

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 Dracut

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR041194

Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information

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State: MA

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (publicly available web address): <https://www.dracutma.gov/722/Stormwater-Management-Program>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: 6/30/2024

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

Part II: Self-Assessment

First, in the box below, select the impairment(s) and/or TMDL(s) that are applicable to your MS4. Make sure you are referring to the most recent EPA approved Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List which can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-impaired-waters-and-303d-lists-state>

Impairment(s)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Bacteria and Pathogen	<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Cod Nitrogen
	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles River Watershed Phosphorus	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake and Pond Phosphorus	
<i>Out of State:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/> Metals	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen
			<input type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus
			Clear Impairments and TMDLs

Next, check off all requirements below that have been completed. **By checking each box you are certifying that you have completed that permit requirement fully.** If you have not completed a requirement leave the box unchecked. Additional information will be requested in later sections.

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:

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:

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)

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*):

Tree Box - Tally Ho Road project

- ☒ 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.
- ☐ 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 phosphorus removed in **lbs/year** from the installed BMPs: 0

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:

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
- ☒ 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:

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:** 0

*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 Disposal of Dog Waste

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Leave no pile behind! Be sure to clean up after your pet. Clean up your pet's waste, protect our public waters, drinking water supply, and your health!

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Town Clerk's Office

Measurable Goal(s):

1,186 brochures distributed with dog license

Message Date(s): January and is available throughout the year

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:

This BMP was not proposed in the Town's NOI, but it is a practice that has been executed by the Town's Clerk's office.

BMP: Lawn and Leaf Disposal/Compost Dates

Message Description and Distribution Method:

This message describes the dates that the DPW's compost facility was open for lawn, leaf, and brush drop off. These dates also reflect the dates that compost is available to residents for pick up. This message is televised via Dracut Access T.V at the Board of Selectman's Meetings as well as posted on the Town of Dracut's website.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: DPW Operations

Measurable Goal(s):

The compost was open for 34 Saturday's during July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. The compost site is also open

year round for residents Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM-3:00 PM (except on Sundays and Holidays) as long as weather permits.

Message Date(s): 7/25/23, 8/8/23, 8/29/23, 9/12/23, 9/26/23, 10/10/23, 10/24/23, 11/21/23, 12/12/24, 3/26/24, 4/9/24, 4/23/24, 5/14/24, 5/28/24, 6/11/24, 6/25/24

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: Dog Signage and Waste Management Stations

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Pet waste management signage and waste bags are installed in high traffic areas where there is heavy volume for dog walking. There are also waste barrels along the pathways for easy waste disposal.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: DPW Operations

Measurable Goal(s):

2,400 dog waste bags were ordered and installed in stations between July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

Message Date(s): Year round are at the following locations: Monahan Park, Beaver Brook Trail, Veteran's Park, and Dillion McAnespie Park

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:

This activity is a common practice of the DPW staff and operations.

BMP: Dracut's Annual Old Home Day - Coloring Books and Crayons

Message Description and Distribution Method:

The Stormwater Department has a booth at the Dracut Old Home Day event where we provide educational materials to residents and their families through an interactive story coloring book.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: DPW Operations

Measurable Goal(s):

34 coloring Books were distributed

Message Date(s): 9/18/21, 9/10/22, 9/9/23

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:

Old Home Day was an opportunity to talk and distribute educational information

BMP:Dracut's Annual Old Home Day - Pamphlets

Message Description and Distribution Method:

The Stormwater Department has a booth at the Dracut Old Home Day event where we provide education materials to business/commercial property owners on the importance of stormwater management for small businesses, stormwater pollution prevention for industrial sites, and a builders guide to low impact development

Targeted Audience: Businesses, institutions and commercial facilities

Responsible Department/Parties: DPW Operations

Measurable Goal(s):

56 pamphlets were distributed

Message Date(s): 9/18/21, 9/10/22, 9/9/23

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:

Old Home Day was an opportunity to talk and distribute educational information to business owners that hold a booth or attend Old Home Day

Add an Educational Message

MCM2: Public Participation

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

The Stormwater Permitting Authority (SWPA) has held 4 public participation meetings from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 where residents were able to comment on the development of the Stormwater Management

Plan, Standard Operating Procedures, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan, and other working documents.

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

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

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: 0

Number of SSOs removed: 0

MS4 System Mapping

Percent of Phase II map complete: 85

Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:

During Phase I Mapping, information regarding pipe size, pipe material, manholes, catch basins, and sanitary sewer system has been inputted. Topography and orthophotography has been updated in year 6 of the permit through NearMap.

Phase II mapping was completed by a third party engineering consultant. This information will need to be updated from paper copy into ARCGIS and data will need to be reconciled.

Outstanding Phase II system mapping include the completion of the following:

1. Septic System locations are available in paper format, but needs to be imported into the Town's ArcGIS mapping system.
2. refined Catchment delineations.
3. privately owned stormwater treatment structures to be important from as-built plans into the Town's ArcGIS database.

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: 0

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

Percent of outfalls screened: 75

Optional: Provide additional information regarding your outfall/interconnection screening:

No outfalls were screened during this reporting period, however all the outfalls were inspected and screened for during dry weather by year 3 of the permit in addition to the screening completed during Phase II mapping and inspections. Additional IDDE sampling will need to be conducted at outfall locations where dry weather flow was observed.

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: 0

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

Percent of total catchments investigated: 96

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 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: 0

Number of illicit discharges removed: 0

Estimated volume of sewage removed: 0 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: 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 this reporting period:**

Training is provided to all Department of Public Works - Stormwater Department employees once per year and on the field as investigations and inspections occur. IDDE training was conducted in a regional setting on April 16, 2024.

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: 21

Number of inspections completed: 8

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): August 2020

Website of ordinance or regulatory mechanism:

<https://www.dracutma.gov/240/Stormwater-Department>

As-built Drawings

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

Number of as-built drawings received: 0

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

No as-built drawings were submitted for this permit reporting period between July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

Street Design and Parking Lots Report

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

No changes were made to local regulations or guidelines based on the report completed in year 4.

Green Infrastructure Report

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

For all Town projects that are assessed for capital planning, green infrastructure is a practice that is considered for each project.

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. Department of Public Works
2. Beaver Brook Farm
3. Carrick Park
4. Dracut Fire Station
5. Monathan Park
6. Joseph A. Campbell Elementary School

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.

1. Tally Ho Drive was retrofitted and completed in year 6.
2. Design phases has been completed for the retro-fit at Beaver Brook Farm.
3. Long-term planning for DPW retrofit with the landfill recapping is contracted with Weston and Sampson.
4. Joseph A. Campbell Elementary School is being assessed in a school feasibility study where best management practices and mitigation of stormwater runoff, impervious coverage, and stormwater features will be a part of the discussion.

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: 3,204

Number of catch basins cleaned: 1,356

Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins: 33.7 cubic yards

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

Total number of catch basins: 4,111

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: 91 _____ cubic yards
- ☐ 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: 4

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

Additional Information

Monitoring or Study Results

Results from any other stormwater or receiving water quality monitoring or studies conducted during the reporting period not otherwise mentioned above, where the data is being used to inform permit compliance or permit effectiveness must be attached.

- ☒ Not applicable
- ☐ The results from additional reports or studies are attached to the email submission
- ☐ The results from additional reports or studies can be found at the following publicly available website(s): _____

If such monitoring or studies were conducted on your behalf or if monitoring or studies conducted by other entities were reported to you, a brief description of the type of information gathered or received shall be described below:

Additional Information

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:

Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2024

40 CFR 144.32(d) Certification

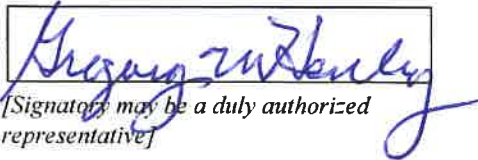
I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage 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:

Gregory M. Hanley

Title: Town Manager

Signature:


[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]

Date:

9/20/2024