 clean-up was held by Boy Scouts along a few roadways around the Town of Swansea. Mapping updates required by Year 2 are approximately 75% complete and scheduled to be finished by June 2023. All outfalls are mapped, and the Town is still in the process of adding some open channel conveyances, BMPs, and catchment delineations.

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

** Public education messages can be combined with other public education requirements as applicable (see Appendix H and F 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:

Educational brochures were available at the Town Clerks office during the time of dog tag renewal. Also, the Town has added a language to the bottom of the license renewal application concerning pet waste. The Board of Health provides applicants for septic system approvals with literature regarding proper maintenance of septic systems

Nitrogen (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)

Annual Requirements

*Public Education and Outreach**

- Distributed an annual message in the spring (April/May) that encourages the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encourages the proper use of slow-release fertilizers
- Distributed an annual message in the summer (June/July) encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- Distributed an annual message in the fall (August/September/October) encouraging the proper disposal of leaf litter

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

Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations

- Increased street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots subject to Permit part 2.3.7.a.iii.(c) to a minimum of two times per year (spring and fall)

Nitrogen Source Identification Report

- Completed the Nitrogen Source Identification Report
 - The Nitrogen Source Identification Report is attached to the email submission
 - The Nitrogen Source Identification Report can be found at the following website:

The Town has engaged a consultant to complete the Nitrogen Source Identification Report - the report is anticipated to completed within the next few months.

Potential structural BMPs

Any structural BMPs listed in Table 3 of Attachment 1 to Appendix H already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents was tracked and the nitrogen removal by the BMP was

- estimated consistent with Attachment 1 to Appendix H. The BMP type, total area treated by the BMP, the design storage volume of the BMP and the estimated nitrogen removed in mass per year by the BMP were documented.
 - The BMP information is attached to the email submission
 - The BMP information can be found at the following website:

The Town has no stormwater BMPs in place that target nitrogen removal .

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 send out any brochures concerning grass clippings. However, the majority of the town uses the municipal curbside yard waste collection which is currently picked up by Waste Management and composed at King Fisher in Dartmouth.

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

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:

As reported in last year's Annual Report, outfall number 6 has been removed from the list of MS4 outfalls, as it has been determined to be a privately owned outfall draining impervious area from a private development/road and is not owned by the Town or draining impervious areas owned by the Town. Outfall 4 has been removed from the list of outfalls as it has been confirmed to be a culvert conveying a natural stream under a road and is not an MS4 outfall. In addition, original coastal Outfalls numbered 13, 14, and 18 could not be located and may not exist, or may have become buried with sand over time.

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: Web Page

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Include stormwater information and links on the Town's website

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

A link to the Town's Stormwater By-law has been posted on the Highway Department Web Page at https://www.swanseama.gov/departments/highway_department_public_works/index.php.

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:

BMP: Brochures and Pamphlets for Town Residents

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Disseminate educational material to dog owners at the time of issuance or annual renewal of dog license.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

The town has added a language to the bottom of the license renewal application concerning pet waste.

Message Date(s): May/June 2022

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:

BMP:Brochures and Pamphlets for Town Residents

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Disseminate educational material to dog owners annually in June/July regarding proper disposal of pet waste.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health

Measurable Goal(s):

The Town provided educational brochures at the Town Clerk's office during the time of dog tag renewal.

Message Date(s): May/June 2022

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:

Add an Educational Message

MCM2: Public Participation

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

The SWMP is available for review online and at the Highway Department and the public is able to provide comments to Town officials regarding suggestions for additional actions to be added to the SWMP.

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:**

The SWMP is available for review online within town's website at link "https://cms8.revize.com/revize/swanseama/Document_Center/Departments/Highway%20Department%20Public%20Works/swansea_swmp_cover_and_appendices.pdf". There were four public participation clean-up events held during the reporting period. The events held consisted of two clean-ups in May 2022 -one sponsored by the Swansea Beach Committee and the other sponsored by a community group in Ocean Grove; a June 2022 clean-up in the town parks; and an April 2022 clean-up held by Boy Scouts along a few roadways around the Town of Swansea.

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

Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:

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 outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- The outfall screening data can be found at the following 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:

There were five outfalls originally included in the Town's list of 52 outfalls. Two have been determined not to be MS4 outfalls, as noted above. Three additional coastal outfalls could not be located and may not exist, or may have been buried in sand over time.

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 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:

Catchment investigations are proposed for future years and will be completed by Year 10 of the 2016 MS4 Permit, in compliance with Section 2.3.4.8 of the permit. Catchments of outfalls recently identified as potentially including sewage (Outfalls 3, 7, and 12) will be prioritized for catchment investigations.

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 website:

During Highway Department inspections and cleaning two illicit discharges were identified. These were determined to be related to septic system discharges entering catchbasins. Both issues were addressed. The first was a dog washing operation (grey water) being piped to the catchbasin in front of the residence. This has been disconnected. The second issue was off of Seaview Ave; the septic system was failing and liquid from the tank was flowing down the driveway and entering the catchbasin in the street. This has also been remediated. The exact volume of sewage inputs removed is unknown. An illicit discharge removal report has not yet been prepared, but will be completed and placed on the Highway Department website at https://www.swanseama.gov/departments/highway_department_public_works/index.php.

*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:

Employee Training

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

The Highway Director performed an internal training with operators of the catch basin cleaner vehicle in October 2021. Training focused on observations that would flag the need to further investigate a potential illicit connection, such as; unusual pipe connections to catch basins; odors; visual discolorations; and water flowing when rain has not occurred in over 4 days. The Highway Director held an additional training internally with Highway staff to help identify illicit connections to the drainage system. During these inspections and cleaning, two illicit discharges were identified and disconnected. These were determined to be from septic related matters getting into the basins.

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:

Site plan review occurred for commercial development and six new subdivisions (3 of which were approved by the planning board). In addition, 37 new residential building permit applications were reviewed for stormwater management and erosion control.

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

Ordinance or Regulatory Mechanism

Date update was completed (due in year 3):

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:

The Town received one set of as-builts for the Oakwood Terrace subdivision (Oxford Lane) that was accepted by the Town in May 2022. This development has 11 stormwater BMPs that the town is now responsible for.

Retrofit Properties Inventory

Below, list the permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas (at least 5):

The Town has engaged a consultant to complete the required Nitrogen Source Identification Reports, including a List of Municipal Retrofit Opportunities. This work is anticipated to be completed within the next few months.

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:

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:

There were 4 inspections conducted by the Director. Issues that were identified and addressed included maintenance of temporary erosion control measures and cleaning of swales.

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 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

Optional: 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:

COVID-19 Impacts

Optional: If any of the above year 4 requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

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 5 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 5 below:

Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2021

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]

Note: When prompted during signing, save the document under a new file name.

Annual Report Submission

Please submit the form electronically via email to both EPA and MassDEP by clicking on one of the links below or using the email addresses listed below. Please ensure that all required attachments are included in the email and not attached to this PDF.

EPA: stormwater.reports@epa.gov

MassDEP: Stormwater.DEP@mass.gov

Paper Signature:

If you did not sign electronically above, you can print the signature page by clicking the button below.

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