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**Annual Report Number
& Reporting Period:** April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012

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

Part I. General Information

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Printed Name: Robert E. Grover

Title: Director, Department of Public Works

Date: 4/24/12

Part II. Self-Assessment

The Town of Stoneham has completed the required self-assessment and has determined that our municipality is in compliance with all permit conditions.

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 – Future
1-5	Promote Water Conservation Practices for Homeowners	Department of Public Works	Spring '03 – Winter '11/'12 - Post water conservation posters at Town Hall and the public library. - Include water conservation bill inserts with the water bill. - Issue an annual press release to the <i>Stoneham Independent</i> and <i>Stoneham Sun</i> to promote water conservation.	Educational materials were available at the DPW office, library, and Town Hall. Low-flow showerheads were available to residents at no cost.	TBD
1-6	Develop a Press Release and Flyer Targeting Community Businesses	Department of Public Works	Fall '05/'07 - Issue the press release to the <i>Stoneham Independent</i> and <i>Stoneham Sun</i> and track whether it was published. - Submit copies of the informational flyers to the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce (SCC). - Post the informational flyer on the Town's website.	No action planned for permit year 9.	TBD

1a. Additions

1-7	Develop a Stormwater Brochure for General Public	Department of Public Works	Summer '05 – Winter '11/'12 Develop and issue a brochure educating the public on ways to prevent pollution in stormwater runoff.	The DPW made the EPA brochure "After the Storm – A Citizen's Guide to Understanding Stormwater" available to the public at the DPW, the Town Hall and the library.	TBD
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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 – Future
2-1	Public Access to SWMP and Receipt of Comments	Department of Public Works Library Director	Fall '03 – Winter '11/'12 • Make draft SWMP available to the public for the review and comment period. • Finalize SWMP. • Make the final SWMP accessible to the public at the public library and Town's website. Spring '04/'05/'06/'07/'08/'09/'10/'11 • Prepare an annual report. • Annually send a press release advertising the public comment period and the status of the Town's SWMP to the <i>Stoneham Independent</i> and <i>Stoneham Sun</i> and track whether it was published. • Advertise the public comment period on the public cable access channel. • Receive comments on the annual report. • Submit an annual report to both the Environmental Protection Agency and MA Department of Environmental Protection. Spring '03 – Winter '11/'12 • Post advertisement offering assistance with local cleanup activities on the Town's website and within the <i>Stoneham Independent</i> and <i>Stoneham Sun</i>. • Track the number of cleanup activities that the DPW assists annually. • Track the number of cleanup participants at these activities. • Track which areas of Town are cleaned by these activities. • Track the quantity of waste collected as a result of these cleanup activities.	A copy of the Storm Water Management Program continues to be available at the DPW, the Library, and the Town Clerk's office.	To be determined based on issuance and review of proposed NPDES General Permits for MS4 stormwater discharges in Massachusetts. (TBD)
2-2	Public Access to Annual Report and Receipt of Comment	Department of Public Works		The Annual Report for Permit Year 8 was completed and submitted in 2011. The annual reports are available at the DPW office.	TBD
2-3	Provide Assistance to Local Cleanup Activities	Department of Public Works		An advertisement offering assistance with local cleanup activities was placed in the <i>Stoneham Independent</i> and <i>Stoneham Sun</i>. During Permit Year 9 several community groups cleaned up public grounds. Additionally, some local court ordered community service obligations are met through cleanup activities under the DPW. The DPW provides personnel trucks, bags, rakes and gloves to groups performing cleanup activities.	TBD

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2-4	Provide Assistance to Storm Drain Stenciling Activities	Department of Public Works	Spring '04 – Winter '11/'12 - Post advertisement offering assistance with storm drain stenciling activities on the Town's website and within the <i>Stoneham Independent</i> and <i>Stoneham Sun</i>. - Track the number of drains stenciled each year. - Track the number of participants each year.	Eagle Scouts stenciled storm drains throughout the Town during permit year 7. The stenciling has begun to fade; no stenciling activity occurred in permit year 9. Re-stenciling will be included for public participation activities during 2012.	To be determined based on issuance and review of proposed NPDES General Permits for MS4 stormwater discharges in Massachusetts. (TBD) The Town will apply for a grant for metal disks to be epoxied to granite curbing headers.

2a. Additions

No additions to report at this time.

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 – Future
3-1	Field Verify Outfall Locations	Department of Public Works	Spring '04 – Winter '11/'12 - Develop a schedule for outfall verification and outfall identification activities. - Perform and track the outfall verification and outfall identification activities as scheduled. - Continuously update the storm drainage system map as new or corrected information is added.	The DPW routinely visits the outfalls as part of the inspection and maintenance program. Inspection and maintenance activities were recorded in a logbook. The DPW updates the storm drainage system as new or corrected information is added. Each outfall was labeled with a permanent plate.	To be determined based on issuance and review of proposed NPDES General Permits for MS4 stormwater discharges in Massachusetts. (TBD)
3-2	Development and Adoption of a Stormwater Bylaw	Planning Board Stoneham Conservation Commission Department of Public Works Building Department Department of Public Works	Winter '04/'05 – Winter '11/'12 - Draft the Stormwater Bylaw, which will address (1) illicit discharges, (2) erosion and sedimentation from construction activities, and (3) stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects. - Present Stormwater Bylaw to Town Meeting for adoption. - Post Stormwater Bylaw on Town's website. - Track the number of enforcement actions taken.	Rules and regulations regarding the use of storm drains in the Town of Stoneham were adopted by the Stoneham Stormwater Board effective July 1, 2010. These rules and regulations are available on the Town's website and are being enforced.	TBD
3-3	Implement an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan	Department of Public Works	Winter '04/'05 – Winter '11/'12 - Develop an IDDEP. - Conduct dry-weather field screening of outfalls and track the number of surveys indicating a possible illicit connection. - Trace the source of potential illicit discharges. - Track the number of illicit connections found. - Track the number of illicit connections repaired/replaced. - Report on the success of obtaining alternative funding to assist in illicit connection removal.	The DPW continually monitors its open brooks for gray water and, when found, works to identify the source. The DPW has a contract with Malcolm Pirnie and is working with the EPA regarding a Clean Water Act Administrative Order. Stoneham coordinates with Todd Borci at the EPA's Office of Environmental Stewardship on compliance with the Administrative Order.	TBD
3-4	Conduct Infiltration/Inflow Removal from Sanitary Sewer	Department of Public Works	Spring '03 – Winter '11/'12 - Perform I/I investigations of the sanitary sewer system and track the results. - Perform capital improvement projects to remove I/I.	The DPW continues to propose and perform projects associated with I/I removal. These capital improvement projects remove I/I through manhole sealing, pipe rehabilitation, pipe replacement and grouting. For permit year 9, \$350k was spent on manhole sealing and spot repairs.	TBD

3a. Additions

No additions to report at this time.

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 – Future
3-2	Development and Adoption of a Stormwater Bylaw			See Section 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination	To be determined based on issuance and review of proposed NPDES General Permits for MS4 stormwater discharges in Massachusetts. (TBD)
4-1	Develop a Site Inspection Form and Conduct Site Inspections	Department of Public Works	Spring '05 – Winter '11/'12 - Develop an ESC Site Inspection Form that reflects the ESC requirements. - Track the frequency of inspections conducted for each site. - Track the completion of inspection forms. - Track the number of failed ESC BMPs discovered on each site.	As part of the stormwater rules and regulations, a Stormwater Board was created to promulgate, adopt, implement, enforce, and amend stormwater regulations. The Conservation Agent is a member of the Stormwater Board. Site ESC will be consistent with the requirements in Conservation Commission jurisdictional area.	TBD
4-2	Develop and Implement a Citizen Tip Line	Department of Public Works	Fall '05 – Winter '11/'12 - Establish the Citizen Tip Line. - Advertise the Citizen Tip Line. - Track the number of complaints received via the Citizen Tip Line. - Track the problems/incidents remedied as a result of the Citizen Tip Line.	Residents currently contact the DPW during working hours and the police during non-working hours when stormwater related problems/incidents occur. Residents can also notify the DPW through the Town's website. The DPW maintains a computerized complaint log in which complaints are tracked by category. These practices are being done in lieu of a Citizen Tip Line.	TBD

4a. Additions

No additions to report at this time.

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

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3-2	Development and Adoption of a Stormwater Bylaw			See Section 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination	To be determined based on issuance and review of proposed NPDES General Permits for MS4 stormwater discharges in Massachusetts. (TBD)

5a. Additions

No additions to report at this time.

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 – Future
6-1	Develop a Formal Training Program for DPW Staff	Department of Public Works	Fall '05 – Winter '11/'12 - Develop the DPW employee training manual. - Conduct training sessions with all current employees. - Train all new DPW employees in accordance with the training program requirements. - Track the number of employees trained. - Conduct refresher training for employees after every two years of employment. Spring '03 – Winter '11/'12 - Clean all catch basins on an annual basis. - Document annual cleaning activities and keep all records through the permit term.	DPW staff received hands-on training for stormwater best management practices.	To be determined based on issuance and review of proposed NPDES General Permits for MS4 stormwater discharges in Massachusetts. (TBD)
6-2	Catch Basin Cleaning Program	Department of Public Works	Spring '03 – Winter '11/'12 - Clean all catch basins on an annual basis. - Document annual cleaning activities and keep all records through the permit term.	The DPW completed the annual catch basin cleaning program as scheduled. The DPW attempted to track sources of illegal material in catch basins where identified.	TBD
6-3	Parking Lot and Street Sweeping Program	Department of Public Works	Spring '03 – Winter '11/'12 - Track the streets and lots that are swept each year. - Maintain a log of the disposed materials	The DPW completed the annual parking lot and street sweeping program as scheduled.	TBD
6-4	Develop a Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Policy	Department of Public Works	Fall '05 – Winter '11/'12 Develop and implement a Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Policy and incorporate policy requirements into the DPW employee-training program.	The DPW enforced the Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Policy. DPW employees received hands-on training for this policy.	TBD
6-5	Develop a Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning Policy	Department of Public Works Fire Department Police Department	Fall '05 – Winter '11/'12 - Develop and implement a Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning Policy. - Place policy in the DPW employee-training manual and provide to the Town's Police Department and Fire Department. - Review MADEP's vehicle rinsing policy when issued and develop a plan to come into compliance with it.	The DPW enforced the Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning Policy. DPW employees received hands-on training for this policy.	TBD
6-6	Develop a Landscaping and Lawn Care Policy	Department of Public Works	Spring '05 – Winter '11/'12 - Develop and implement a Landscaping and Lawn Care Policy. - Place policy in the DPW employee-training manual. - Educate landscaping/lawn care service companies retained by the Town on this policy.	The Town required that no pesticides and only organic fertilizers be used on Town property. This policy was written into the contracts for the landscaping/lawn care service companies employed by the Town.	TBD

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6-7	Maintenance of Trash Racks and Outfalls	Department of Public Works	Fall '05 – Winter '11/'12 - Develop an inspection and maintenance plan for the trash racks and outfalls. - Educate DPW employees on the proper inspection and maintenance of the trash racks and outfalls. - Maintain records of inspection and maintenance activities.	The DPW inspected the outfalls before and after heavy rainstorms. When heavy rainstorms deposited a large amount of debris at the Town's drainage outfalls and inlets, the DPW removed this material and properly disposed of it. In addition, at the larger outfalls, silt was cleaned out once a year as part of routine maintenance. The inspection and maintenance activities were recorded in a logbook.	TBD
6-8	Maintenance of the Detention Basins at Stoneham Public Schools	Stoneham School Department	Spring '04 – Winter '11/'12 - Develop a maintenance plan for the detention basins at the elementary schools. - Educate school department staff on the proper maintenance of the detention basins. - Maintain records of maintenance activities.	The detention basins were maintained by the school department.	TBD

6a. Additions

No additions to report at this time.

7. BMPs for Meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waste Load Allocations (WLA)

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7a. Additions

7b. WLA Assessment

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

As part of the Town of Stoneham's Clean Water Act Administrative Order from EPA, dry-weather sampling was conducted at various locations throughout the collection system in 2010. These dry-weather sampling results (provided in the January 2011 Semi-Annual Compliance Report) are included in this annual stormwater report as the next two pages. Additionally, wet-weather sampling was conducted at various outfalls during 2011. These wet-weather sampling results (provided in the January 2012 Semi-Annual Compliance Report) are included in this annual stormwater report following the dry-weather sampling results.