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Part I: General Information

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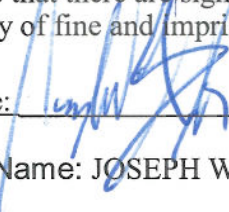
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Part II: Self-Assessment Narrative

The Town of Milton, Massachusetts has completed the required self-assessment and has determined that our municipality has been working towards full compliance as submitted to EPA and approved as Milton's NOI to the General Permit issued to Massachusetts under Phase II of the Regulations. All best management practices (BMPs) met the Town's measurable goals set forth in the NOI except for:

- BMP 5-4: Develop a draft zoning bylaw that allows and/or encourages use of low-impact development (LID)
A bylaw is currently being considered that encourages use of low-impact development but at this time has not been incorporated.

Since the NPDES permit inception, the Town has made great efforts by establishing and implementing a stormwater bylaw that continues to permit and incorporate stormwater controls into all construction within the Town. The creation of detailed GIS databases and maps of the Towns' utilities and waterways has provided a valuable tool for the Town to keep track of maintenance and a more efficient tool to update the Towns infrastructure and resources. The Town continues to develop new databases for Town assets such as town trees and stormwater outfalls.

The Town continued a successful partnership with the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) which together have undertaken a stormwater education program, a stormwater sampling program, illicit discharge detection and elimination program, and have completed construction of bio-retention cells along Pine Tree Brook as part of the 319 TMDL Implementation Grant. In 2009, NepRWA and the Town constructed a 319 TMDL Implementation Grant project consisting of the installation of 14 tree filter boxes within Brook Road and Lincoln Street which drain into Pinetree Brook. The tree filter boxes provide a natural media for the stormwater to filter street contaminants before being discharge into the brook.

The following table is a complete list of the Town's BMPs, the actions the Town has committed to perform, the progress on the goals, and projected activities for the upcoming year.

PART III: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1. Public Education and Outreach

BMP ID#	BMP Description	Responsible Dept.	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s)- Permit Year 7	Planned Activities- Permit Year 8
1.1	Educate dog owners about picking up dog waste	Public Works	Develop and print collateral piece on pet waste	Posted Palm card on website	Continue to post Palm card on website annually
1.2	Prioritize areas in Town that have pet waste problems; install up to three mutt mitt stations	Public Works	Prioritize list of mutt mitt installation sites	Keep mutt mitt stations functioning and free from graffiti	Inspect stations regularly to ensure functioning
1.3	Develop a draft by-law that requires dog owners to clean up after their dogs. Present to Town Meeting.	Town Counsel	Draft bylaw; present to Town Meeting	Accomplished	None
1.4	Update stormwater section of Town website 3x a year	Public Works	Update stormwater section of the Town website 3x per year	Updated stormwater section continues to be posted on website	Continue to update stormwater section as required
1.5	Inspect signs that identify water bodies within town & contact DCR/MHD for repairs	Public Works	Inspect signs	Locate and inspected DCR/MHD signs	Inspect all signs
1.6	Provide update of SWMP at Selectmen's meeting	Public Works	Present annual update of SWMP at Selectmen's meeting	No update requested by Selectmen	Present update to Selectmen (if requested)
1.7	Develop two press releases per yr describing importance of stormwater management	Public Works	Publish two newspaper articles/press releases describing importance of SWMP	Two newspaper articles featured details the tree filter boxes installed on Brook Road and Lincoln Street.	Continue to educate public on stormwater issue through two articles or press releases
1.8	Show two cable programs or PSAs on stormwater importance of stormwater management	Public Works	Two programs or PSAs on local cable TV	Programs were aired during this permit year on public access television explaining the tree filter box project.	Will air two stormwater-related PSAs on cable

2. Public Participation and Involvement

BMP ID#	BMP Description	Responsible Dept.	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s)- Permit Year 7	Planned Activities- Permit Permit Year 8
2.1	Comply with state public notification guidelines	Town Clerk	Post notice as required	No public hearings held	Will post notice as required if public hearing is held
2.2	Provide trash pickup on Milton's Green Day	Public Works	Trash pickup required each year	Planning Town-wide cleanup in spring, 2010	Will schedule Town-wide clean-up in spring 2011
2.3	Provide support for the nepRWA 319 TMDL Implementation Grant	Public Works	Assist with wetlands project as requested by nepRWA	Supplied construction oversight and managed construction of the installation of 14 tree filter boxes on Brook Road and Lincoln Street	Continue to maintain bio-retention cells.
2.4	Outreach to Milton school teachers on stormwater issues	Public Works	Increased awareness among Milton families about stormwater issue	The Town had representatives from the NepRWA work with the school staff to provide an educational program for the local schools	Contact schools to offer teachers stormwater information for environmental curriculums
2.5	Work with nepRWA on Uniquity Brook outreach	Public Works	Secure funding to examine flow patterns and possible septic tank leakage into Uniquity Brook	Continued to work with nepRWA and Milton Conservation Commission on Uniquity Brook outreach	Continue to work with nepRWA and Milton Conservation Commission on Uniquity Brook outreach

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID#	BMP Description	Responsible Dept.	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s)-	Planned Activities-
				Permit Year 7	Permit Year 8
3.1	Remove sewer underdrains if found during routine maintenance	Public Works	Document number of underdrains found and removed	None found	Remove as needed
3.2	Map stormwater outfalls and receiving waters; identify outfalls and other structures owned by other entities; evaluate structures on state-owned Town roads	Public Works	Create Map	GIS map completed in fall, 2005	Continue to use map in day-to-day stormwater-related activities
3.3	Digitize stormwater collection system in a GIS-compatible format	Public Works	None	GIS map completed in fall 2005	Continue to use map in day-to-day stormwater-related activities
3.4	Develop and implement a plan to identify and remove non-stormwater discharges to the MS4	Public Works	Create Map	None found; Continued ongoing illicit discharge detection & elimination and supported neprWA	Continue ongoing illicit discharge detection & elimination
3.5	Develop bylaw requiring inspection of new construction for correct connection to the sanitary sewer	Town Counsel	Develop bylaw requiring inspection of new construction for correct connection to the sanitary sewer	Sewer regulations and permit requirements revised and implemented in 4/03	Implemented
3.6	Conduct a Town-wide sewer rehabilitation program	Public Works	Implement program	Funding secured; sewer rehabilitation completed in Area 6	To secure funding to complete sewer rehabilitation in Area 6

4. Construction Site Runoff Control

BMP ID#	BMP Description	Responsible Dept.	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s)- Permit Year 7	Planned Activities- Permit Year 8
4.1	Develop a Construction Site Erosion & Sediment Control bylaw for all construction sites requiring a building permit (7500 sq. ft or over)	Public Works	Pass the By-law	By-law passed	Implement By-law
4.2	Require a waste management plan at construction sites 1-5 acres	Conservation Commission; Building Dept., Public Works	Implement regulation or by-law requiring a waste management plan at construction sites 1-5 acres	Regulatory mechanism in place for requiring a waste management plan for all construction sites	Continue to implement
4.3	Review Site Plans not already subject to Conservation Commission or Planning Board review	Conservation Commission, Public Works (Engineering)	Implement protocol for site plan review	Site plans reviewed as part of DPW Permitting Process	All site plans are reviewed by the Engineering Department
4.4	Consider public input for new construction sites not subject to the jurisdiction of Conservation Commission or Planning Board	Planning Board, Conservation Commission	Discuss plan for public input	By-law adopted at Town Meeting in May 2006	Accomplished
4.5	Inspection erosion and sediment controls at construction sites involving wetlands	Conservation Commission	Number of Inspections conducted	76 inspections(this includes duplicate visits to one site)	Continue inspections as needed

5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Re-Development

BMP ID#	BMP Description	Responsible Dept.	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s)- Permit Year 7	Planned Activities- Permit Year 8
5.1	Develop a draft bylaw to apply Standards 2,3,4 and 7 of MSP to entire Town; present bylaw to Town Meeting	DPW	Develop by-law and present to Town Meeting until passed	By-law adopted at Town Meeting in May 2006	Implement Bylaw
5.2	Specify a stormwater BMP manual to be used for consistent design and performance standards	DPW	Select BMP manual	MA DEP and CZM "Stormwater Management, Vol 2: Stormwater Technical Handbook" selected in 2004	Accomplished
5.3	Develop a draft by-law that ensures long-term maintenance of private structural BMPs	DPW	Include in stormwater by-law and present to Town Meeting	By-law adopted at Town Meeting in May 2006	Implement Bylaw
5.4	Develop a draft zoning by-law that allows and/or encourages use of low-impact development (LID)	Planning Board	Draft by-law developed and presented to Town Meeting	Considered but developed into a bylaw for this year	Remains under consideration

6. Municipal Good Housekeeping

BMP ID#	BMP Description	Responsible Dept.	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s)-	
				Permit Year 7	Planned Activities- Permit Year 8
6.1	Identify sensitive receptors within Town	Public Works	Develop list of sensitive receptors; notify staff	Accomplished	Accomplished
6.2	Funding to develop employee training program	Public Works	Keep DPW staff informed on importance of stormwater management	Posted MSDS sheets at DPW	Will continue to post MSDS sheets at DPW
6.3	Sweep all streets once every spring & fall	Public Works	Percent of streets swept twice per year	Swept all streets twice during permit year	Swept all streets twice during permit year
6.4	Continue existing road salting procedures	Public Works	Maintain documentation of de-icer amount used	2606 tons of salt used	Maintain documentation of de-icer amount used
6.5	Minimize impacts from vehicle maintenance	Public Works	Build containment area for vehicle washing; switch to phosphate-free biodegradable soap	Accomplished	Accomplished
6.6	Minimize impacts from vehicle maintenance	Public Works	Hold employee training	Vehicle maintenance area workers aware of good maintenance protocol	Re-train if needed
6.7	Maintain storm drain system	Public Works	Clean all catch basins once every 3 years; inspect & clean drain pipes as needed; keep daily record of catch basin residuals volumes; prioritize large volume catch basins for more frequent cleaning	1300 catch basins cleaned in Permit Year 7	Ongoing

6. Municipal Good Housekeeping(continued)

BMP ID#	BMP Description	Responsible Dept.	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s)-		Planned Activities-
				Permit Year 7	Permit Year 8	
6.8	Train staff to minimize chemical applications in recreational areas	Public Works	Hold training; minimize use of chemical pesticides, fertilizer & herbicides; keep maintenance records	Kept records of all DPW chemical applications	Keep records of all DPW chemical applications	
6.9	Hold biennial HHW Day	Public Works	Hold at least one HHW Day every other year; hold one tire and battery collection per year	No HHW Day held in 2009 as the biennial event is scheduled to be in 2010.	HHW Day will be held in fall 2010 if	
6.10	Plant a new tree to replace every tree removed each year	Public Works, Tree Warden	Plant more trees than are cut down every year	39 trees planted from March 09-March 10; Town awarded Tree City, USA status; t	Apply for MA Releaf grant in fall 2010; re-apply for Tree City USA status.	
6.11	Pursue cooperative agreements with Milton garden clubs to implement litter management program	Public Works	Work with Milton Garden Club and Amateur Gardeners of Milton to raise funds for litter vacuum purchase; develop litter management program	Accomplished	Accomplished	
6.12	Identify stormwater outfalls within Milton owned by other entities and inform them of their management responsibility	Public Works	Outfalls assessed; state agencies notified	Identified which roads and stormwater outfalls are State-owned; notified appropriate agency of their responsibility	Accomplished	

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

NepRWA and DPW staff took samples at the following Milton locations in April, May, July, and August 2009:

- **PTB028:** Pine Tree Brook at Blue Hills Parkway
- **PTB035:** Pine Tree Brook at Brook Road
- **PTB047:** Pine Tree Brook at Central Avenue.
- **UNB002:** Unquity Brook at Randolph Avenue
- **UNBOI4:** Unquity Brook at Adams Street.
- **UNBOI6:** Unquity Brook at Squantum Street.
- **NER200 :** Neponset River @ Adams St. Bridge
- **NER150:** Neponset River @ Paul's Bridge

In 2009, sampling was performed by NepRWA at each of the eight aforementioned sampling locations, four different times between the beginning of April and the end of August. The samples were tested for E.Coli, Total Phosphorus, Ortho-phosphate, Total Nitrogen, Chlorophyll, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, and Temperature.

Although sample results naturally vary with the time of year and weather conditions during the time sampled, these results can depict trends at that location overtime. Sampling at these locations has been performed since January, 2002.

According to NepRWA, per state water quality regulations, a single sample reading for E.Coli at a site should not exceed 235 colonies per 100 milligrams. A five-sample average should not exceed 126 colonies per 100 milligrams. Testing results indicated that UNB002, UNB014 and UNB016 exceeded the regulation maximum during 3 out of the four monitoring events, except during the April monitoring event when water temperatures are highest and bacteria levels are at the lowest. It is also worth noting that UNB002 showed elevated concentrations for total phosphorus and low levels of dissolved oxygen at nearly every event during the year (except April 2009).

Pinetree Brook sampling locations also had exceedences for fecal coliform counts. PTB 035 had elevated coliform counts during the warmest three events, PT 028 and PTB 047 each exceeded the threshold limit during 2 out of the 4 events. The highest coliform count (1190) for the 3 Pinetree Brook sampling locations was taken at PTB047 in August. Sampling results for total nitrogen was above regulatory limits at PTB047 during the August sampling event.

The Neponset River also had exceedences for fecal coliform at the sampling locations NER150 and NER200 during 2009. These exceedences occurred during the March, July, and August events for NER 200 and only during the June event for NER150. NER150 which had an all time maximum coliform count during last year's October wet weather sampling event had a maximum count (275) in June. Samples of total nitrogen and phosphorus were taken to identify the concentration of nutrients during the sampling event. Often times, fertilizers and animal waste runoff into the Towns' waterways causing the waters to be nutrient rich. An increase in nutrients in a waterway causes an increase in algae growth. An increased in algae growth will demand excess levels of oxygen in the water which reduces the quality of the water source for the surrounding ecosystem. For the first time since the inception of the sampling program NER150 and NER200 did not exceed the concentrations for total nitrogen.

NepRWA publishes and archives complete sampling results on their website for the entire watershed including the Milton 2008 sampling locations described above at: <http://www.neponset.org/CWMNResultsArchive.htm>