

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-REGION 1 (EPA)
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EPA PUBLIC NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART A.I OF APPENDIX F OF THE 2016 GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS IN MASSACHUSETTS

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: **June 12, 2026 – July 13, 2026**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MAR041080**

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NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

City of Newton
Department of Public Works
60 Elliot Street
Newton Highlands, MA 02461

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

City of Newton Municipal Separate Sewer System

RECEIVING WATER:

Charles River Watershed

EPA is issuing for public notice this Alternative Schedule Request from the City of Newton. The City has determined that the schedule to meet the required phosphorus reductions under Phase 1 of the Charles River Phosphorus Control Plan is impracticable. This Request was submitted in accordance with Part A.I.1.a.3.a of Appendix F of the 2016 General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Sewer Systems (MS4s) in Massachusetts (“the 2016 MS4 Permit”). Part A.I.4.a.iii of Appendix F of the 2016 MS4 Permit requires EPA to provide a 30-day public comment period for the complete Alternative Schedule Request. EPA is issuing this Alternative Schedule Request for public comment exactly as it was received from the City of Newton, without editing by EPA.

Information about the Alternative Schedule Request, including supplemental documentation, may be obtained at no cost at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-small-ms4-general-permit#newsupdates> or by contacting:

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All persons who believe that the Alternative Schedule Request for the City of Newton is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting their position by **July 13, 2026**, which is the close of the public comment period. Comments should be submitted to the EPA contact at the email listed above. If you prefer to submit comments by mail, please call or email the EPA contact above to make arrangements for that.

In accordance with Part A.I.4.a.iii of Appendix F of the 2016 MS4 Permit, EPA will act to approve, modify with permittee consent, or deny the Alternative Schedule Request within 90 days of the close of the public comment period. EPA will consider all comments received in making its final decision on this Alternative Schedule Request. EPA will notify the City and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of its action.

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