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NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report (Due: May 1, 2012)

Part I. General Information

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Part II. Self-Assessment

In general, the Town of Halifax's Stormwater management activities for the ninth year of the General Permit (April 2011 through March 2012) were in conformance with the Notice of Intent (Massachusetts DEP form BRP WM 08A) and schedule previous submitted. The Town has developed a Stormwater Management Plan with program priorities including:

1. Achieving regulatory compliance, particularly EPA and DEP Phase II NPDES permit requirements;
2. Incorporating Stormwater protection measures into municipal activities;
3. Focusing activities on target pollution reduction (e.g. Section 303.d. waters and protecting the Town's water supply);
4. Ensuring that the Program is current and innovative; and
5. Providing Program administration.

The Water Quality Stewardship element of the program will focus on the protection of the local water supply and addressing the State's Section 303.d waters located within Halifax. To this end, staff will continue to develop and improve the Program activities to reduce storm water pollution to the maximum extent practicable and eliminate prohibited non-stormwater discharges, while facilitating understanding and involvement in stormwater management by various Town departments. Program priorities will also focus on increased efforts to reduce target pollutants and restore local water bodies.

The Town is committed to working with local watershed associations to advance their goals and objectives. Another high priority of the staff is to keep abreast of the latest technology and approaches to achieve stormwater management. Program activities will also strive to encourage environmental stewardship and continue to build on partnerships with other agencies, neighboring towns, and the community for active participation in accomplishing the Program mission.

During Permit Year Nine, the Town continued to map out the Town's stormwater system, reviewed current regulations, improved local good housekeeping programs and performed community outreach.

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 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities Permit Year 10
1. Revised	Partnership with local Watershed Association	Con. Comm. Highway, BOH	Regular meeting attendance	Taunton River Watershed Association Monponsett Pond Watershed Association	Continued updating, seek alternative funding sources (such as Section 604b and 319 grants, SRF funding, private donors).
2. Revised	Develop brochures	Highway, Water	Quarterly mailings	Water department mailings and water quality updates	Continued mailings; postings of results on Town web site
3. Revised	Web site public service postings	IT, Highway	Web site publications and maintenance	Posting of TRWA and Comm of MA information	Posting of TRWA and Comm of MA information along with information about Monponsett Pond meetings and projects
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					

1a. Additions

2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities Permit Year 10
4.	Water Quality Testing	Highway, Board of Health	2 rounds of water quality sampling of priority water bodies	No funding available, but Board of Health and MA Health Dept sampled for e-coli and algae on a regular basis	Seek funding from town meeting and initiate dry weather and wet weather field screening of outfalls after mapping;
Revised			1 round of water quality sampling and targeted wet weather sampling		
5.	Community Cleanup Day	Highway, Beautification	Annually	Conducted in spring 2012	Scheduled for spring 2013
Revised					

2a. Additions

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities Permit Year 10
6	Catch Basin/Outfall and Receiving Water Mapping	Highway	GIS Mapping	Continue GPS surveying of outfalls and catch basins	Continue GPS surveying of outfalls and catch basins and obtain town meeting funding
Revised					
4	Water Quality Testing	Highway, Board of Health	2 rounds of water quality sampling of priority water bodies	Seek funding from town meeting and initiate dry weather and wet weather field screening of outfalls after mapping; basis	Seek funding from town meeting and initiate dry weather and wet weather field screening of outfalls after mapping;
Revised			1 round of water quality sampling and targeted wet weather sampling		
7	Regulatory Review	Highway, Planning, Health, ConCom	Regulatory revisions and actions	Continued to review applicable stormwater and aquifer protection regulations; updated zoning concerning floodplains	Make appropriate changes to regulations and by-laws
Revised					
8	Permit enforcement	Highway, Planning, Health, Concom	Local construction site oversight and enforcement	Ongoing efforts to comply with local by-laws and state and federal statutes and regulations	Continue ongoing efforts to comply with local bylaws and state and federal regulations
Revised					
9	Misconnection and illegal dumping and correction	Highway, Health	Connectivity mapping and by-law enforcement and fines	Continue GIS mapping and local by-law enforcement	Continue GIS mapping and local by-law enforcement
Revised					

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 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities Permit Year 10
7	Regulatory review	Highway, Planning, Health, ConCom	Regulatory revisions to by-laws and regulations as necessary	Review of applicable stormwater and aquifer protection regulations; revised floodplain zoning	Make appropriate changes to regulations and by-laws
Revised					
8	Permit enforcement	Highway, Planning, Health, ConCom	Local construction site oversight and enforcement	Ongoing effort to comply with local by-laws and state and federal requirements	Ongoing effort to comply with local by-laws and state and federal requirements
Revised					
10	Improved As-Built Review	Highway, Planning	Electronic As-Built Submittals on Town GIS System	Continued GIS Mapping	Work to develop new data base to match current GIS
Revised					

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 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities Permit Year 10
7	Regulatory review	Highway, Planning, Health, ConCom	Regulatory revisions to by-laws and regulations as necessary	Review of applicable stormwater and aquifer protection regulations; revised floodplain zoning	Make appropriate changes to regulations and by-laws
Revised					
8	Permit enforcement	Highway, Planning, Health, ConCom	Local construction site oversight and enforcement	Ongoing effort to comply with local by-laws and state and federal requirements	Ongoing effort to comply with local by-laws and state and federal requirements
Revised					

5a. Additions

6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities Permit Year 10
11 Revised	Improved street sweepings	Highway		Semi-annual collections	Semi-annual collections
12 Revised	Improved catch basin cleanings	Highway		Annual collections	Annual collections
13 Revised	Household hazardous waste days	Highway/Recycling		Year-around collection at recycling center	Year around collection at recycling center
14 Revised	Drain stenciling	Highway		GIS mapping underway to locate catch basins	Continue GIS mapping and stencil drains in aquifer protection areas
18 Revised	Employee training	Highway	Attend workshops	Attnd “Road Scholar” and Plymouth County Highway Association workshops	Implement suggested improvements and continue to attend workshops
Revised					

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 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities Permit Year 10
6	GIS Mapping	Highway	GIS mapping of priority waters and drainage patterns	DEP scope of work approval	Continue GIS mapping
Revised					
4	Water Quality Testing	Highway, Board of Health	2 rounds of water quality sampling of priority water bodies	Seek funding from town meeting and initiate dry weather and wet weather field screening of outfalls after mapping;	Seek funding from town meeting and initiate dry weather and wet weather field screening of outfalls after mapping;
Revised			1 round of water quality sampling and targeted wet weather sampling		
15	Stormwater modeling	Highway	Need assessment for Category 5 Water Bodies	DEP scope of work approval	Continue to map using GIS project
Revised					
16	Misc. Structural BMPs as needed	Highway	i.e. construction improvements	None to date	To be determined
Revised					
17	Misc. Non-Structural BMPS as needed	Highway	i.e. By-law enforcement, fees and fines	None to date	To be determined
Revised					

7a. Additions

7b. WLA Assessment : GIS mapping continues and water quality testing continues.

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

The Town has reviewed the local, state and federal bylaws relative to stormwater and aquifer protection, and appears to be adequately regulated and in conformance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy. Minor revisions may be required for informing local project proponents of the Phase II one-acre NPDES requirement.

The funding and focus of project activities continues to be the outfall pipes located in the watershed areas of the Massachusetts Section 303d water bodies located in Halifax (Muddy Pond, Elm Street Pond, Plymouth Street Pond, Winnetuxet Pond and Monponsett Pond).

The Town continues to provide updates to the public through water bill mailings and postings on the Town’s web site and will continue to work with local watershed associations on possible funding sources and ways in which to promote volunteerism.

The Town has taken part in employee training seminars sponsored by the Plymouth County Highway Association (PCHA) and the Baystate Roads Scholar program and will continue to improve its good housekeeping programs.

Part V. Program Outputs & Accomplishments (OPTIONAL)

(Since beginning of permit coverage unless specified otherwise by a **, which indicates response is for period covering April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012)

Programmatic

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Stormwater management position created/staffed	(y/n)	
Annual program budget/expenditures **	(\$)	
Total program expenditures since beginning of permit coverage	(\$)	
Funding mechanism(s) (General Fund, Enterprise, Utility, etc)		

Education, Involvement, and Training

Estimated number of property owners reached by education program(s)	(# or %)	
Stormwater management committee established	(y/n)	
Stream teams established or supported	(# or y/n)	
Shoreline clean-up participation or quantity of shoreline miles cleaned **	(y/n or mi.)	
Shoreline cleaned since beginning of permit coverage	(mi.)	

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days		
▪ days sponsored **	(#)	
▪ community participation **	(# or %)	
▪ material collected **	(tons or gal)	
School curricula implemented	(y/n)	

Legal/Regulatory

	In Place Prior to Phase II	Reviewing Existing Authorities	Drafted	Draft in Review	Adopted
Regulatory Mechanism Status (indicate with "X")					
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination					
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control					
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management					
Accompanying Regulation Status (indicate with "X")					
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination					
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control					
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management					

Mapping and Illicit Discharges

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Outfall mapping complete	(%)	
Estimated or actual number of outfalls	(#)	
System-Wide mapping complete (complete storm sewer infrastructure)	(%)	
Mapping method(s)		
▪ Paper/Mylar	(%)	
▪ CADD	(%)	
▪ GIS	(%)	
Outfalls inspected/screened **	(# or %)	
Outfalls inspected/screened (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(# or %)	
Illicit discharges identified **	(#)	

Illicit discharges identified (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(#)	
Illicit connections removed **	(#); and (est. gpd)	
Illicit connections removed (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(#); and (est. gpd)	
% of population on sewer	(%)	
% of population on septic systems	(%)	

Construction

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Number of construction starts (>1-acre) **	(#)	
Estimated percentage of construction starts adequately regulated for erosion and sediment control **	(%)	
Site inspections completed **	(# or %)	
Tickets/Stop work orders issued **	(# or %)	
Fines collected **	(# and \$)	
Complaints/concerns received from public **	(#)	

Post-Development Stormwater Management

Estimated percentage of development/redevelopment projects adequately regulated for post-construction stormwater control	(%)	
Site inspections (for proper BMP installation & operation) completed **	(# or %)	
BMP maintenance required through covenants, escrow, deed restrictions, etc.	(y/n)	
Low-impact development (LID) practices permitted and encouraged	(y/n)	

Operations and Maintenance

Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (non-commercial/non-arterial streets) **	(times/yr)	
Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (commercial/arterial or other critical streets) **	(times/yr)	
Qty of structures cleaned **	(#)	
Qty. of storm drain cleaned **	(%, LF or mi.)	
Qty. of screenings/debris removed from storm sewer infrastructure **	(lbs. or tons)	
Disposal or use of screenings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.) **	(location)	

Basin Cleaning Costs		
• Annual budget/expenditure (labor & equipment)**	(\$)	
• Hourly or per basin contract rate **	(\$/hr or \$ per basin)	
• Disposal cost**	(\$)	
Cleaning Equipment		
• Clam shell truck(s) owned/leased	(#)	
• Vacuum truck(s) owned/leased	(#)	
• Vacuum trucks specified in contracts	(y/n)	
• % Structures cleaned with clam shells **	(%)	
• % Structures cleaned with vacor **	(%)	

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Average frequency of street sweeping (non-commercial/non-arterial streets) **	(times/yr)	
Average frequency of street sweeping (commercial/arterial or other critical streets) **	(times/yr)	
Qty. of sand/debris collected by sweeping **	(lbs. or tons)	
Disposal of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.) **	(location)	
Annual Sweeping Costs		
• Annual budget/expenditure (labor & equipment)**	(\$)	
• Hourly or lane mile contract rate **	(\$/hr. or ln mi.)	
• Disposal cost**	(\$)	
Sweeping Equipment		
• Rotary brush street sweepers owned/leased	(#)	

• Vacuum street sweepers owned/leased	(#)	
• Vacuum street sweepers specified in contracts	(y/n)	
• % Roads swept with rotary brush sweepers **	%	
• % Roads swept with vacuum sweepers **	%	

Reduction (since beginning of permit coverage) in application on public land of: ("N/A" = never used; "100%" = elimination)		
▪ Fertilizers	(lbs. or %)	
▪ Herbicides	(lbs. or %)	
▪ Pesticides	(lbs. or %)	
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Practices Implemented	(y/n)	

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Average Ratio of Anti-/De-Icing products used ** (also identify chemicals and ratios used in specific areas, e.g., water supply protection areas)	% NaCl % CaCl ₂ % MgCl ₂ % CMA % Kac % KCl % Sand	
Pre-wetting techniques utilized **	(y/n or %)	
Manual control spreaders used **	(y/n or %)	
Zero-velocity spreaders used **	(y/n or %)	
Estimated net reduction or increase in typical year salt/chemical application rate	(±lbs/ln mi. or %)	
Estimated net reduction or increase in typical year sand application rate **	(±lbs/ln mi. or %)	
% of salt/chemical pile(s) covered in storage shed(s)	(%)	
Storage shed(s) in design or under construction	(y/n or #)	

100% of salt/chemical pile(s) covered in storage shed(s) by May 2008	(y/n)	

Water Supply Protection

Storm water outfalls to public water supplies eliminated or relocated	# or y/n	
Installed or planned treatment BMPs for public drinking water supplies and their protection areas	# or y/n	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment units induce infiltration within 500-feet of a wellhead protection area 	# or y/n	