

Year 3 Annual Report
Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit
New Permittees
Reporting Period: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Please DO NOT attach any documents to this form. Instead, attach all requested documents to an email when submitting the form

Unless otherwise noted, all fields are required to be filled out. If a field is left blank, it will be assumed the requirement or task has not been completed. Please ONLY report on activities between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 unless otherwise requested.

Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization:

EPA NPDES Permit Number:

Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information

Name: Title:

Street Address Line 1:

Street Address Line 2:

City: State: Zip Code:

Email: Phone Number:

Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (web address):

Date SWMP was Last Updated:

If the SWMP is not available on the web please provide the physical address:

Part II: Self-Assessment

First, in the box below, select the impairment(s) and/or TMDL(s) that are applicable to your MS4.

<u>Impairment(s)</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bacteria/Pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chloride
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nitrogen
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Phosphorus
<u>TMDL(s)</u>			
<i>In State:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assabet River Phosphorus	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bacteria and Pathogen	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles River Watershed Phosphorus	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lake and Pond Phosphorus	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Out of State:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bacteria/Pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nitrogen	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phosphorus	
<input type="button" value="Clear Impairments and TMDLs"/>			

Next, check off all requirements below that have been completed. **By checking each box you are certifying that you have completed that permit requirement fully.** If you have not completed a requirement leave the box unchecked. Additional information will be requested in later sections.

Year 3 Requirements

- IDDE ordinance or other regulatory mechanism complete and adopted
- Construction/ Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) ordinance or other regulatory mechanism complete and adopted
- Post-construction bylaw, ordinance, or other regulatory mechanism complete and adopted
- Developed written procedures for site inspections and enforcement of sediment and erosion control measures
- Developed written procedures for site plan review
- Kept a log of catch basins cleaned and inspected

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above, provide any additional information, and/or if any of the above year 3 requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

Most of the items listed above are part of our approved SW bylaw or regulations. Working on getting written procedures for site inspections and site plan review.

Annual Requirements

- Provided an opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP and complied with State Public Notice Requirements
- Kept records relating to the permit available for 5 years and made available to the public
- Properly stored and disposed of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they did not discharge to receiving waters

- All curbed roadways were swept at least once within the reporting period

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above, provide any additional information, and/or if any of the above annual requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

Public participation in any town/public event very limited or non-existent due to pandemic. Some info available on line.

Bacteria/ Pathogens (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)

Annual Requirements

*Public Education and Outreach**

- Annual message was distributed encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- Permittee or its agents disseminated educational material to dog owners at the time of issuance or renewal of dog license, or other appropriate time
- Provided information to owners of septic systems about proper maintenance in any catchment that discharges to a water body impaired for bacteria

** Public education messages can be combined with other public education requirements as applicable (see Appendix H and F for more information)*

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

Optional: Use the box below to provide any additional information you would like to share as part of your self-assessment:

Part III: Receiving Waters/Impaired Waters/TMDL

Have you made any changes to your lists of receiving waters, outfalls, or impairments since the NOI was submitted? Make sure you are referring to the most recent EPA approved Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List which can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-impaired-waters-and-303d-lists-state>

- Yes
 No

If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:

Part IV: Minimum Control Measures

Part IV includes some of the metrics that will be required in upcoming annual reports. For this annual report, please report on MCM1 and MCM2 and any other metrics below that have an asterisk (*), along with any other metrics that you have started within this reporting period. Other than the metrics with an asterisk, the rest of the metrics are optional for new permittees. Then, proceed to Part V.

*MCM1: Public Education

Number of educational messages completed **during this reporting period:**

Below, report on the educational messages completed **during this reporting period**. For the measurable goal(s) please describe the method/measures used to assess the overall effectiveness of the educational program.

BMP:[Message name here]

Message Description and Distribution Method:

SW Brochure given out (very limited due to pandemic restrictions)

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Limited distribution of educational materials due to pandemic restrictions; no public events

Message Date(s):

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements Appendix H Requirements

Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes No

If yes, describe why the change was made:

*MCM2: Public Participation

Describe the opportunity provided for public involvement in the development of the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) **during this reporting period:**

None due to COVID restrictions; no public gatherings/meetings

Was this opportunity different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes No

Describe any other public involvement or participation opportunities conducted **during this reporting period:**

Opportunities different due to pandemic and no public events

MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Check off the box below if the statement is true.

This SSO section is NOT applicable because we DO NOT have sanitary sewer

*Below, report on the number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed **during this reporting period.***

Number of SSOs identified:

Number of SSOs removed:

*Below, report on the total number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed to date. At a minimum, report SSOs identified **since the effective date of the permit (July 1, 2018).***

Total number of SSOs identified:

Total number of SSOs removed:

MS4 System Mapping

Below, check all that apply.

The following elements of the Phase I map have been completed:

- Outfalls and receiving waters
- Open channel conveyances
- Interconnections
- Municipally-owned stormwater treatment structures
- Waterbodies identified by name and indication of all use impairments

Initial catchment delineations

Describe any additional progress you made on your map during this reporting period or provide additional status information regarding your map:

Continuing to conduct research to identify SW treatment structures in homeowner association developments. Developed draft form for use in research. Determine type of maintenance required and incorporate these in the town's Phase I map.

Screening of Outfalls/Interconnections

If conducted, please submit any outfall monitoring results from this reporting period. Outfall monitoring results should include the date, outfall/interconnection identifier, location, weather conditions at time of sampling, precipitation in previous 48 hours, field screening parameter results, and results from all analyses. Please also include the updated inventory and ranking of outfalls/interconnections based on monitoring results.

- No outfalls were inspected
- The outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- The outfall screening data can be found at the following website:

No outfalls were inspected, no data attached. Clicked outfall screening in error and couldn't correct the error.

*Below, report on the number of outfalls/interconnections screened **during this reporting period**.*

Number of outfalls screened:

*Below, report on the percent of outfalls/interconnections screened **to date**.*

Percent of outfalls screened:

Optional: Provide additional information regarding your outfall/interconnection screening:

Not done because students at Bristol County Agricultural High School who do these inspections for the town were in/out of school due to COVID.

Catchment Investigations

*If conducted, please submit all data collected **during this reporting period** as part of the dry and wet weather investigations. Also include the presence or absence of System Vulnerability Factors for each catchment.*

- No catchment investigations were conducted
- The catchment investigation data is attached to the email submission
- The catchment investigation data can be found at the following website:

*Below, report on the number of catchment investigations completed **during this reporting period**.*

Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period:

*Below, report on the percent of catchments investigated **to date**.*

Percent of total catchments investigated:

Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding the catchment investigations below:

No NEW catchment investigations. Percent previously identified same at 100%.

IDDE Progress

If illicit discharges were found, please submit a document describing work conducted over this reporting period, and cumulative to date, including location source; description of the discharge; method of discovery; date of discovery; and date of elimination, mitigation, or enforcement OR planned corrective measures and schedule of removal.

- No illicit discharges were found
- The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission
- The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following website:

*Below, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed, along with the volume of sewage removed **during this reporting period.***

Number of illicit discharges identified:

Number of illicit discharges removed:

Estimated volume of sewage removed: gallons/day

*Below, report on the total number of illicit discharges identified and removed to date. At a minimum, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed **since the effective date of the permit (July 1, 2018).***

Total number of illicit discharges identified:

Total number of illicit discharges removed:

Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding illicit discharges identified, removed, or planned to be removed below:

Employee Training

Describe the frequency and type of employee training if conducted **during this reporting period:**

Regular OJT for all employees annually plus additional training for new hires.

*Below, report on the construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions completed **during this reporting period.***

Number of site plan reviews completed: 32

Number of inspections completed: 35

Number of enforcement actions taken: 5

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions:

Also, SWC conducted 4 site visits and a pre-construction meeting at various sites.

MCM5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

As-built Drawings

Describe the status of the measures the MS4 has utilized to require the submission of as-built drawings and ensure long term operation and maintenance of completed construction sites:

We require as-built drawings; SW inspection reports during construction. Once completed, yearly inspection reports must be submitted by the owner/operator to the SW Committee.

Street Design and Parking Lots Report

Describe the status of the street design and parking lots assessment including any planned or completed changes to local regulations and guidelines:

Scheduled as part of the town's bylaw review including SW, planning board, and zoning board bylaws.

Green Infrastructure Report

Describe the status of the green infrastructure report including the findings and progress towards making the practice allowable:

Not presently done. Will be part of overall bylaws/regulation review.

Retrofit Properties Inventory

Describe the status of the inventory of permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas and report on any properties that have been modified or retrofitted:

Minor retrofits as needed. More work will be done as we continue inventorying past housing projects and subdivisions.

MCM6: Good Housekeeping

***Catch Basin Cleaning**

Describe the status of the catch basin cleaning optimization plan:

Optimization plan = FY22 catch basin cleaning and disposal of sump sediment will be contracted.

If complete, attach the catch basin cleaning optimization plan or the schedule to gather information to develop the optimization plan:

- The catch basin cleaning optimization plan or schedule is attached to the email submission
- The catch basin cleaning optimization plan or schedule can be found at the following website:

Please disregard the bullet above. Clicked on it in error and I could not remove it.

*Below, report on the number of catch basins inspected and cleaned, along with the total volume of material removed from the catch basins **during this reporting period**.*

Number of catch basins inspected:

Number of catch basins cleaned:

Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins:

Below, report on the total number of catch basins in the MS4 system, if known.

Total number of catch basins:

If applicable:

Report on the actions taken if a catch basin sump is more than 50% full during two consecutive routine inspections/cleaning events:

***Street Sweeping**

Describe the status of the written procedures for sweeping streets and municipal-owned lots:

Written procedures not completed, but in process. Will be completed before 06/30/2022.

Report on street sweeping completed *during this reporting period* using one of the three metrics below.

- Number of miles cleaned:
- Volume of material removed:
- Weight of material removed:

If applicable:

For rural uncurbed roadways with no catch basins, describe the progress of the inspection, documentation, and targeted sweeping plan:

O&M Procedures and Inventory of Permittee-Owned Properties

Below, check all that apply.

The following permittee-owned properties have been inventoried:

- Parks and open spaces
- Buildings and facilities
- Vehicles and equipment

The following O&M procedures for permittee-owned properties have been completed:

- Parks and open spaces
- Buildings and facilities
- Vehicles and equipment

Winter Road Maintenance

Describe the status of the written procedures for winter road maintenance including the storage of salt and sand:

Written procedures not completed, but in process. Will be completed before 06/30/2022.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Describe the status of any SWPPP for permittee-owned or operated facilities including maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater:

SWPPP is in draft form. Has not been approved by SWC.

*Below, report on the number of site inspections for facilities that require a SWPPP completed **during this reporting period.***

Number of site inspections completed:

Describe any corrective actions taken at a facility with a SWPPP:

Bristol County Agricultural H.S. - clean basins, empty silt socks, sweep street, add more rip rap. (Large construction project ongoing).

Borego Solar Farm (Phase I) Install more rip rap at construction entrance.

Brook Street Solar - Sweep street, add additional erosion control measures

O&M Procedures for Stormwater Treatment Structures

Describe the status of the written procedure for stormwater treatment structure maintenance:

Working on this; will continue to completion.

Part V: Additional Information

***Monitoring or Study Results**

Results from any other stormwater or receiving water quality monitoring or studies conducted during the reporting period not otherwise mentioned above, where the data is being used to inform permit compliance or permit effectiveness must be attached.

- Not applicable
- The results from additional reports or studies are attached to the email submission
- The results from additional reports or studies can be found at the following website(s):

If such monitoring or studies were conducted on your behalf or if monitoring or studies conducted by other entities were reported to you, a brief description of the type of information gathered or received shall be described below:

Additional Information

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to your stormwater management program implementation during the reporting period. Include any BMP modifications made by the MS4 if not already discussed above:

Over the reporting period, we had three, 100+ lot subdivisions in various stages of proposal which is 10% of our current housing inventory plus three large solar projects that took up so much time that we did not have adequate time to make BMP modifications. In addition, a proposed development of condo units in Taunton that will abut the Segreganset River required untold hours of research and engineering services to support our concerns about the effects of such construction on the water quality of the river, the wells on the Dighton side of the river that provide approximately 45% of the drinking water for the Dighton Water District, the lack of notification to the town as an abutter to the proposed project, and blasting that took place. The Town of Somerset was a party of interest to the proceedings because it also has water rights to and draws water from the Segreganset River. Dighton attended three meetings of the Taunton Conservation Commission that required more research and engineering work which led to the successful resolution of concerns. New plans were drawn and the total number of buildings was reduced from seven to six, and the units reduced from twenty-one to eighteen. Enhanced pollution control measures were included in the new plans. Since no advance notice was provided, this project caused Dighton to take immediate action to prevent pollution of the river and protect its water supply and water rights. We continue to monitor the construction of the new North Campus and renovation of the South Campus of the Bristol County Agricultural High School, the largest construction project this town has seen in many years. We also continue to respond to all complaints about runoff, dumping, and other concerns from residents.

Dighton's Stormwater Management Program is the responsibility of the Board of Health (BOH). The Stormwater Committee (SWC) is a seven-member subcommittee under the BOH, appointed by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) that is made up of the following: Representative for BOS, Supt. of Streets, Building Commissioner, BOH Chairman, Planning Board Chairman, Conservation Commission Chairman, and Stormwater Agent. As needed, the following individuals are called on for assistance: Town Administrator,

Fire Chief, Police Chief, Conservation Agent. The BOH Office Manager provides administrative support. All meetings are publicly posted. Regular monthly meeting is third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p. m. and are held in the Old Town Hall. Site visits and special meetings/hearings are scheduled as needed. Most meetings are video recorded and posted to You Tube. Official minutes are posted to the town's website under the BOH.

COVID-19 Impacts

Optional: If any of the above year 3 requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

Our part-time stormwater agent was assigned COVID contact tracing duties which resulted in less time to spend on stormwater issues during the height of the pandemic. He had to attend meetings of the Pandemic Task Force. From the onset of the pandemic and continuing, all gatherings of the SWC were/are held both in person and via ZOOM to accommodate public participation and attendance by developers, engineers, biologists, etc. The SWC continues to work within the directives of the governor and the MA Dept. of Public Health. Remote meetings via ZOOM were held out of necessity. However, in looking back during that time, they were inefficient; way too many meetings. It almost seemed that because of the availability of ZOOM and people working remotely, too much time was spent in ZOOM meetings; time that could have been used more beneficially on other matters.

***Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period**

Please confirm that your SWMP has been, or will be, updated to comply with all applicable permit requirements including but not limited to the year 4 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree

- Identify and develop inventory of all known locations where SSOs have discharged to the MS4 in the last 5 years
- Identify each outfall and interconnection discharging from MS4, classify into the relevant category, and priority rank each catchment for investigation
- Develop written IDDE plan including a procedure for screening and sampling outfalls
- Develop written procedures to require the submission of as-built drawings and ensure the long term operation and maintenance of completed construction sites and add these procedures to the SWMP
- Develop written operations and maintenance procedures for parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment and added these procedures to the SWMP
- Develop an inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment and added this inventory to the SWMP
- Complete a written program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- Develop written SWPPPs, included in the SWMP, for all of the following permittee owned or operated facilities: maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater
- Enclose or cover storage piles of salt or piles containing salt used for deicing or other purposes

Annual Requirements

- Annual report submitted and available to the public
- Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- Keep records relating to the permit available for 5 years and make available to the public
- Properly store and dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they do not discharge to

receiving waters

- Continue public education and outreach program
- Sweep all curbed roadways at least once within the reporting period
- Provide training within the reporting period to employees involved in IDDE program
- Clean catch basins in accordance with catch basin cleaning procedures to ensure that no catch basin is greater than 50% full

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 4 below:

1. Informational mailing to residents and businesses as part of the education program
2. Info booths at two public events
3. Revision of stormwater bylaw and regulations working with Audubon and local boards
4. Work with SRPEDD, towns of Somerset and Swansea on hazard mitigation due to climate change (torrential rains, hurricanes, etc.)

*Part VI: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2021

40 CFR 144.32(d) Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Name:

Title:

Signature: Digitally signed by Nancy J. Goulart
Date: 2021.09.26 14:20:45 -04'00'

Date:

[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]