

Year 6 Annual Report

Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit

Reporting Period: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

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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, 2023 and June 30, 2024 unless otherwise requested.

Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization: Town of Stoughton

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR041063

Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (publicly available web address): <https://www.stoughton.org/506/Stormwater-Information>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: August 2024

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

N/A

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

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.

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:

- ☒ Updated system map due in year 10 with information from completed catchment investigations
☒ 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:

Catchment investigations are to continue in Year 7.

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:

Pamphlets for septic maintenance were handed out to new owners upon issuance of permit.

Nitrogen (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) that encourages the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encourages the proper use of slow-release 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)

Structural BMPs

- ☒ Installed a structural BMP as a demonstration project within the drainage area of the water quality limited water or its tributaries. The type of BMP installed is (*e.g. biofiltration*):

New BMPs have been installed at the Fire Station which includes grassed swales w/check dams, subsurface chambers and catch basins with silt prisms.

Any structural BMPs listed in Attachment 3 to Appendix F already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents was tracked and the nitrogen 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 nitrogen removed in mass per year by the BMP were documented.

- ☐ No BMPs were installed
- ☒ The above referenced BMP information is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The above referenced BMP information can be found at the following publicly available website:

Total estimated nitrogen removed in lbs/year from the installed BMPs: 1,307.05

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:

Stormwater BMP improvements are currently under design. DPW improvements have been designed and are currently in permitting. Funding for these improvements are being sought at the Spring 2024 Town meeting. BMP improvements at the Cedar Hill Golf Course are currently under design. BMPs at the elementary schools are being re-evaluated, as part of a Town-wide school re-districting study.

Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or MetalsAnnual 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
- ☒ The street sweeping schedule is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The street sweeping schedule can be found at the following publicly available website:

- ☒ 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

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:

The Town of Stoughton has participated in a Stormwater Technical Committee organized by UNH. Topics discussed in these technical sessions include BMP maintenance and Phosphorus Removal and credits.

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:

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: 1 - Maintain Educational Website

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Maintained a comprehensive educational website to serve the Neponset Stormwater Partnership service area as a primary resource for key information for all four target audiences

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Achieve at least 500 unique site visits every year.

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:2 - Operate Stormwater Hotline

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Operated a regional “stormwater hotline” to field questions and problem reports regarding stormwater from across the region. Reports were collected via a website form, email submissions to stormwater@neponset.org, and phone calls to 781-575-0354 x 300. Responses to reports included answers to questions, additional information or follow up investigation, and/or referral of inquiries/reports to the appropriate municipalities. Anonymity of inquiries was maintained as requested.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Provide immediate answers to inquiries generated by regionalized outreach activities.

Message Date(s): Ongoing

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: 3 - Distribute Pet Waste Information with Dog Licenses

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Educational “rack cards” regarding proper pet waste disposal were printed and provided to town clerks’ offices in member towns to distribute with dog licenses, either in person or via mail. The number of rack cards distributed correlated to the number of dogs licensed per town to ensure all dog owners received the information. In towns where online renewal is available, online graphics that link to the pet waste page of the NSP website were provided.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Participation by 100% of Town Clerks to reach 80% of dog owners annually with pet waste management information. Over the 5-year permit period achieve a reduction in the number of pet waste bags found when cleaning catch basins in the member communities that track this information.

Message Date(s): November 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: 4 - Summer Pet Waste Campaign

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Prepared and published an educational campaign concerning the proper disposal of pet waste. The campaign was distributed both as individual social media posts through the Neponset River Watershed Association’s Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) accounts and as a single paid Facebook/Instagram advertisement which ran for the month of July in certain areas. Member communities were invited to further distribute the message using whatever methods were available to them. The Town of Stoughton reshared the

social media post on the Stoughton Recreation Department Facebook page.

Targeted Audience: Residents, Business, and Industry

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach at least 1,000 people in the NSP region through social media.

Message Date(s): July 5 through July 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: 5 - Fall Leaf Campaign

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Prepared and published educational campaign concerning the proper disposal of leaf litter and yard waste. The campaign was distributed both as individual social media posts through the Neponset River Watershed Association's Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) accounts and as a single paid Facebook/Instagram advertisement which ran in October 2023 in certain areas. Member communities were invited to further distribute the message using whatever methods were available to them.

Additionally, physical flyers with similar information were printed and hung in each member community's Library, Recreation Department, Town Hall, and Council on Aging. Where community boards weren't available in certain locations additional flyers were given to the Board of Health or Conservation Commissions. Two separate flyers were distributed based on yard waste pick-up availability for City/Towns.

Targeted Audience: Residents, Businesses, Industry

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach to at least 1,000 people in the NSP region through social media.

Message Date(s): October 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:6 - Spring Fertilizer and Grass Clipping Campaign

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Prepared and published educational campaign concerning the proper use of fertilizer and treatment of grass clippings. The campaign was distributed both as individual social media posts through the Neponset River Watershed Association's Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) accounts and as a single paid Facebook/Instagram advertisement which ran in April 2024 in certain areas. Member communities were invited to further distribute the message using whatever methods were available to them.

Additionally, physical flyers with similar information were printed and hung in each member community's Library, Recreation Department, Town Hall, and Council on Aging. Where community boards weren't available in certain locations additional flyers were given to the Board of Health or Conservation Commissions. Last, a press release was sent out on May 2, 2024.

Targeted Audience: Residents, Businesses, Industry

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach to at least 1,000 people in the NSP region through social media.

Message Date(s): April 2024

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: 7 - Outreach to Septic System Owners

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Prepared and published educational information about proper use and maintenance of septic systems. The information was distributed through NepRWA's Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) accounts. Six posts were designed to coordinate with the U.S. EPA's SepticSmart Week in the month of September 2023 and included EPA-developed graphics and language that were translated in both English and Spanish.

Additionally, individual letters were sent to new homeowners with septic systems with an informational rack card mirroring the social media messaging.

Targeted Audience: Residents and Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach at least 100 people in the NSP region.

Message Date(s): September 13, 2023 - September 22, 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:8 - Education about Best Practices for Deicing

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Prepared and published educational message concerning the best practices for deicing during the winter. The message was distributed as an individual social media post through NepRWA's Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) accounts. Member communities were invited to further distribute the message using whatever methods were available to them.

Targeted Audience: Residents and Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach to at least 1,000 people in the NSP region through social media.

Message Date(s): December 7, 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: 9 - School Outreach Program

Message Description and Distribution Method:

During the 2023-2024 school year, in person lessons took place in grade 5 classrooms. The program focused on drinking water, local water resources, water conservation, stormwater infrastructure, impact of climate change on stormwater and water resources, and stormwater pollution prevention techniques. The curriculum aligned with the MA 5th grade science curriculum standards. Information was presented using a PowerPoint presentation, a groundwater model, an EnviroScape model and additional hands-on activities. New additions to the program for the 2023-2024 school year included a stronger connection between stormwater and climate change and a new interactive water use activity.

The program was delivered at the individual classroom level by a watershed educator over the course of TWO VISITS. Each visit took 45-60 minutes. The educator also provided teachers with followup

materials to share with students and families.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Reach at least 80% of households with 5th grade children in participating communities, and 100% positive feedback from participating classroom teachers.

Message Date(s): September 2023 through June 2024

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: 10 - Regional Education Mailing

Message Description and Distribution Method:

An educational mailing was prepared and distributed to all residential addresses in participating communities (Avon, Canton, Dedham, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Norwood, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Westwood, and Walpole) totaling 90,412 mailing addresses in all. The mailing was a 6.25" X 9" postcard that highlighted general stormwater pollution prevention tips. The mail piece referenced key information on fertilizer, lawn maintenance, methods to reduce stormwater runoff, pet waste management, and septic system maintenance, and referred readers to additional information available at the NSP website and the stormwater hotline.

Targeted Audience: Residents and Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Reach 100% of addresses in participating towns, including those who do not use social media or follow town government communication channels.

Message Date(s): June 2024

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: 11 - Educational Outreach Evaluation

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Conducted a survey distributed through the general mailer (BMP 10) to over 90,412 residents to determine the extent of the public's knowledge regarding stormwater pollution prevention and the impact of the outreach campaigns thus far. The survey also served as an educational opportunity, as information on why a particular answer was correct was revealed after the user submitted their responses. The survey was also advertised via social media channels. The intent is to repeat this survey regularly and monitor results over time

Targeted Audience: Residents, Businesses, Industry

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Produce results to compare future surveys against. In the results, determine the number of respondents who recall seeing previous NSP outreach materials, and quantify the correct responses to basic stormwater pollution prevention questions.

Message Date(s): June 2024

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: 12 - Stormwater Education Presentations**Message Description and Distribution Method:**

Delivered several stormwater-related presentations to various groups of residents. At these events, residents received basic information on stormwater pollution and tips to prevent it around their own residences and places of business. At some presentations, residents were also educated on stormwater utility programs and how they can help to provide the funding needed for stormwater system management, upgrades, and enhancements.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Present pertinent stormwater-related information to gathered groups as the opportunity arises.

Message Date(s): July 2023 - July 2024

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: 13 - Developer/Construction Outreach

Message Description and Distribution Method:

: Prepared and distributed stormwater pollution prevention brochure focused on the developer/construction audience to Building Departments and Conservation Commissions for distribution to permittees or display with online permit applications for projects involving earth work related activities. The brochures include a QR code that links to the NSP website with additional resources including training workshops and digital copies of the brochure.

Additionally, one social media message with similar information was prepared and distributed. The message was distributed as an individual social media post through the Neponset River Watershed Association's Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) accounts. Member communities were invited to further distribute the message using whatever methods were available to them

Targeted Audience: Developers (construction)

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Provide stormwater pollution prevention information to the developer and construction audience who engage in land-disturbing activities in member towns.

Message Date(s): Spring 2024

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: 14 - Industrial Outreach

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Prepared and distributed educational information about stormwater best management practice information to industrial facilities in member towns.

Targeted Audience: Industry

Responsible Department/Parties: Neponset River Watershed Association and the Town of Stoughton

Measurable Goal(s):

Provide industrial land use-focused stormwater pollution prevention information to all industrial properties in participating towns as determined by GIS.

Message Date(s): Spring 2024

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:**

Annual review of the Stormwater Management Plan; posting of plan on website and annual public comment.

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:**

Stoughton participates in various organizations, including MA Statewide Municipal Stormwater Coalition (Statewide Coalition). Think Blue MA fosters regional collaboration on stormwater at the following public events: Metrowest/495 Partnership, Metrowest stormwater round-table hosted by MWRC of MAPC, MMA meeting & trade show, New England Water Environment Association annual conference, MACC annual conference, MA congress of Lake and Pond associations annual workshop, New England public works association spring conference, Ecotarium Earth Day, New England Water Environment Association spring meeting.

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 MappingPercent of Phase II map complete: *Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:*

The Town of Stoughton continues to make improvements to its stormwater geodatabase through digitizing engineering drawings, inventorying new assets, improving the attribute data on existing assets, beginning to refine catchment delineations, and continually improving mapping during all field activities. The Town uses PeopleGIS to host mapping and inspection forms. An increasing amount of staff are using the platform while in the field and conducting inspections. The GIS is regularly improved by the Town's GIS Manager. The Town continues to work on mapping natural stormwater items, including Ditches and Detention Basins.

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:*

No outfall/interconnection screening was conducted in Year 6.

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 to continue in Year 7.

In Year 5, during dry weather conditions, 92 catchments were visited between March 21, 2023, and April 27, 2023. Catchment investigations at 72 catchments were fully completed, initial field investigations were completed at 10 catchments and require additional Town follow up, and catchment investigation at 10 catchments are incomplete and require Town assistance to complete the field work.

Catchment investigations were completed at 48 percent of the Town's outfall-catchments (72 out of 152) to date.

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**:

Annual training was conducted on August 28, 2023 with DPW staff.

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: 13

Number of inspections completed: 0

Number of enforcement actions taken: 0

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): October 19, 2021

Website of ordinance or regulatory mechanism:

<https://stoughton.org/DocumentCenter/View/1283/Stormwater-Regulations-Final---Updated-October-19-2021-PDF>

As-built Drawings

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

Number of as-built drawings received: 13

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:

The Town has not made any changes.

Green Infrastructure Report

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

The Town has not made any changes.

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):

1. DPW Garage
2. Cedar Hill Golf Course
3. Jones Early Childhood Center
4. Dawe Elementary School
5. West Elementary School, Fields & Deborah L. Levitz Playground

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 and the type of BMP(s) implemented. 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:

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:

The Town is currently in the process of designing two new stormwater BMPs at the Public Works facility on Central Street. This project will address stormwater quality and groundwater recharge issues at this facility.

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):

https://www.stoughton.org/DocumentCenter/View/3667/20240605_MVP_Reports

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:

Stoughton Town-wide Drainage Model, Vulnerability Assessment, and Adaptation Strategies to Mitigate Future Flooding: To assess flood risk for the town under present-day and future conditions considering the effects of climate change, a 2D hydraulic and hydrologic (H+H) model was developed. The model was used to predict flooding from extreme precipitation events across a variety of storm return periods, durations, and climate projections, and yielded flood predictions from a highly calibrated model for the entirety of Stoughton.

MVP action plan grant program: Stoughton Town-Wide Culvert Inspections

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.

Year 7

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 7 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree ☒

- Complete investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Complete investigations of catchments where any information gathered on the outfall/interconnection identifies sewer input

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 7 below:

The Town hired a consulting company to complete and help get Stoughton up-to-date on MS4 Permit requirements which include:

- Continued program meetings with the Town to discuss the MS4 program status.
- Continued Stormwater Management Plan updates, documenting progress made annually
- Continued annual training to the Stoughton employees involved in the IDDE program
- Continued IDDE catchment investigations and mapping updates
- Continued IDDE Plan updates
- Continued inspection of the BMP structures throughout the Town.
- BMP design assistance (optional)
- Quarterly SWPPP inspections

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]*