

**Year 4 Annual Report**  
**Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit**  
**Reporting Period: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022**

*\*\*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, 2021 and June 30, 2022 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. 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>

<b>Impairment(s)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/> Chloride	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen	<input type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus
<input type="checkbox"/> Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals			
<b>TMDL(s)</b>			
<i>In State:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Assabet River Phosphorus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bacteria and Pathogen	<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Cod Nitrogen
	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles River Watershed Phosphorus	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake and Pond Phosphorus	
<i>Out of State:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/> Metals	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen
			<input type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus
			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 4 Requirements

- Developed a report assessing current street design and parking lot guidelines and other local
  - requirements within the municipality that affect the creation of impervious cover, made it available as part of the SWMP, and:
    - No updates were recommended
    - Updates were recommended. The anticipated date or date of completion for updates is/was:
 

Fall 2024

- Developed a report assessing local regulations to determine the feasibility of making green
  - infrastructure practices allowable when appropriate site conditions exist, made it available as part of the SWMP, and:
    - No updates were recommended
    - Updates were recommended. The anticipated date or date of completion for updates is/was:
 

Fall 2024

- Identified a minimum of 5 permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious cover

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

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
- The SSO inventory has been updated, including the status of mitigation and corrective measures implemented
  - This is not applicable because we do not have sanitary sewer
  - This is not applicable because we did not find any new SSOs
  - The updated SSO inventory is attached to the email submission
  - The updated SSO inventory can be found at the following website:
- Updated system map due in year 2 as necessary
- Provided training to employees involved in IDDE program within the reporting period
- 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
- Enclosed all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities
- Updated inventory of all permittee owned facilities as necessary
- O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities have been completed and updated as necessary
- Implemented all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- Implemented program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- Inspected all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)

*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:

Town-owned stormwater treatment structures are routinely inspected and maintained as needed. The town is working to implement a system for tracking inspection and maintenance activities.

**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:

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*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?

- Yes  
 No

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

The list of regulated outfalls has been updated since the NOI was submitted to reflect updates to the stormwater system mapping. The most recent list of regulated outfalls is included in the Stormwater Management Plan.

## Part IV: Minimum Control Measures

Please fill out all of the metrics below. If applicable, include in the description who completed the task if completed by a third party.

### 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:Pet Waste Brochure**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Pet waste brochures were made available to residents in Rockport. The brochures were distributed and displayed for residents to take at the Town Hall. The brochures included the importance of picking up dog waste, that can cause a health threat to water quality with high levels of E. Coli bacteria that can wash into storm drains and waterways.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Approximately 250 brochures were distributed to residents during the reporting period.

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:

#### **BMP:Social Media Post**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

The Rockport DPW posted a septic system maintenance message on the Town's website and posted on the Town's Facebook page.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

The message was released on multiple platforms to reach the maximum number of residents possible.

Message Date(s): FY22

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:

**BMP:Stormwater Brochure**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

A double-sided brochure was sent out to residents and businesses. The brochure provided best management practices to reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and enhancing landscape through the use of rain gardens.

Targeted Audience: Residents and Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties: Department of Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Approximately 3,114 brochures were mailed to residents and businesses with their water bills.

Message Date(s): The mailing date was 5/6/2022

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:

Add an Educational Message

**MCM2: Public Participation**

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

The town continues to maintain a copy of the Stormwater Management Plan on the town's website and is open to receiving comment and feedback from residents on the documents. In addition, draft bylaw updates were posted for public review and comment during the reporting period, including updates to the stormwater

bylaws.

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:**

During Permit Year 4, the Rockport DPW utilized Facebook and the Town's website to provide resources to residents relating to pet waste management, water usage, and septic system maintenance. While the Town did not hold its annual Earth Day cleanup, resources were provided to residents to encourage them to participate individually. The Town's annual household hazardous waste collection day occurred on June 11, 2022.

### **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:

#### **MS4 System Mapping**

*Optional:* Provide additional status information regarding your map:

Town-wide drainage mapping meets Phase I requirements. In addition, manholes, catch basins and pipes have been mapped and are included in the system map. Connectivity and additional structures are updated and/or added as additional information becomes available.

#### **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:

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:

All regulated outfalls were previously screened during dry-weather in Permit Year 3. Wet-weather screening of outfalls has not yet been completed.

### **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:

Catchment investigations are scheduled to begin during Permit Year 5.

### **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 conducted **during this reporting period:**

Training materials were distributed to appropriate Town personnel to review in June 2022 related to IDDE, Best Management Practices for pollution and good housekeeping that will reduce pollutant runoff. Training materials related to SWPPPs were also provided to appropriate personnel at each SWPPP facility for review.

### **MCM4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

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

Number of site plan reviews completed:

Number of inspections completed:

Number of enforcement actions taken:

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

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

#### **Ordinance or Regulatory Mechanism**

Date update was completed (due in year 3):

### **As-built Drawings**

*Below, report on the number of as-built drawings received during this reporting period.*

Number of as-built drawings received:

*Optional:* Enter any additional information relevant to the submission of as-built drawings:

### **Retrofit Properties Inventory**

Below, list the permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas (at least 5):

The permittee-owned properties are Rockport Town Hall, Rockport Public Library, Rockport Elementary School, Rockport Fire Department, Rockport Water Filtration Plant and Department of Public Works, Stockholm Avenue, and Curtis Street.

## **MCM6: Good Housekeeping**

### **Catch Basin Cleaning**

*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.*

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:

Catch basins are periodically inspected each year and cleaned as needed. Data collected annually from catch basin cleaning will be utilized to identify those catch basins that are filling up more frequently and will

therefore need to be cleaned more frequently to ensure that the catch basin sump is never more than 50% full.

**Street Sweeping**

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

- Number of miles cleaned:
- Volume of material removed:  [Select Units]
- Weight of material removed:  [Select Units]

**Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**

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:

**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:

Final adoption of post-construction regulatory mechanisms continues to be in progress. Regulatory update language was drafted in Permit Year 2. As a result of ongoing town efforts to update town-wide bylaw language, the post-construction language was combined with the town-wide effort in Permit Year 3. Draft bylaw updates were posted for public review and comment during Permit Year 4, but was not able to be incorporated into the Town Meeting agenda during this permit year. It is the intent to include bylaw updates in the Spring 2023 Town Meeting for final vote and adoption.

The Town continues to collect and track catch basin inspection and cleaning data in order to develop and implement a formal Catch Basin Cleaning and Optimization Plan. Electronic forms are being used in the data collection effort which will help historical tracking when developing the formal plan.

Due to a changeover in town staff, only one quarterly SWPPP inspection was able to be performed for each site. Moving forward, a defined plan has been established with the addition of new staff to perform SWPPP inspections at each site quarterly.

### **COVID-19 Impacts**

*Optional:* If any of the above year 4 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:

As described above, final adoption of post-construction regulatory mechanisms remains in progress. COVID-19 has continued to pose challenges with the convening of committees involved with the town-wide bylaw updating process.

### **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 5 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree

#### **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
- Annual training to employees involved in IDDE program
- Update inventory of all known locations where SSOs have discharged to the MS4
- Continue public education and outreach program
- Update outfall and interconnection inventory and priority ranking and include data collected in connection with the dry weather screening and other relevant inspections conducted

- Implement IDDE program
- Review site plans of construction sites as part of the construction stormwater runoff control program
- Conduct site inspection of construction sites as necessary
- Inspect and maintain stormwater treatment structures
- Log catch basins cleaned or inspected
- Sweep all curbed streets at least annually
- Continue investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities
- Review inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment; update if necessary
- Review O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities; update if necessary
- Implement all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- Implement program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- Enclose all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- Review as-built drawings for new and redevelopment to ensure compliance with post construction bylaws, regulations, or regulatory mechanism consistent with permit requirements
- Inspect all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)
- Identify additional permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious areas so that the permittee maintains a minimum of 5 sites in their inventory, until such a time when the permittee has less than 5 sites remaining

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 5 below:

In addition to the requirements listed above, the town intend to pursue final adoption of post-construction regulatory mechanisms at the spring Town Meeting. Also, while the town has not identified any problem catchments, it is the intent to begin catchment investigations beginning with high priority catchments as identified.

## Part V: 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:

Date:

*[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]*