

Municipality/Organization: City of Newton, MA

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR 041080

MaDEP Transmittal Number: W- W-039247

Annual Report Number No. 13

& Reporting Period: April 2015 – March 2016

NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report April 2016

Part I. General Information

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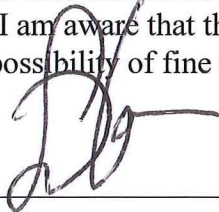
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Signature:



Printed Name: Setti D. Warren

Title: Mayor

Date:

4/28/16

Part II. Self-Assessment

The City of Newton, Massachusetts has completed the required self-assessment and has determined that our municipality is in compliance with all permit conditions, except for Minimum Control Measure #3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE). The City has found bacteria contamination in some of its storm drains and brooks, particularly in areas where sanitary sewer infrastructure is aging, underdrains are located, and underground pathways or conduits to our drainage systems exist. Newton is proactively investigating and eliminating illicit connections to the storm drainage system when discovered.

The following is provided to highlight key accomplishments made in Permit Year 13 with respect to MS4 General Permit goals and objectives.

Administrative

- Budgeted \$1,900,000 in FY16 for stormwater management and capital projects.
- Completed a Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Plan which includes an assessment of our streams, drainage infrastructure and IDDE program, and the development of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) spanning 20 years.
- Approved an increase in our stormwater user fees in FY2016 and proposed modifications to the rate restructure beginning in FY2017.

Programmatic & Drainage System

- Sections of storm drains are routinely inspected (video camera) for water quality issues (based upon sample results) and flow conveyance. As needed these drain lines are cleaned (i.e., roots cut and sediment removed) by DPW.
- A 10-year Sewer Capital Improvement Plan was developed and implementation commenced in 2013. Although Newton's sanitary sewers are separate from our drains, there are locations where indirect cross-communication between sewers and drains may occur due aging infrastructure. The Sewer CIP rehabilitates and restores the sewer mains. New sewer mains were installed on Aspen Ave, Hawthorne Ave and Studio Road. Public sewer was not previously available on these streets.

Good Housekeeping & Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

- Our 2015 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program ran from May 13th through October 17th. Last year, we collected several tons of HHW and Universal waste material that may otherwise find its way into the trash or the storm drain system. Please visit our website for more information on our recycling programs:
<http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/dpw/recycling/default.asp>
- The Parks and Recreation Department strives to use little pesticides and herbicides. Last year, no pesticides were used on City owned land. See Attachment A.
- Newton monitors 122 stormwater discharge points to the Charles River, including the many brooks that feed into the Charles, by conducting wet and dry weather sampling.

Public Education and Involvement

- Several activities and events listed in the following table.

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 13 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 14
1.1 Revised	Develop Stormwater Press Release	DPW Utilities, M. Rose	Submit annual press release to newspaper / CATV.	A formal press release was not printed this year. However, Newton's Senior Environmental Planner wrote a comprehensive article on the Conservation Commission, land stewardship and stormwater management. The article was printed in the Newton Conservators Spring 2015 newsletter. A Newton Tab staff writer reported on the proposed stormwater rate changes on Feb. 3, 2016. Copies provided in Attachment B.	Write an article on the phosphorus ban in fertilizers.
1.2 Revised	Develop Stormwater Web Site	DPW Utilities, M. Rose	Prepare web site on stormwater issues.	Complete. http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/dpw/water/stormwater.asp	None, BMP complete. Continuance under BMP 1.4
1.3 Revised	Develop Stormwater Brochures	DPW Utilities, M. Rose	Distribute brochures to target groups	Newton purchases material from the SuAsCo's Stormwater Community Assistance Program. We also distributed door hangers in neighborhoods when pet waste is found in our storm drains.	BMP Complete. However, new brochures and literature will be added to our stock, as needed.
1.4 Revised	Provide Stormwater News on City's web site	DPW Utilities, M. Rose	Post stormwater and/or project news once per year	Stormwater information and news is posted on the main page of the City of Newton's website and our Stormwater web page.	Maintain and update stormwater web page as needed.
1.5 Revised	Establish Volunteer Database	DPW Utilities, M. Rose	Solicit volunteer educators to promote awareness of water quality	Database established and is used mostly to encourage participation in Annual Charles River Clean-up & storm drain stenciling.	None, BMP complete.

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1.6	Partner with Schools	DPW Utilities, M. Rose	Obtain and distribute educational resources to schools.	We continue to offer stormwater School Education Programs; see website for info: http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/dpw/water/stormwater.asp	Continue with implementation of various school education and partnering programs.
Revised				During this permit period, staff visited the Jackson School and presented a hands-on watershed lesson to three 5 th grade classes. Visit was made on December 18, 2015.	
1.7	Develop Education Program	Environmental, E. Gentile and M. Rose	Implement stormwater pollution prevention program	April / May is óGreenUp Newtonô where we promote and host various educational programs at locations throughout the City including: the river clean-up, a rain barrel sale, and a spring clean-out / community swap day. In addition to our educational efforts, Green Decade Newton Coalition, the Newton Conservators and Crystal Lake Conservancy offer workshops, special events and newsletters that educate our community on a variety of topics, including natural landscaping, pesticide reduction, recycling, how to reduce our carbon footprint and more. <i>See Attachment B</i> for more information and visit www.greendecade.org and www.newtonconservators.org	Continue promoting water conservation, organic and environmentally-friendly lawn care methods and no phosphorus fertilizers.
Revised					
1.8	Partnering with Watershed Associations	Engineering, L. Taverna DPW Utilities, M. Rose	Attend meetings and partner with the Crystal Lake Working Group	Newton supports CRWA programs and initiatives including workshops and the Annual Charles River Clean-up. A new group óCrystal Lake Working Groupô was formed under the direction of the Parks & Recreation Dept. in the summer of 2012. The group is comprised of members from Crystal Lake Conservancy, Friends of Crystal Lake, engaged residents and City Staff. The mission of the group is to investigate and make recommendations to protect and preserve the Lake.	Maintain collaboration with the CRWA and/or the Crystal Lake Working Group.
Revised					

2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 13 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 14
2.1	Establish Stormwater Advisory Committee	DPW Utilities, L. Taverna	Committee to meet once per year	BMP Completed in prior years.	None.
Revised					
2.2	Implement Public Meetings for Citizen Input	DPW, D. Turocy M. Rose	Hold meetings once per year, publish results.	Opportunities for public input include Public Facilities and other Board of Alderman sub-committee meetings, as well as the Crystal Lake Working Group meetings.	None, coverage under new Permit.
Revised					
2.3	Encourage Citizen Communication and Reporting	Engineering, L. Taverna	Establish stormwater hotline for illicit discharges.	Customer service center and phone number established at City Hall. All stormwater questions and comments are directed to Engineering or Utilities.	BMP Complete. Continue with current protocols.
Revised					
2.4	Network with Local Community Groups	Engineering, M. Rose D. Turocy	Observe outfalls, report illicit discharges & stream clean-up.	Staff attends one meeting per year of the Friends of Hemlock Gorge (FHG) and the Crystal Lake Conservancy. We support their efforts and address any concerns as the need arises.	Continue to provide support to these groups and foster a partnership approach with the City.
Revised					
2.5	Implement Storm Drain Marking Program	Utilities, T. Jerdee M. Rose	Volunteers mark catch basins with decals.	Permanent storm drain markers were installed next to catch basins in village centers. Storm drain stenciling is completed by volunteers on a rolling basis as groups ask to do so.	BMP Complete. Continue with storm drain marking program as need arises.
Revised					
2.6	Promote Community Clean-Up day	Parks & Recreation; & M. Rose	Promote annual community clean-up day	Newton Serves was held on April 26, 2015. Volunteer groups target specific areas of the City for clean-up and revitalizing. For more info, visit: http://newtoncommunitypride.org/NewtonSERVES.html A Newton resident has stepped up to be the Newton, Wellesley and Weston Regional Volunteer Coordinator for the Annual Charles River Clean-up Day.	Continue with annual community clean-up day. See also BMP 1.8

Revised					
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3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

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3.1	Establish Stormwater System Map	DPW Utilities, F. Russell	Update GIS information, locate all outfalls.	BMP previously completed.	BMP Complete.
Revised					
3.2	Establish Stormwater Database Management System	Utilities, T. Jerdee	Add stormwater information to Hansen database.	BMP previously completed.	BMP Complete.
Revised					
3.3	Locate and Inspect all Outfalls	Utilities, T. Jerdee & M. Rose	Collect outfall data for Hansen database.	BMP previously completed.	Continue with monitoring and sampling program.
Revised					
3.4	Review existing Ordinances & determine whether they adequately prevent Illicit Discharges	Engineering, L. Taverna DPW Utilities,	Propose to BOA revisions to stormwater ordinance/ policies, as appropriate	A Draft IDDE Ordinance has been prepared and included in annual reports No. 5 and 6. The first attempt to pass it was met with resistance. We are currently going through legal counsel to review and hopefully docket the revised ordinance soon.	Present draft ordinance to the Board of Alderman in the spring.
Revised					
3.5	Identify Illicit Discharge Sources	Utilities, T. Jerdee M.Rose	Identify bacteria sources via visual and CCTV inspections, dye and/or pressure tests.	DPW continually monitors and investigates potential indirect and direct illicit discharges to our storm drainage infrastructure. During this permit period we inspected all our outfalls and where flowing collected samples.	Continue with efforts to find and remove indirect and direct illicit discharges.
Revised					
3.6	Establish Illicit Discharge Hotline	DPW Utilities, M Rose	Receive and track citizen reports of illicit discharges.	Hotline established (customer service center). We did not receive any calls regarding illicit discharges this reporting period.	BMP Complete. Continue to encourage citizen reporting of illicit discharges.

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Revised					
3.7	Train Employees	DPW Utilities, T. Jerdee	Employees to help identify illicit discharges.	Training on this topic was conducted in prior years.	BMP Complete.
Revised				BMP Complete.	
3.8	Monitor City's infrastructure for illicit discharges and non-point source pollution	DPW Utilities, T. Jerdee M. Rose	Observe major outfall discharges.	A comprehensive outfall monitoring program has been in place since 2006. During this reporting period all outfalls were inspected during dry weather with sampling occurring whenever flow is detected. Wet weather sampling was also conducted for a smaller portion of our outfalls.	Continue with implementation of IDDE program.
Revised					

4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 13 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 14
4.1	Review existing Ordinances and determine whether they adequately regulate construction site stormwater runoff	Engineering, L. Taverna	Obtain Law Dept's opinion regarding existing practice and appropriateness of regulating construction site stormwater runoff.	Currently, there are numerous mechanisms through which new construction site runoff is prevented and controlled. These mechanisms include: an existing Ordinance (Sec 30-5c and 5d), DPW / Eng. Division Policy and the Special Permit approval process. Most construction projects regardless of size are required to provide soil erosion control measures.	BMP Complete.
Revised				DPW has two inspectors who ensure the measures shown on Approved Site Plans are implemented.	
4.2	Implement Review of Construction Documents	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Establish policy for submittal of erosion control plans.	BMP Complete.	BMP Complete. Continue with plan reviews for building permits.
Revised					
4.3	Implement Construction Inspection Program	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Develop guidelines, training, inspection of construction sites > 1 acre.	All construction sites inspected by Engineering. BMP guidelines followed.	Continue with inspection of all construction sites. Develop training for construction inspectors.
Revised					
4.4	Educate Developers on Proper Erosion Control Techniques	Engineering, J. Daghlia / M. Rose	Distribute erosion control procedures to all applicants.	Engineering requires erosion control BMPs for all construction.	BMP Complete. Continue with implementation.
Revised					
4.5	Provide opportunity for citizen review and input on construction projects	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Ensure citizen review procedures for construction projects > 1 acre.	Citizen input of construction projects occurs during Conservation Commission, Land Use, and Board of Survey public hearings. Citizen review also occurs when Environmental Impact Reports are required.	BMP Complete. Continue with implementation.
Revised					

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4.6	Establish Information Management System	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Track construction reviews and construction inspections.	An inspector is assigned to all construction projects ≥ 1 acre (as well as many < 1 ac). This person maintains a personal field log book of key events.	BMP complete. Continue with implementation.
Revised					
4.7	Establish Standards for Erosion and Sedimentation Controls	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Establish adaptation of MADEP SWM Standard 8	Engineering requires implementation of MADEP SWMP Standard 8 for all construction projects > 1 acre.	BMP Complete. Continue with implementation.
Revised					

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 13 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 14
5.1	Review existing Ordinances and determine whether they adequately regulate post construction stormwater runoff	Engineering, L. Taverna	Obtain Law Dept's opinion regarding existing practice and appropriateness of regulating post construction stormwater runoff	BMP Completed in prior year.	BMP Complete.
Revised					
5.2	Develop Stormwater Management Policy	Engineering, L. Taverna	Establish policy to establish minimum BMPs for developers.	BMP Complete. Continue with implementation.	BMP Complete. Continue with implementation.
Revised					
5.3	Develop Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Policy	Engineering, J. Daghljan	Establish policy to establish minimum operations and maintenance plans.	Engineering requires the submittal of stormwater operations and maintenance plans for construction projects >1 acre.	BMP Complete. Continue with implementation.
Revised					
5.4	Implement Controls to Minimize Impacts to Water Quality	Engineering, J. Daghljan and Utilities, M. Rose	Implement use of structural and non-structural BMPs.	DPW/Eng. requires developers to implement MADEP Stormwater Standards (1- 8) for applicable projects. Separate and supplemental requirements are outlined for smaller construction projects in the City's Stormwater Management Policy.	BMP Complete. Continue with implementation and stormwater recharge requirements.
Revised					
5.5	Encourage Reducing Directly Connected Impervious Surfaces	Engineering, J. Daghljan M. Rose	Encourage the use of grass swales and filter strips.	Recommended to developers during development review team meetings.	Continue to recommend for all construction projects > 1 acre. Continue to be a resource for developers and homeowners on alternatives to asphalt pavement.
Revised					

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5.6 Revised	Determine Capacity of Stormwater System Elements	Engineering, J. Daghlia & Dir. of Utilities	Perform capacity analysis for wet weather events.	A portion of the main drain on Dedham Street was studied and determined to be inadequate. Engineering design plans were developed to increase capacity in a critical segment before a culvert. Construction on this project is about to commence. An undersized culvert for Hammond Brook near Glen Avenue has also been redesigned. Permitting is underway and construction is expected to commence in Fall 2016.	BMP Complete.
5.7 Revised	Review Ordinances & determine whether they adequately regulate recharges to groundwater	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Obtain Law Dept's opinion regarding existing practice and appropriateness of regulating recharges to groundwater	Current practices include on-site stormwater recharge requirements for new construction.	BMP Complete.
5.8 Revised	Implement Use of Groundwater Recharge Rates	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Explore adaptation of MADEP SWMP Standard 3	Engineering requires implementation of MADEP SWMP Standard 3 for all construction projects > 1 acre.	BMP Complete.
5.9 Revised	Implement Post Development Peak Discharge Rates	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Implement adaptation of MADEP SWMP Standard 2	Engineering requires implementation of MADEP SWMP Standard 2 for all construction projects > 1 acre.	BMP Complete.
5.10	Implement Requirements for Removal of 80% TSS	Engineering, J. Daghlia	Implement adaptation of MADEP SWMP Standards 4 & 7	Engineering requires implementation of MADEP SWMP Standard 4 & 7 for all construction projects > 1 acre.	BMP Complete.

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Revised					

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 13 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 14
6.1	Develop Staff Training Program	Environmental, E. Gentile M. Rose	Train staff on spill prevention control, vehicle maintenance and lawn care.	Completed in prior years.	BMP Complete.
Revised					
6.2	Develop Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	Environmental, E. Gentile M. Rose	Develop spill prevention control procedures.	Good housekeeping practices are in place based upon a self-audit of DPW Yards conducted previously; however, improvements can be made.	Develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for DPW Yards.
Revised					
6.3	Develop Flood Mitigation Plan	Utilities, T. Jerdee	Develop plan, perform exercises.	BMP Complete.	Continue field exercises and update the flood mitigation plan, as needed.
Revised					
6.4	Establish Inspection Procedures	Utilities, T. Jerdee	Inspect storm drain system using visual inspection and CCTV.	Storm drains are inspected with our CCTV truck on an as needed basis and: to troubleshoot infrastructure problems, prior to paving / pavement restoration and as part of the IDDE program.	Continue to inspect storm drain system.
Revised					

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6.5 Revised	Incorporate BMPs into Standard Procedures	Utilities, T. Jerdee	Establish BMPs for municipal operations and maintenance.	Stormwater BMPs are designed into new or redevelopment projects for City-owned property, most recently would be the new Angier School and water quality inserts in the storm drains around Crystal Lake.	BMP Complete. Review needs for other stormwater retrofit / improvement projects.
6.6 Revised	Establish Maintenance Procedures	Utilities, T. Jerdee	Vactor/flush storm drains to remove sedimentation	Cleaned approximately 6,790 LF of the City's storm drainage system and 7809 catch basins were cleaned during this reporting period.	BMP Complete. Continue with implementation.

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6.7 Revised	Establish Maintenance Procedures	Utilities, T. Jerdee	Clean drainage brooks to remove sedimentation.	No drainage channel or brook maintenance work was completed during this reporting period.	Begin funding work in our Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Plan.
6.8 Revised	Establish Maintenance Procedures	Utilities, T. Jerdee	Clean catch basins every 2 years.	We cleaned 7,809 catch basins during this reporting period.	Continue with catch basin cleaning program. Annually we clean half of our 13,000 catch basins (between 6,500 -7000 per year)
6.9 Revised	Establish Maintenance Procedures	Highway, Brian Zaniboni	Sweep streets 2 times per year.	All city streets were swept a minimum of 4 times in 2015 with village centers and main streets swept 5 times per week for 36 weeks of the year.	Continue with street sweeping program.
6.10	Establish Maintenance Procedures	B. Zaniboni	Calibrate salt spreaders annually.	Salt spreaders calibrated fall 2015.	Calibrate salt spreaders every year.
6.11 Revised	Implement Household Hazardous Waste Program	Environmental, E. Gentile	Collect waste oil, antifreeze, paint, pesticides.	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is collected one to two days per week from May through October.	BMP Complete. City will continue to operate HHW collection facility.

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 13 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 14
7.1 Revised	Check Criteria for Meeting TMDL	DPW Utilities, M. Rose	EPA criteria for TMDLs checked.	Participated in MaDEP Advisory Group Sub-committee on the phosphorus TMDL for the Charles River.	Work towards reducing phosphorus load from Newton's brooks and conduits to the Charles River.
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					

7a. Additions –N/A

7b. WLA Assessment – N/A

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

Please refer to Part IIA ñ Self Assessment for the City summary of information collected and analyzed.

We are hopeful that the information provided is adequate to demonstrate our commitment to improving our SWMP and ultimately ensuring the quality of our stormwater discharges meets or exceeds standards.

Part V. Program Outputs & Accomplishments (OPTIONAL)

Programmatic:

Stormwater management position created/staffed ñ Environmental Engineer	(y/n)	Yes
Annual program budget/expenditures (catch basin cleaning, staff (9), operations and maintenance; and capital projects) for FY16	(\$)	\$1,900,000

Education, Involvement, and Training

Estimated number of residents reached by education program(s)	(# or %)	1,000
Stormwater management committee established	(y/n)	Y
Stream teams established or supported	(# or y/n)	Y (Charles river)
Shoreline clean-up participation or quantity of shoreline miles cleaned (during 15 th Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup; numerous community groups participated in Newton)	(y/n or mi.)	5 miles
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days (<i>May 2015 to Oct. 2015</i>)		
▪ days sponsored	(#)	20
▪ community participation	(%)	42%
▪ Material collected: CRTs, auto & button batteries, fluorescent bulbs, paint, waste oil, thermostats, thermometers, and elemental mercury. (<i>some of which are collected year round</i>)	(tons or gal)	See Attachment A
School curricula implemented	(y/n)	Y

Legal/Regulatory

	In Place Prior to Phase II	Under Review	Drafted	Adopted
Regulatory Mechanism Status (indicate with X)				
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination			X	
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control	X			
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management	X			
Accompanying Regulation Status (indicate with X)				
▪ 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	(#)	143
System-Wide mapping complete	(%)	100%
Mapping method(s)		
▪ Paper/Mylar	(%)	100%
▪ CADD	(%)	100%
▪ GIS	(%)	100%
Outfalls inspected/screened	(# or %)	100%
Illicit discharges identified (mostly underdrains) total # since issuance of NPDES MS4 permit	(#)	12
Illicit connections removed	(#) (est. gpd)	9 2,000+
% of population on sewer	(%)	98.5
% of population on septic systems	(%)	1.5

Construction

Number of construction starts (>1-acre):	(#)	3
Estimated percentage of construction starts adequately regulated for erosion and sediment control	(%)	100%
Site inspections completed (work is on-going)	(# or %)	100%
Tickets/Stop work orders issued	(# or %)	0
Fines collected	(# and \$)	0
Complaints/concerns received from public	(#)	0

Post-Development Stormwater Management

Estimated percentage of development/redevelopment projects adequately regulated for post-construction stormwater control	(%)	100%
Site inspections completed	(# or %)	100%
Estimated volume of stormwater recharged	(gpy)	Unknown**
**This value would take significant time to quantify, but most likely would be > 100,000 gallons/yr		

Operations and Maintenance

Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (non-commercial/non-arterial streets)	(times/yr)	Once every other year
Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (commercial/arterial or other critical streets)	(times/yr)	Once per year
Total number of structures (CBs) cleaned	(#)	7,809
Storm drains cleaned	(LF or mi.)	6,789 LF
Qty. of screenings/debris removed from storm sewer infrastructure	(tons)	1845
Disposal or use of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, recycle for sand, beneficial use, etc.)		Landfill cover
Cost of screenings disposal	(\$)	\$ 44,273.00

Average frequency of street sweeping (non-commercial/non-arterial streets)	(times/yr)	4
Average frequency of street sweeping (commercial/arterial or other critical streets)	(times/yr)	10+
Qty. of sand/debris collected by sweeping	(lbs. or tons)	Unknown
Disposal of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.)	(location)	Beneficial use
Cost of sweepings disposal	(\$)	0
Vacuum street sweepers purchased/leased	(#)	0
Vacuum street sweepers specified in contracts	(y/n)	0

Reduction in application on public land of: (óN/Aô = never used; ó100%ô = elimination)		
▪ Fertilizers	(lbs. or %)	30 %
▪ Herbicides	(lbs. or %)	80 %
▪ Pesticides	(lbs. or %)	80 %
* Newton's Integrated Pest Management Policy was provided in the Year 5 report. See also Parks & Recreation Info on Pesticides usage for this past year.		

Anti-/De-Icing products and ratios	% NaCl % CaCl ₂ % MgCl ₂ % CMA % Kac % KCl % Sand	96% 0 2% 0 0 0 2%
Pre-wetting techniques utilized	(y/n)	N
Manual control spreaders used	(y/n)	N
Automatic or Zero-velocity spreaders used	(y/n)	Y
Estimated net reduction in typical year salt application	(lbs. or %)	10% reduction
Salt pile(s) covered in storage shed(s)	(y/n)	Y
Storage shed(s) in design or under construction	(y/n)	Y

Attachment A

Copies of:

HHW and Universal Waste Collected in 2015

Parks and Recreation's 2015 Pesticide Report

City of Newton
Department of Parks and Recreation
Division of Maintenance
2015 - 2016 Pesticide Usage

No pesticide applications occurred from April 2015 - March 2016.

Derek Mannion

Newton Parks and Recreation Department.



Stericycle
Environmental Solutions

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115 RUMFORD AVENUE
AUBURNDALE, MA 02466

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REPUBLIC ENV SYS (TRANS GROUP)
115 RUMFORD AVENUE
AUBURNDALE, MA 02466

ORDER 2290163 Republic Env Sys (Trans Group)

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01/15/2016

Labor Charges :

CHEMIST, STRAIGHT TIME

10.00 @ 50.000 / R

\$500.00

Supplies & Materials :

DRUM, POLY, 5 GALLON, NEW, OPEN TOP

4.00 @ 12.000 / E

\$48.00

DRUM, POLY, 30 GALLON, RECON, OPEN TOP

2.00 @ 35.000 / E

\$70.00

DRUM, METAL, 55 GALLON, USED, OPEN TOP

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Make the Connection!

Storm Drains empty into Waterways!

Make the Connection... Storm Drains are NOT for Dumping!

Have you ever wondered what happens to the water flowing down a storm drain after a storm? Stormwater, the runoff water after it rains or snows, flows from parking lots and streets into storm drains so that the pavement won't be flooded. Underground pipes then channel the stormwater directly to the nearest waterway, usually with little or no treatment. So whatever flows down a storm drain comes out in a nearby waterway, such as a wetland, stream, pond, or the ocean.

Please help keep our local waters clean:

- 🐟 Never dump anything down storm drains – this includes litter, sand, leaves, pet waste, motor oil, or paint.
- 🐟 Clear sand, leaves, litter, debris, and snow away from storm drains.
- 🐟 Support municipal efforts to conduct regular street sweeping and catch basin cleaning.
- 🐟 Participate in a neighborhood cleanup or storm drain marking project.

DPW thanks Jamie, Boy Scout Troop 9 and friends for marking the storm drains in your neighborhood.

For more stormwater information:

<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/stormwater/>

By Jonathan Dame

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February 03, 2016 8:58AM

In Newton, businesses could see rising rates for stormwater runoff

A plan to boost stormwater revenues would overhaul the way fees are assessed for commercial and large residential property owners — upping bills by thousands of dollars annually in some cases.

The plan would replace the current flat rate of \$200 per commercial account with a graduated payment structure based on impervious surface area per parcel.

The rationale is that impervious surfaces — like parking lots and other hardscapes — contribute most significantly to the stormwater runoff that reaches the city's sewer infrastructure.

The fee would range from \$250 per parcel annually for properties with 5,000 square feet or less of impervious surface area — to \$5,000 per parcel annually for properties with more than 500,000 square feet of impervious surface area.

Around one-quarter of all properties would be in the lowest payment bracket while just 0.5 percent of parcels would qualify for the highest charge.

Owners of family dwellings with four units or fewer would continue to pay the residential rate of \$75 annually. All other properties would fall under the new fee scheme.

Officials say the proposed fee increase is necessary to fund a \$41 million, two-decade plan to proactively repair and improve stormwater infrastructure. The changes would net the stormwater account around \$725,000 in additional revenues every year.

"We're trying to get head of the curve and be proactive in repairing the system so that we can do what we call predictable maintenance," said Ward 5 Councilor at-large Deb Crossley, a member of the working group that recommended the changes.

Crossley said rates could be going up much faster if the city weren't investing proactively in stormwater infrastructure to avoid system failures.

There is a public hearing Feb. 3 on the proposed rate increases, which were proposed by Mayor Setti Warren.

Greg Reibman, president of the Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce, said stormwater runoff was a significant concern but described the size of the proposed fee increase as "too much, too soon."

A few of the city's largest commercial and nonprofit property owners — particularly the colleges and shopping centers — could see their total stormwater bills increase by tens of thousands of dollars.

Boston College's bill would increase from \$19,150 to \$38,900 and Lasell College's bill would jump from \$7,425 to \$22,000.

But Crossley pointed out the increase would represent a small percentage of the total water-sewer-stormwater bills of these large property owners. BC, for example, pays more than \$2.3 million annually for such services, according to 2014 data.

"Lasell College enjoys a strong relationship with the City of Newton and supports the city's desire to upgrade its water and sewer infrastructure," the school said in a statement. "The College looks forward to an open dialogue with city officials, the Chamber of Commerce and other higher education partners as a new stormwater fee structure is finalized."

Property owners that have installed on-site stormwater management systems would be eligible for a fee reduction of up to 25 percent.

Several other large property owners either declined or did not respond to requests for comment.

The city raised rates last year from \$25 to \$75 for residential properties and from \$150 to \$200 for commercial properties. This is expected to increase revenues by around \$1 million this year.

Stormwater revenues would be increase even further to around \$2.5 million next year with the newly proposed changes, up from a projected \$1.7 million this fiscal year.

Ward 7 Councilor at-large Ruthanne Fuller said the proposed changes were an attempt at making the fee scheme more fair.

"We had already increased stormwater rates on both residential and non-residential but we were particularly concerned and struck by the fact that a small barber shop and a large mall were both paying ... the same stormwater rate," Fuller said.

Half of all non-residential properties have less than 10,000 square feet of impervious surface area and would be charged \$250, \$500 or \$750 annually.

Only 15 percent of parcels have enough impervious surface to trigger a payment of more than \$1,500.



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Conservation in Newton: The Conservation Commission

By Jennifer Steel



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Newton Conservation Areas from left to right: Flowed Meadow, Helen Heyn Riverway and Dolan Pond

This story doesn't have a villain bent on destroying a kingdom or a fair maiden in distress, but the story of the evolution of Massachusetts's conservation commissions is an interesting, though an admittedly slow-paced, tale that has unfolded over the past six decades. Commissions have evolved over the years and are now bodies with broad regulatory powers that are a key element in the Commonwealth's framework of protective laws and programs. Indeed, Massachusetts has been at the cutting edge of environmental protection and has engaged its citizens in a rather unique way.

The Commonwealth invented the municipal conservation commission in 1957 with passage of the Conservation Commission Act (MGL Ch. 40 §8C), which authorized each city and town in Massachusetts to establish a locally appointed municipal agency "for the promotion and development of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town." Specifically, conservation commissions are charged with (1) planning for natural resource protection, (2) coordinating with other groups with similar goals, (3) acquiring important land and water areas (in fee or through restrictions), and (4) managing these properties (to "maintain, improve, protect,

limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces in land and water areas within its city or town."

Conservation commissions are made up of volunteer citizens. Some commissions have multiple paid professional staff; some do not have any clerical assistance. Newton has a commission with 7 appointed members, alternate members, and one professional staff member. Newton's Conservation Office is part of the Planning Department (located in the basement level of City Hall). Newton's Senior Environmental Planner, Jennifer Steel, serves as staff to the Conservation Commission and can be reached at (617) 796-1134 or at jsteel@newtonma.gov.

The Newton Conservation Commission meets every three weeks on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm, usually in Room 204 of City Hall. Conservation Commission meeting dates, agendas, and materials are all available on the Newton Conservation Commission website. At its meetings, the Commission reviews and votes on wetland permit applications, issues of land management, and administrative issues. The Commission welcomes guests and interested members of the public to its meetings.

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Current Newton Conservation Commission members are

- Ira Wallach, Chairman
- Susan Lunin, Vice Chair
- Judy Hepburn, Clerk
- Dan Green
- Norm Richardson
- Jane Sender
- Barbara Newman
- Jeff Zabel, Associate Member

Planning

The Newton Conservation Office plays a lead role in creating and updating the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan (see below).

Land Management

Under MGL Chapter 40, Section 8C, "The Conservation Commission Act," conservation commissions can acquire and manage land. It is up to a land donor or the City at the time of acquisition to determine which City body should be given custody of the parcel. Natural land with watershed or ecological value is usually given to the care and custody of a conservation commission while more managed or manicured lands are usually given to a parks department. Sometimes, however, conservation commissions have custody of land with buildings, parking lots, roads, and other "improvements", and parks departments have custody of natural open spaces.

The Newton Conservation Commission currently controls 20 conservation areas totaling over 280 acres. It is responsible for managing these lands for ecological health and/or passive recreation. Fourteen of the parcels have trails that are open to the public, with a total of over 9.5 miles of trails. Locations of the parcels and individual parcel maps are available on the Conservation Commission's website. Residents are encouraged to explore these natural gems that are scattered across Newton. You will be surprised just how quickly the pace of urban life slips away as you enter one of these wooded gems; you may soon forget that traffic, work deadlines, or home stresses exist as you watch the stream dance along, listen to the wind in the trees, watch a chickadee enter its nest cavity, or smell the rich sweetness of new growth bursting forth from the brown leaves of last year.

Wetland Regulation

In 1972, as the municipal focal point for environmental protection, conservation commissions were given



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Kennard Park

responsibility for administering the state Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Ch. 131 §40). The Wetland's Protection Act is Mass DEP's law, implemented almost exclusively by local conservation commissions. Conservation commissions' role in community government expanded enormously as they suddenly became a major permitting authority, responsible for a very complex set of environmental regulations. (This was, to be sure, a huge unfunded mandate, but it gave each municipality the opportunity to take charge of its own development and natural resource protection!) Conservation commissions' wetland regulatory responsibilities have continued to grow with the addition of new laws and regulations, such as the Rivers Protection Act and stormwater permitting requirements. Now, any work that would alter vegetation, grading, structures, or drainage within 100 feet of a wetland or within 200 feet of a perennial stream must be permitted by a conservation commission—regardless of whether it is on public or private land. Under the Wetlands Protection Act, commissions across the state process thousands of applications every year. Newton processes roughly 40 wetland applications per year, then monitors those projects through to completion. (The Newton Conservation Commission website has lots of information about wetland regulation and permitting and has links to useful maps showing estimated wetland resource areas.)

In 1966, Article 89 of the state Constitution, known as the Home Rule Amendment, was adopted. It allowed cities and towns to adopt laws "not in direct conflict with the General Laws of the state." It is the source of the power of communities to create charters, but it is principally used to adopt bylaws and ordinances. Under Article 89, many commissions have local non-zoning bylaws or ordinances protecting wetlands, well-heads, land. As of 2012, 30% of Massachusetts's 351 communities had adopted wetlands bylaws or ordinances. Newton has a floodplain ordinance, but no other wetland protection ordinance.

Community Preservation Committee

For municipalities that have adopted the Community Preservation Act structure, conservation commissions' obligations expanded yet again since conservation commissions must have representation on their Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and consult over proposed projects. Commissions sometimes end up with land management responsibility for newly acquired lands. Newton has an active CPC.

The Conservation Commission: Conclusion

So, Massachusetts really puts its citizens in the driver's seat (albeit without funding or prior training!) and entrusts them to administer a very powerful set of environmental laws and regulations. Conservation commissioners need to embrace a very steep learning curve to understand the hundreds of pages of regulations that they must administer, and they must engage in land protection and management (and the inherently politically complex job of resource regulation and allocation!).

The Newton Conservation Office

The Senior Environmental Planner, as part of the Planning Department, undertakes a number of other efforts on behalf of Newton.

- **Advocating for expanded and improved trails.** For example, the Senior Environmental Planner is trying to capitalize on trail opportunities on state Department of Conservation and Recreation land along the Charles River.
- **Assisting with the planning for enhancements to the city's stormwater management system.** The Senior Environmental Planner is part of the City's planning team. Since so much of our wetland areas have been filled and so many of our streams have been piped, there is limited opportunity for stormwater to get into the soil, be cleaned by nature, recharge our rivers during dry periods, and mitigate flooding episodes. Hopefully planning efforts will allow for long-term improvements to the system.
- **Undertaking public education.** The Senior Environmental Planner is creating fliers, web information, and public presentations to help residents understand the opportunities for and benefits of things such as green lawn care, rain gardens, tree preservation, use of native species in landscaping, and low impact development strategies.
- **Coordinating with local conservation organizations.** There are many organizations in the

area dedicated to issues of conservation. The Senior Environmental Planner coordinates with groups such as: the Newton Conservators, "Friends of ..." groups, the Charles River Watershed Association, and the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation.

- **Holding conservation restrictions.** The Newton Conservation Commission "holds" many conservation restrictions (CRs) on privately owned open space that has been deed restricted to remain open space in perpetuity. The Senior Environmental Planner helps maintain the database of CRs.
- **Overseeing the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP).** A planning mandate was one of the primary reasons for the creation of conservation commissions, long before wetlands regulation began. In this planning capacity, the Senior Environmental Planner helped update the 2014 OSRP.

Conclusion

With all of these obligations, the Conservation Office is a very busy place but a truly wonderful one, where planning and regulation meet real-life development projects, where individuals can help to shape the way in which the City grows, where every encounter is an opportunity for education and engagement, and where I, for one, am always reminded of the most important things in life: the health of this planet, an educated and engaged citizenry, and the opportunities for kids to enjoy the wonders of nature... right outside their homes. ■

Do you have a few hours to devote to a good cause each week?

Would you like to learn more about Newton's conservation lands?

As you can tell by reading her article, Jennifer Steel, the Senior Environmental Planner for Newton and city staff member for the Conservation Commission, oversees many tasks. She is looking for an assistant to help her with administrative tasks for several hours (or more) each week.

Some of the tasks can be done from home, and others require going to the office in City Hall.

For more information, call Jennifer at 617-796-1134 or write to her at jsteel@newtonma.gov.



Newton's 12th Semi-Annual

Sunday May 17 8am-2pm **Spring Cleanout Swap Day**

New: Newton Residents Exclusive 8-11am!

DROPOFF & PICKUP FOR NEWTON RESIDENTS ONLY, 8 – 11am
NON-NEWTON RESIDENTS CAN JOIN THE PICKUP AT 11am-2pm

Swapping and Donating...bring along useful but unwanted belongings for swapping or donating. Bring your stuff, or just come along & pick something up - for free!

- Computers - Appliances - Bicycles - Books
- Household items and non-upholstered furniture (**No mattresses or couches**)
- REUSABLE building materials (cabinets, doors, plumbing and light fixtures, lumber, drywall, etc.)
- NO computer monitors, NO televisions, NO hazardous materials
- Pretty much anything, so long as it is usable, non-toxic, non-hazardous - and clean!

Recycling and Reuse...bring along any of the following and the City of Newton will make sure that they are recycled, re-used, given to charity or disposed of safely.

- Fluorescent bulbs and other mercury-containing items
- Cell phones, all printer cartridges, CDs, DVDs
- Clothing
- Paper, cardboard, glass, metal, stiff plastic bottles (#1 - 7)
- Dead rechargeable batteries



When: Sunday, May 17th, 2015 8:00AM - 2:00 PM (**item dropoff until 1 PM**)
Where: Rumford Avenue Recycling Depot (off Lexington Street in Auburndale)
Website: <http://www.newtonrecycles.com>

If you cannot make it to the event, please visit
<http://www.2good2waste.com/newton/>
a free website to swap and trade stuff!

Clear Out Clutter without adding to the waste Stream!



Only Newton Residents may drop off and take items 8-11am
Anyone may take items 11am-2pm

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Spring Cleanout Swap Day

Sunday May 17th 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Drop off & Pick up for Newton Residents Only 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Non-Newton Residents can join the Pick up from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more detailed information CLICK for Brochure: [swapdayflyer15.pdf](#)



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Sunday April 26, 2015

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NewtonSERVES—A Day of Community Service is the kickoff for NewtonSERVES Volun5teer Week. Mayor Setti D. Warren is encouraging religious organizations, schools and non-profits to identify service projects that need volunteers. He is also asking citizens, businesses and civic organizations to volunteer and make a difference in the community.

There are lots of ways that you can volunteer including: donating food to the local food pantries, delivering meals to a sick neighbor or friend, tutoring a child, picking up litter in your neighborhood, donating blood at your local Red Cross, or volunteering on Sunday April 26 for the Day of Community Service.

VOLUNTEER: [Register online](#)

WHAT is NewtonSERVES?

NewtonSERVES is a Day of Community Service that brings together over 1,000 volunteers of all ages to complete more than 50 community projects for the benefit of numerous non-profit organizations and City of Newton departments. Volunteers work in teams on morning, afternoon or all day projects throughout the city, such as cleaning up parks, planting gardens, building and painting school bookshelves, spring cleaning at non-profit organizations and helping senior citizens. By enhancing the City of Newton's sense of community, NewtonSERVES helps to foster a culture of year-round volunteerism.

WHO can participate?

- Individuals • Families
- Students (ages 8 and up)
- Young Adults • Senior Citizens

