

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

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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, 2020 and June 30, 2021 unless otherwise requested.

Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization: Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System Jamaica Plain Campus

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR042010

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (web address): <https://www.boston.va.gov/about/index.asp>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: 08/12/2021

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

A Boston Healthcare System-Jamaica Plain, 150 South Huntington Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.
SWMP is posted on VA website. VA does not post management documents on external websites.

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)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloride	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals			
TMDL(s)			
<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
<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

- Inspected and screened all outfalls/interconnections (excluding Problem and Excluded outfalls)
- Updated outfall/interconnection priority ranking based on the information collected during the dry weather inspections as necessary
- Post-construction bylaw, ordinance, or other regulatory mechanism was updated and adopted consistent with permit requirements

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

- Properly stored and disposed of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they did not discharge to receiving waters
- Provided training to employees involved in IDDE program within the reporting period
- All curbed roadways were swept at least once within the reporting period
- Updated system map due in year 2 as necessary
- 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, 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:

Unable to conduct facility IDDE training to involved employees due to COVID-19 Operations and restrictions. O&M programs are currently being developed and will be completed by the end of 2021. Maintenance procedures will be included in O&M program SOP's. (Although O&M program SOP's are currently being developed. The following is being conducted annually. Winter Road Maintenance, Catch Basin Cleanings, Street Sweeping, Leaf Litter Collection & Recycling.)

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:

N/A

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Annual Requirements

Public Education and Outreach

- Included an annual message in November/ December to private road salt applicators and commercial
- industrial site owners on the proper storage and application rates of winter deicing material, along with the steps that can be taken to minimize salt use and protect local waterbodies

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:

N/A

Phosphorus (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)

Annual Requirements

*Public Education and Outreach**

- Distributed an annual message in the spring (April/May) encouraging the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encouraging the proper use of slow-release and phosphorus-free fertilizers
- Distributed an annual message in the summer (June/July) encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- Distributed an annual message in the fall (August/September/October) encouraging the proper disposal of leaf litter

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

Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations

- Increased street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots subject to Permit part 2.3.7.a.iii.(c) to a minimum of two times per year (spring and fall)

Potential structural BMPs

- Any structural BMPs already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents was tracked and the phosphorus removal by the BMP was estimated consistent with Attachment 3 to Appendix F. The BMP type, total area treated by the BMP, the design storage volume of the BMP and the estimated phosphorus removed in mass per year by the BMP were documented.
- The BMP information is attached to the email submission
 - The BMP information can be found at the following website:

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:

We have not increased street sweeping to two times a year as we have minimal tree cover in our parking lots & a small grounds crew who currently spot clean areas of high travel or excess debris. Sweeping was included in the new SOP. A Phosphorous Plan to incorporate new filtration in Parking Lots 1 & 9 is in development. Expected in December 2021, JP VA will add a filtration system to Lot #2 as part of the construction for the new JP Research Imaging Center.

Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or Metals

Annual Requirements

Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations

- Increased street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots to a schedule that targets areas with potential for high pollutant loads
- Prioritized inspection and maintenance for catch basins to ensure that no sump shall be more than 50 percent full; Cleaned catch basins more frequently if inspection and maintenance activities indicated excessive sediment or debris loadings
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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:

The VA Boston Health Care System is working on standardizing & collecting the information as how to determine if a catch basin is more than 50% full. In JP we have cleaned catch basins that we note have excessive sediment or debris loadings.

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

We introduced the language of street sweeping into our official VABHS JP Engineering Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Grounds Maintenance.

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:

N/A

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:[Proper Management of Pet Waste]

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Annual message encouraging and education on the proper management of pet waste; Dissemination of educational materials to dog owners. Message was included in the GEMS quarterly September 2020 and March 2021 newsletter disseminated to VABHS Jamaica Plain employees.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Dissemination of educational messaging related to applicable bacteria/pathogen impacts within permit time frames and frequencies. No visible pet waste present on grounds or within MS4 infrastructure.

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:

Public participation & education was not in person due to Covid protocol. Earth Day group activities occurred as virtual trainings & on-line notices continued.

BMP:[Phosphorous Info]

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Discussed prevention of clogging storm drains, and awareness of phosphorous loading & algal blooms.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Distributed education & outreach messages in accordance with the permit schedule.

Message Date(s): Mar 25th, 2021 newsletter

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:[Salt Use in Winter]

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Winter newsletter described the uses and varying levels of ice melts (salts & chlorides). As part of SPCC & storm water training for grounds staff we include the proper containment for ice melt & salt reserves on campus/

Targeted Audience: Grounds/Engineering/ staff for home use

Responsible Department/Parties: Grounds/Engineering

Measurable Goal(s):

We included an annual message in November/ December to our road salt applicators on the proper storage and application rates of winter deicing material in verbal tests as part of our annual training.

Message Date(s): December 2020 newsletter

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:**

Due to COVID-19 Operations, SWMP development feedback from various VA personnel involved in activities that relate to MS4 operations was conducted through video sessions such as MS Teams, WebEx, and Zoom meetings. All were related to construction inspections, Project Management engagement, conversations with leadership, and review of local, state, and federal regulatory initiatives and environmental conditions.

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:**

None were conducted due to COVID-19 Operations and restrictions.

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:

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:

Interconnection screening was conducted on June 16, 2020. All interconnections were screened and observed to be dry. There are no outfalls located on VA JP property and storm water discharging from the campus to BWSC's MS4 through interconnections ultimately discharges via outfalls to the Muddy River. Conducted wet weather outfall/interconnection screening and sampling procedures within Permit year 3 time frame.

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:

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:

N/A

Employee Training

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

Annual Training was administered in conjunction with SPCC training once a year. Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing Requirements video conferencing/MS Teams training was used in-place of person-to-person training. All new employees received training during New Employee Orientation via MS Teams.

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:

As part of the environmental audit we identified that soils from a large pile located on our VABHS JP Research Imaging Center had migrated beyond the fence into the state of Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority property. We had the contractors place additional barriers around the base of the soil pile & added hay bales as a barrier against the property line & fencing. The contractors excavated those released soils & returned them to the pile. A measure for prevention, the contractors did place construction fabric in the catch basin

drains to stop any soil & sediment migration into the storm drains. We continue to monitor these areas.

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

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:

N/A

Street Design and Parking Lots Report

Describe the status of the street design and parking lots assessment due in year 4 of the permit term, including any planned or completed changes to local regulations and guidelines:

No progress has been made during year 3.

Green Infrastructure Report

Describe the status of the green infrastructure report due in year 4 of the permit term, including the findings and progress towards making the practice allowable:

The VA BHS JP is currently reviewing the requirements of this report and assessing all construction projects scheduled for design over this time period for compliance with this requirement. Although this requirement is not applicable to non-traditional MS4s, this facility is considering practices such as green roofs, rain gardens, etc. to potentially be implemented as part of Section 438 EISA requirements in new/redevelopment areas

Retrofit Properties Inventory

Describe the status of the inventory, due in year 4 of the permit term, 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:

This inventory has not yet begun.

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:

No catch basin sumps were observed to be more than 50% full during two consecutive routine inspection/cleaning events. 7/17/21 we collected 1.5 yards of sediment & debris.

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:

Weekly reviews of the construction dumpsters demonstrate periodic cleaning needed around those dumpsters to limit any trash or debris from being loose and available to storm water drains. The construction contractors had two occasions where construction erosion control could be improved. raining was provided and the areas were mitigated to clean the areas around their dumpsters. During inclement weather, in our work agreements, contractors are directed to cover their waste dumpsters. After storms, the VA inspected areas to find materials loose in the parking lots and contractors were asked & did pick up & consolidate their waste appropriately. GEMS also monitors the facilities dumpsters and compactors and suggests when areas are need for cleaning. We also monitor the hydraulic lines for the compacting dumpster to limit any loose oil. We asked the vendor on two occasions to marry the lines when hauling away the dumpster to limit any spills and trained staff to

monitor this best management practices.

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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:

Annual Training. Attempted to conduct Video conferencing/MS Teams training. Due to the Hospitals COVID-19 Operations and the number of Teleworker employees.

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

- Develop a report assessing current street design and parking lot guidelines and other local requirements within the municipality that affect the creation of impervious cover
- Develop a report assessing existing local regulations to determine the feasibility of making green infrastructure practices allowable when appropriate site conditions exist
- Identify a minimum of 5 permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious areas

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)

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

N/A

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:

John Hughes

Title:

Lead GEMS Program Manager

Signature:

John D. Hughes
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