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## NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

### Part I. General Information

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Signature:



Printed Name: Robert T Delaney Jr

Title: Highway Surveyor

Date: 5/2/06

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Part II. Self-Assessment

The Town Of Groton has completed its self assessment and has determined we are in compliance with the permit except for the following provisions.

**Submission of report by May 1 2006**

**At this time it also seems that there is no affect from our known discharges to any of the federally listed endangered species or critical habitat. When any new discharges are located they will be reviewed with any listed locations and species.**

**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 3 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 4
1a	Yearly flyer in tax bills	Tom Delaney/ highway	Reach all home owners	Complete River Awareness was the topic	Continue mailings with different themes
Revised	<i>Town wide mailing in corporation with NWRA</i>				
1b	Hazardous waste day	Board of Health/Recycling	Reduce waste	Spring 06 collection complete	Fall 06 scheduled
Revised					
1c	Increase recycling efforts within the Town	Board of Health/ recycling	Reduce waste	Have gone to a pay as you throw system and increased recycling 10-15%	Continue efforts
Revised					
1d	Water conservation equipment	Water Department	Reduce water use	Department continues to distribute water saving devices.	Continue with program.
Revised					

**1a. Additions**

1c	Educational programming	Highway	Inform public of educational programming	Cable TV advertised and airing of Reining In The Storm	Continue to show Different Storm water videos
1f	Low Impact Development Workshop	Planning Board	Public and contractor education	Complete	Update as needed

## 2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 3 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 4
2a Revised	Stenciling	Tom Delaney/ Highway	Stencil Basins to Waterways	Searching for volunteers	Trying to get help from eagle scout to do this project
2b Revised	Stream Cleaning and Ditch maintenance	Tom Delaney/ Highway	Increase water Flows	300+- feet of inlets and road side ditches cleaned and Rip Rapped	Continue to clean drop inlets and rip-rap all inlets and outfalls of all known pipes.
2c Revised	Increase cooperation with Nashua River Watershed Association	Tom Delaney/ Highway MRWA	Assist when we can to improve water quality	Continue to pickup debris from stream cleaning days.	Continue Cooperation with NWRA

### 2a. Additions

2d	Installation of water crossing signs	Highway/NRWA	Mark streams that cross under roadways	Signage at all major perennial streams Major streams done and located on map and mailing.	All others to increase awareness
2e	Low Impact development Workshop	Planning Board/Highway	A move towards LID	Had Workshop and implemented Bylaw	Enforce Bylaw and Educate developers

**3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) - Permit Year 3 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities - Permit Year 4
3a	Visual inspection	Tom Delaney/ Highway	Detect illegal hookups	No hookups found	Monitor for illegal connections
3b	Bylaw prohibiting hookups into Town System	Tom Delaney/ Highway	Prohibit Discharge into MS4	Policy in place, planning board regulations to prohibit in place.	Upgrade as needed
3c	Mapping of Basins and Outfalls	Tom Delaney/ Highway	Map System	All basins, manholes and outfalls GIS located and mapped	Create a program to link basins, manholes and outfalls together and put on Town GIS

**3a. Additions**


**4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 3 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 4
4a Revised	Bylaw Subdivision Regulation	Planning Board	No net increase of water runoff from sites.	Bylaw in place	Revisit and make additions if and when necessary when our education of new and better requirements improve.
4b Revised	Town of Groton Wetlands Bylaw	Conservation Commission	Strict Regulations	50 foot no disturb bylaw in place and increased buffer to 200	In Place
4c Revised	Site Plan Review	Planning Board	Water Management in projects	Bylaws in place regarding any storm water management	In place
4d Revised	Erosion Control Bylaw	Planning Board	Sedimentation and erosion control.	Bylaws in place for erosion Control as well as an enforcement officer and a system in place for fines.	In place
4e Revised	Bylaw for open drainage in New construction LID <i>Also long term maintenance addressed in new regulations.</i>	Planning Board/ Highway	Open drainage for ground water recharge	In place spring 06	Used model from DEP and attorney general and modified it to Groton.

**4a. Additions**


**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 3 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 4
5a	Subdivision Regulation	Planning Board	No net increase of water flows from new construction	In Place	
Revised					
5b	Site Plan Review	Planning Board	Storm Water Management Plan required for developments	In Place	
Revised					
5c	Erosion Control Bylaw	Earth removal Committee	Erosion and Sedimentation control	In Place	
Revised					

**5a. Additions**

5d	Expanded Post construction Bylaw	Earth Removal Planning Board	Revise Bylaw to mimic state regulations	In place	

**6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations**

<b>BMP ID #</b>	<b>BMP Description</b>	<b>Responsible Dept./Person Name</b>	<b>Measurable Goal(s)</b>	<b>Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 3 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)</b>	<b>Planned Activities – Permit Year 4</b>
6a	Environmental assessment	Tom Delaney/ Highway dept	Town facility assessment and environmental compliance	Completed	Follow recommendations
6b	Spill response	Tom Delaney/ Highway dept	Spill plan	In place	Update and training as needed
6c	Illegal Dumping Control	Tom Delaney/ Highway dept	Reduce illegal dumping	Many areas blocked and cleaned up. Signs installed and easier access for composting facility for public.	Continue as needed
6d	Oil Recycling	Tom Delaney/ Highway dept/ Transfer Station	Continue oil collection and Used oil heat technology	Continue with current uses	Continue
6e	Increased frequency of Street Sweeping	Tom Delaney/ Highway dept	Increase sweeping in environmentally sensitive areas	In Place	Continue

**6a. Additions**


**7. BMPs for Meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waste Load Allocations (WLA) << if applicable >>**

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 3 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 4
7a	Increase Basin Cleaning	Tom Delaney/ Highway dept	Increase Cleanings in sensitive areas	In Place	Continue
Revised					
7b	Salt Spreader calibrations to reduce salt usage	Tom Delaney/ Highway dept	Reduce Salt use by 10%	In Place	Continue
Revised					
7c	Oil traps on Basins in Sensitive areas	Planning Board/ Tom Delaney/ Highway dept	Oil traps in New Subdivisions on all catch Basins	In Place	Continue
Revised					
7d	Conversion to Leaching Basins when Practical	Tom Delaney/ Highway dept	Recharge ground water when possible	0 Converted 6 built	Continue
Revised					

**7a. Additions**


**7b. WLA Assessment**

**Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed**

**Year 1**

Basin Inspections list is being compiled and will be integrated into the mapping phase of our Plan. Details will include if there was an illicit connection, type, condition, oil trap condition if present, dates cleaned, etc..

No other data to report at this time.

**Year 2**

Nothing new to report at this time. No illicit connections have been discovered during repairs, inspections and cleanings.

**Year 3**

All location of known manholes, basins, and outfalls have been GIS located and added to our base map system. No illicit discharges were located during mapping and inventory. Several LID workshops and public hearings and New LID and erosion control Bylaw have been approved at Town Meeting to encourage open drainage and LID. Several old as well as new videos were shown on local access channel relative to storm water as well as television interviews with Planning Administrator and Highway Surveyor relative to LID. Town wide mailing of river awareness flyers cosponsored by Nashua River Watershed Association

**Part V. Program Outputs & Accomplishments (OPTIONAL)**

**Programmatic**

Stormwater management position created/staffed	N	
Annual program budget/expenditures	\$3500	

**Education, Involvement, and Training**

Estimated number of residents reached by education program(s)	100% of electric customers	
Stormwater management committee established	Y	

Stream teams established or supported	Y	
Shoreline clean-up participation or quantity of shoreline miles cleaned	Y	5+
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days</b>		
▪ days sponsored	4/8/06	Sept 06
▪ community participation	20%	
▪ material collected	\$10-15k	\$20k
School curricula implemented	N	

**Legal/Regulatory**

Regulatory Mechanism Status (indicate with "X")	Review	Drafted	Adopted	In place
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination			X	
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control				X
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management				X
<b>Accompanying Regulation Status (indicate with "X")</b>				
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination		X		
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control				X
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management				X

**Mapping and Illicit Discharges**

Outfall mapping complete	100(%)	
Estimated or actual number of outfalls <b>which include outfalls to retention/detention basins</b>	250	
System-Wide mapping complete	100(%)	
<b>Mapping method(s)</b>		
▪ Paper/Mylar	0	
▪ CADD	0	
▪ GIS	100(%)	
Outfalls inspected/screened	100(%)	

Illicit discharges identified	0	
Illicit connections removed	0	
% of population on sewer	10%	
% of population on septic systems	90%	

**Construction**

Number of construction starts (>1-acre)	12	# Erosion control permits issued
Estimated percentage of construction starts adequately regulated for erosion and sediment control	100%	
Site inspections completed	100%	
Tickets/Stop work orders issued	0	
Fines collected	0	
Complaints/concerns received from public	many	All from one 40B development

**Post-Development Stormwater Management**

Estimated percentage of development/redevelopment projects adequately regulated for post-construction stormwater control	100%	New that have plan
Site inspections completed	100%	New That have plan
Estimated volume of stormwater recharged	UNKNOWN	

**Operations and Maintenance**

Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (non-commercial/non-arterial streets)	Every 3 years	
Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (commercial/arterial or other critical streets)	When needed	
Total number of structures cleaned	30+-	
Storm drain cleaned	100LF	
Qty. of screenings/debris removed from storm sewer infrastructure	75 tons	
Disposal or use of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, recycle for sand, beneficial use, etc.)	Compost/landfil	
	1	
Cost of screenings disposal	0	

Average frequency of street sweeping (non-commercial/non-arterial streets)	1 per year	
Average frequency of street sweeping (commercial/arterial or other critical streets)	2 per year	
Qty. of sand/debris collected by sweeping	300 tons	
Disposal of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.)	Compost pile at town recycling facility	
Cost of sweepings disposal	labor	
Vacuum street sweepers purchased/leased	0	
Vacuum street sweepers specified in contracts	N	

Reduction in application on public land of: ("N/A" = never used; "100%" = elimination)		
▪ Fertilizers	0%	
▪ Herbicides	N/A	
▪ Pesticides	N/A	

Anti-/De-Icing products and ratios	60% NaCl 10% CaCl <sub>2</sub> % MgCl <sub>2</sub> % CMA % Kac % KCl 30% Sand	
Pre-wetting techniques utilized	Y	
Manual control spreaders used	Y	
Automatic or Zero-velocity spreaders used	Y	
Estimated net reduction in typical year salt application	10-15 %	
Salt pile(s) covered in storage shed(s)	Y	
Storage shed(s) in design or under construction	Y	