

Year 1 Annual Report
Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit
Reporting Period: May 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

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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.

Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization: Town of Acushnet

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR041085

Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (web address): www.acushnet.ma.us/stormwater

Date SWMP was Last Updated: Sep 10, 2019

If the SWMP is not available on the web please provide the physical address and an explanation of why it is not posted on the web:

Part II: Self Assessment

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

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.

Year 1 Requirements

- ☒ Develop and begin public education and outreach program
☒ Identify and develop inventory of all known locations where SSOs have discharged to the MS4 in the last 5 years
 - ☐ The SSO inventory is attached to the email submission
 - ☒ The SSO inventory can be found at the following website:
www.acushnet.ma.us/stormwater☒ Develop written IDDE plan including a procedure for screening and sampling outfalls
☐ IDDE ordinance complete
☒ Identify each outfall and interconnection discharging from MS4, classify into the relevant category, and priority rank each catchment for investigation
 - ☐ The priority ranking of outfalls/interconnections is attached to the email submission
 - ☒ The priority ranking of outfalls/interconnections can be found at the following website:
www.acushnet.ma.us/stormwater☒ Construction/ Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) ordinance complete
☐ Develop written procedures for site inspections and enforcement of sediment and erosion control measures
☒ Develop written procedures for site plan review
☒ Keep a log of catch basins cleaned or inspected
☐ Complete inspection of all stormwater treatment structures

Annual Requirements

- ☒ Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- ☒ Comply with State Public Notice requirements
- ☒ 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
- ☒ All curbed roadways have been swept a minimum of one time per year

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

Annual Requirements

*Public Education and Outreach**

- ☒ Annual message encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- ☒ Permittee or its agents disseminate educational material to dog owners at the time of issuance or renewal of dog license, or other appropriate time
- ☒ Provide 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)*

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

Annual Requirements

*Public Education and Outreach**

- ☐ Distribute 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
- ☐ Distribute an annual message in the summer (June/July) encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- ☐ Distribute 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

- ☒ Increase 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 listed in Table 3 of Attachment 1 to Appendix H already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents shall be tracked and the permittee shall estimate the

- ☐ nitrogen removal by the BMP consistent with Attachment 1 to Appendix H. Document 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 in each annual report

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

Annual Requirements*Public Education and Outreach**

- ☒ Distribute 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 and phosphorus-free fertilizers
- ☒ Distribute an annual message in the summer (June/July) encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
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Use the box below to input additional details on any unchecked boxes above or 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:

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 the reporting period: 1

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

BMP: [Message name here]

Message Description and Distribution Method:

"Only Rain Down the Drain" - pick up after pets, redirect stormwater to vegetated areas, install rain barrels, use pesticides/fertilizers sparingly, don't overwater and don't fertilize before a rain, wash your car on your lawn, and pour soapy water down the sink.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Conservation Committee and Town Clerk's Office

Measurable Goal(s):

Message was sent out with annual census. The goal was to reach 90% of residents.

Message Date(s): January 2019

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: [Message name here]

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

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:

Add an Educational Message

MCM2: Public Participation

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

Any resident of Acushnet or town employee is welcome to stop into the Conservation Office to comment and/or discuss the stormwater management program. In addition, everyone applying for a building permit must adhere to the stormwater management bylaw and regulations, which explains that stormwater must be treated and illicit discharges are not permitted. In addition, all public meetings where the stormwater management program has been discussed (meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Board of Health or Board of Public Works) are open to the public to attend, comment, or view on cable television. The Stormwater management program has been on the agenda of each of these boards at least once this year.

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

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

MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

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

Number of SSOs identified: 0

Number of SSOs removed: 0

Below, report on the total number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed to date. At a minimum, report SSOs identified since 2013.

Total number of SSOs identified: 0

Total number of SSOs removed: 0

MS4 System Mapping

Describe the status of your MS4 map, including any progress made during the reporting period:

All subdivision plans belonging to the DPW have been scanned into our GIS system, and mapping has been done for much of the town. There are no plans for some of the older areas of town, so we are still working on getting the information on outfalls, flow, and catch basins into our GIS system. We have had a lot of mapping assistance from the Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative and the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program. The current map is displayed on our website.

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.

- ☐ The outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- ☒ The outfall screening data can be found at the following website:

www.acushnet.ma.us/stormwater

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

Number of outfalls screened: 15

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

Percent of total outfalls screened: 12.6%

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.

- ☐ The catchment investigation data is attached to the email submission
- ☒ The catchment investigation data can be found at the following website:

www.acushnet.ma.us/stormwater

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

Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period: 15

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

Percent of total catchments investigated: 12.6%

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.

- ☐ The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission
- ☒ The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following website:

www.acushnet.ma.us/stormwater

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: 0

Number of illicit discharges removed: 0

Estimated volume of sewage removed: 0 [UNITS]

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.

Total number of illicit discharges identified: 0

Total number of illicit discharges removed: 0

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 the reporting period:

All DPW employees get annual training. Employees who work specifically with the water and stormwater systems get an additional ten hours of training per year.

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: 6

Number of inspections completed: 3

Number of enforcement actions taken: 0

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

Ordinance Development

Describe the status of the post-construction ordinance required to be complete in year 2 of the permit term:

We have had a stormwater bylaw and accompanying regulations in place in Acushnet since 2007. We are currently reviewing them for compliance with our MS4 program. They can be seen on our town website.

As-built Drawings

Describe the status of the measures the MS4 has utilized to require the submission of as-built drawings and ensure long term operation and maintenance of completed construction sites required to be complete in year 2 of the permit term:

Any building with a septic system is required by the Board of Health to submit as-built drawings of the project. In addition, all subdivisions are required to submit Operation and Maintenance Plans for all stormwater and drainage features in the project.

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:

The Town of Acushnet has a pavement management plan that considers all roads and parking lots owned by the Town and prioritizes which should be repaved each year. We are working to add the drainage/stormwater information for each road and parking lot to this plan.

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 green infrastructure report has just begun to be considered. We have a consultant (Woodard and Curran) coming to do a presentation to the Planning Board in October. This subject will be part of that presentation.

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:

As of now we have not begun the inventory of permittee-owned properties to modify or retrofit with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas.

MCM6: Good Housekeeping**Catch Basin Cleaning**

Describe the status of the catch basin cleaning optimization plan:

The catch basin cleaning optimization plan is going well. All catch basins are cleaned annually in the followin



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

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

www.acushnet.ma.us/stormwater

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: 1087

Number of catch basins cleaned: 1087

Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins: 150 yards

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

Total number of catch basins: 1087

If applicable:

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

N/A

Street Sweeping

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

Streets are swept every spring and when needed after storms.

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

☐ Number of miles cleaned: 61 miles

☒ Volume of material removed:

☐ Weight of material removed:

[UNITS]

If applicable:

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

Sweeping is completed when needed.

Winter Road Maintenance

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

Salt and sand for winter road maintenance are kept in a dedicated shed in the DPW yard. Plowing and sanding are done as needed according to the DPW Director.

Inventory of Permittee-Owned Properties

Describe the status of the inventory, due in year 2 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties, including parks and open spaces, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment, and include any updates:

Inventory of Town-owned properties has begun and should be finished by year 2.

O&M Procedures for Parks and Open Spaces, Buildings and Facilities, and Vehicles and Equipment

Describe the status of the operation and maintenance procedures, due in year 2 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties (parks and open spaces, buildings and facilities, vehicles and equipment) and include maintenance activities associated with each:

The operation and maintenance procedures of Town-owned properties are under construction and will be reported on in year 2.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Describe the status of any SWPPP, due in year 2 of the permit term, for permittee-owned or operated facilities including maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater:

As of now we have no waste handling facilities except for the DPW yard. The SWPPP is under construction and will be reported on in permit year 2.

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

Number of site inspections completed: N/A

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

N/A

O&M Procedures for Stormwater Treatment Structures

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

Projects that include stormwater treatment structures are required to submit to the Town an operation and maintenance plan for each structure. These are used by the DPW to maintain these structures.

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):

www.acushnet.ma.us/stormwater

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:

The Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative
Healthy Communities Grant Water Quality Data Report

September 2018 by the Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative

Mapping of outfalls in the MS4 area of town was done, subdivision plans were scanned into our GIS system, and testing of some outfalls was done and results analyzed.

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:

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

Yes, I agree ☒

- Complete system mapping Phase I
- Begin investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Develop or modify an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism for post-construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment
- Establish and implement written procedures to require the submission of as-built drawings no later than two years after the completion of construction projects
- Develop, if not already developed, written operations and maintenance procedures
- Develop an inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment; review annually and update as necessary
- Establish a written program detailing the activities and procedures the permittee will implement so that the MS4 infrastructure is maintained in a timely manner
- Develop and implement a written SWPPP for maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater
- Enclose or cover storage piles of salt or piles containing salt used for deicing or other purposes
- Develop, if not already developed, written procedures for sweeping streets and municipal-owned lots
- Develop, if not already developed, written procedures for winter road maintenance including storage of salt and sand
- Develop, if not already developed, a schedule for catch basin cleaning
- Develop, if not already developed, a written procedure for stormwater treatment structure maintenance
- Develop a written catchment investigation procedure (18 months)

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 in the last 5 years
- 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 uncurbed streets at least annually

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 2 below:

Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2019**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.

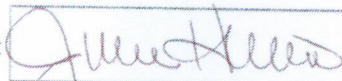
Name:

Julie Hebert

Title:

Interim Town Administrator

Signature:



Date:

9/30/19

[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]