

Year 5 Annual Report
Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit
Reporting Period: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

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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, 2022 and June 30, 2023 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 (publicly available 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>

Impairment(s)

Bacteria/Pathogens Chloride Nitrogen Phosphorus
 Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals

TMDL(s)

In State:

Assabet River Phosphorus Bacteria and Pathogen Cape Cod Nitrogen
 Charles River Watershed Phosphorus Lake and Pond Phosphorus

Out of State:

Bacteria/Pathogens Metals Nitrogen Phosphorus

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.

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 publicly available website:

<https://www.rockportma.gov/department-public-works/utilities/pages/rockport-npdes-phase-ii-stormwater-management-program>
- 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:

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
 - This is not applicable because there are no septic systems present

** 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?

- 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. There have been no impairment changes since the NOI was submitted.

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: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 enhance landscaping through the use of rain gardens.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Approximately 3,000 brochures were mailed to residents and businesses with their water bills.

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: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 and posted on the DPW's Facebook page. 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):

Brochures were made available at the Town Hall and posted on the DPW's Facebook page.

Message Date(s): FY23

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:Reducing Lawn Watering Flyer

Message Description and Distribution Method:

A single-sided flyer was sent on August 1, 2023 with all water and sewer bills. The flyer highlights the importance of using water wisely and give tips on how to use less water when watering lawns.

Targeted Audience: Residents and Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties: Department of Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Approximately 3,000 flyers were mailed to residents and businesses with their water and sewer bills.

Message Date(s): August 1, 2023

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:Rain Barrel Program Flyer

Message Description and Distribution Method:

A double-sided flyer was mailed to residents and businesses with their quarterly water and sewer bill. The flyer highlights the benefits of buying a rain barrel. The flyer also provides information on how to purchase a rain barrel.

Targeted Audience: Residents and Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties: Department of Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Approximately 3,000 flyers were mailed to residents and businesses with their water and sewer bills.

Message Date(s): January 2023

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:Reducing Water Usage Flyer

Message Description and Distribution Method:

A flyer was mailed to residents and businesses with their second quarterly water and sewer bill. The flyer gives tips on how to reduce water usage, especially in the summer.

Targeted Audience: Residents and Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties: Department of Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Approximately 3,000 flyers were mailed to residents and businesses with their water and sewer bills.

Message Date(s): April 2023

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:Septic Tank Maintenance Facebook Post

Message Description and Distribution Method:

A social media post was posted on Rockport's DPW Facebook page that lists maintenance requirements for septic systems. The post includes a link to MassDEP's recommendations for maintaining a septic system.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Department of Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

The message was posted on Rockport DPW's Facebook page.

Message Date(s): June 28, 2023

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:Proper Pet Waste Disposal Web Page

Message Description and Distribution Method:

The Town created a web page that outlines the importance of picking up dog waste and properly disposing of it. This web page is on the Town's website with dog licensing information.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Department of Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

The web page is viewed when pet owners apply for a dog license online.

Message Date(s): FY23

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.

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 5, Rockport joined Greenscapes North Shore Coalition, an organization that works with Massachusetts communities to promote and protect landscapes for clean and plentiful water. The Greenscapes Coalition has given Rockport access to professionally developed educational handouts, informational videos, presentations, and social media resources to share about water-related topics, including stormwater management. On February 28, 2023, Greenscapes conducted a "Keeping Water Clean" educational day for fifth graders at Rockport Middle School.

On September 21, 2022, December 10, 2022, and June 24, 2023 an event for waste oil, car batteries, and antifreeze was held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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 above referenced outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- The above referenced outfall screening data can be found at the following publicly available 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 publicly available 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 6.

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 publicly available 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:**

IDDE and SWPPP training at the Water Filtration Plant, Wastewater Treatment Facility, and Transfer Station was held on June 13, 2023.

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):

Website of ordinance or regulatory mechanism:

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:

Street Design and Parking Lots Report

Below, describe any changes made or planned to be made to local regulations and guidelines based on the report completed in Year 4:

No changes have been made during Permit Year 5.

Green Infrastructure Report

Below, describe progress towards making green infrastructure practices allowable based on the report completed in Year 4:

No changes have been made during Permit Year 5.

Retrofit Properties Inventory

Below, list remaining permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas (must maintain a minimum of 5 sites in inventory until less than 5 sites remain):

The permitted-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.

Below, list all properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area that were inventoried as part of 2.3.6.d of the permit. Non-MS4 owned properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area may also be listed, but must be indicated as non-MS4.

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:

Weight of material removed:

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:

Three total site inspections were performed, one at each facility that requires a SWPPP, on June 29, 2023.

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 publicly available 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. If any of the above year 5 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:

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.

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 6 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 6 below:

The Town has developed supporting Stormwater Rules and Regulations that will be adopted during Permit Year 6.

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Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2023

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]