



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

FOR

TOWN OF YARMOUTH, MAINE

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview of Regulatory Program

The Town of Yarmouth is subject to the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) which was issued by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with an effective date of July 1, 2022. Because the permit is a Clean Water Act permit, it is limited to a duration of five (5) years and is due to expire on June 30, 2027. However, if the Maine DEP does not issue another Permit by June 30, 2027, the permit will be administratively continued, and the Town may need to update this Stormwater Management Plan to show what activities it will complete during the continued time period.

Communities are regulated under this program when and if they are identified as having “Urbanized Areas” in their municipal boundary. An Urbanized Area is a U.S. Census-defined term, applied to a large area (50,000 people or more) that has a high population density and/or a high percentage of impervious cover (hard scape surfaces like parking lots or buildings). Both of these criteria (high population density and high percentage of impervious cover) cause an area to be at risk for adverse surface water quality impacts from polluted stormwater discharges.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Maine DEP began regulating communities for their stormwater discharges using the Urbanized Area criteria in 2003. The Town of Yarmouth became regulated in 2003 based on the 2000 census.

Once a community becomes regulated by the MS4 General Permit, only the Urbanized Area portions of the town are regulated. As each U.S. Census is published, if the Urbanized Area changes (based on changes to the population or impervious cover), additional areas can be added to the regulated area only after a new MS4 General Permit is issued. Once an Urbanized Area is regulated by the MS4 General Permit, it cannot be removed from regulation, even if a subsequent census identifies it is no longer classified as an Urbanized Area. So, the area regulated by the MS4 General Permit can either grow larger or stay the same size, but it cannot become smaller. Appendix A shows the Urbanized Area that is regulated by the 2022 MS4 General Permit for the town, which is based on the cumulative 2000 and 2010 U.S. Census Urbanized Area data. The 2022 MS4 General Permit specifically does not include any areas identified by the 2020 U.S. Census.

1.2 Cooperation Between Regulated Communities

There are 30 municipalities in the State of Maine that are subject to the 2022 MS4 General Permit. There are also two transportation agencies which are subject to their own MS4 General Permit, and eight state/federal agencies (which are called “nested” MS4s) that are

subject to a third MS4 General Permit. The regulated MS4s (municipal, transportation and state/federal) have a good history of cooperating on a state-wide basis to complete activities required by the General Permit such as public outreach and training as a cost saving measure and to improve the quality of compliance.

The Town of Yarmouth is a member of the Casco Bay Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG), pronounced *izzy-wig*. ISWG is a coalition of 14 MS4 municipalities in the greater Portland and Saco areas (Biddeford, Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Old Orchard Beach, Portland, Saco, Scarborough, South Portland, Westbrook, Windham, and Yarmouth) as well as the Southern Maine Community College and University of Southern Maine which are also regulated as MS4s under a separate permit. This coalition is facilitated by the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, which also assists in completing some of the permit requirements under contract to the coalition.

Similarly, the Bangor area MS4s have formed the Bangor Area Stormwater Working Group (BASWG), the Lewiston-Auburn area MS4s formed the Androscoggin Valley Stormwater Working Group (AVSWG), and the southern-most regulated MS4s formed the Southern Maine Stormwater Working Group (SMSWG). For some public education requirements, all of the stormwater working groups are working cooperatively as identified in this plan.

In implementing the 2022 MS4 General Permit, the Town of Yarmouth relies on the ISWG to complete some requirements, hires a third party-consultant to implement some requirements and implements other requirements using municipal staff. This plan describes which elements will be completed individually, regionally or as a state-wide effort.

1.3 Stormwater Management Plan

Though the MS4 General Permit is a Clean Water Act Permit, it does not specify numeric effluent limitations (concentrations that a stormwater discharge must meet). Instead, the MS4 General Permit specifies narrative effluent limitations, in the form of Minimum Control Measures (MCMs).

Each of the four MS4 General Permits (effective 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2022) have required that the regulated MS4s develop and implement a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP or Plan) to coincide with the effective dates of the General Permit.

This SWMP describes how the Town will implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to meet the six MCMs, set forth in Part IV(C) of the 2022 MS4 General Permit. The six MCMs that are required to be addressed in this Plan are:

- 1 Education/Outreach Program
- 2 Public Involvement and Participation
- 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program
- 4 Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

- 5 Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment
- 6 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The 2022 MS4 General Permit requires that for each MCM, the Town must: define appropriate BMPs; designate a person(s) responsible for implementing each BMP; define a date or timeline with milestones for implementation of each BMP; and define measurable goals for each BMP.

The prior MS4 General Permits also required that the SWMP address these six MCMs, but the specific requirements related to each MCM have changed with each permit. In many instances, the BMPs in this plan expand upon or continue BMPs that were developed under prior General Permits.

In addition to addressing the six (6) Minimum Control Measures, the Town must address several impaired waters requirements. Sections 1.4 and 1.5 describe the water quality status in the Town, and what watersheds are considered to be priorities. Sections 1.6 through 1.9 describe how permit coverage is obtained, how the SWMP is modified (when needed), when public notice is required, and annual reporting requirements.

The Maine DEP will review this Stormwater Management Plan and determine if the Town is controlling pollutants to the “Maximum Extent Practicable”. The term “Maximum Extent Practicable” is defined in the Clean Water Act. The term means available and feasible considering cost, existing technology, and logistics based on the overall purpose of the project. Effectively, the Town is allowed to consider these concepts as they select Best Management Practices (BMPs) to meet permit requirements but the Maine DEP decides if the Town is meeting the “Maximum Extent Practicable” standard.

The SWMP is not an enforceable document, however, some of its elements are enforceable as identified in The Town’s Department Order contained in Appendix B. Some flexibility is built in to the SWMP to allow communities to engage in an adaptive management approach to mitigating or eliminating the discharge of pollutants to and from its regulated small MS4. This allows the Town to adjust the SWMP and BMPs throughout the Permit Cycle if needed based on evaluations of their effectiveness, changing conditions, specific local concerns, or changes in other factors. Some SWMP Modifications require DEP review and approval and public notice. Section 1.6 Obtaining Coverage to Discharge, and Section 1.8 SWMP Modifications describe the requirements associated with modifying a SWMP.

1.4 Water Quality and Discharges to Impaired Waters

The 2022 MS4 General Permit contains the following requirements for discharges to waters that are not meeting their fishable and swimmable standards (a.k.a. impaired waters):

- (1) If the waterbody to which a point source discharge drains is impaired and has an EPA approved total maximum daily load (TMDL), then the SWMP must propose

clear, specific and measurable actions to comply with the TMDL waste load allocation (“WLA”) and any implementation plan. The GP does not authorize a direct discharge that is inconsistent with the WLA of an approved TMDL. This requirement applies only to TMDLs that were approved by EPA as of 10/15/2020.

- (2) If a TMDL is approved or modified by EPA after 10/15/2020, the Maine DEP will notify the permittee if any changes are needed to the SWMP and may take other actions regarding the approved TMDL as identified in the 2022 MS4 General Permit.
- (3) If an MS4 has a discharge to an Urban Impaired Stream, it must develop and implement three (3) BMPs to address the water’s impairment, unless the DEP has determined the MS4 discharge is not causing or contributing to the impairment.

The Fact Sheet that was issued with the 2022 MS4 General Permit also contained a strongly worded recommendation for MS4s to consult with the Maine DEP Division of Environmental Assessment regarding impaired waters that do not have approved TMDLs. The consult would be focused on identifying the root cause of the impairment and developing a strategy to reduce the discharge of pollutants of concern if the permittee is causing or contributing to the impairment.

Section 1.4.1 describes generally how the State evaluates surface waters and describes TMDL documents and Urban Impaired Streams. Section 1.4.2 describes the status of the waters that receive discharges from the Town’s MS4. If applicable, Section 1.4.3 describes recent progress by the Town on addressing any impairments which have MS4 requirements and provides rationale for how the BMPs in this SWMP address these 2022 MS4 General Permit requirements.

1.4.1 State Water Quality Assessments

The State of Maine is required by the Clean Water Act to identify water quality classifications for each surface water in the State, and then to assess whether each of those waters is meeting its designated classification standards. Maine has four classifications for freshwater rivers, three classes for marine and estuarine waters, and one class for lakes and ponds. Each classification identifies a use and set of water quality standards for the water. The classifications, uses, and standards are described and assigned to the various waters in the Maine Statutes (Title 38, Sections 464 through 469).

Assessments as to whether each water is achieving its designated classification are based on data that is obtained from a number of sources depending on the type of water being assessed:

- Lake and ponds are assessed primarily through data obtained by the DEP and regional entities and lake associations. The regional and lake association data is coordinated

through the Lake Stewards of Maine (Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program).

- Marine and Estuarine waters are assessed by evaluation of data obtained from the DEP, Maine Healthy Beaches, Department of Marine Resources, Marine Environment's Gulf Watch, Gulf of Maine Council, and several other academic and non-profit organizations.
- Wetlands are assessed primarily using data obtained from the DEP Biomonitoring Program.
- Rivers and Streams are assessed using data from the DEP Biomonitoring Program, Surface Water Ambient Toxics (SWAT) Monitoring Program, the Atlantic Salmon Recovery Plan, Volunteer River Monitoring Program (VRMP) and through many other government agencies such as the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, EPA, United States Geologic Survey.

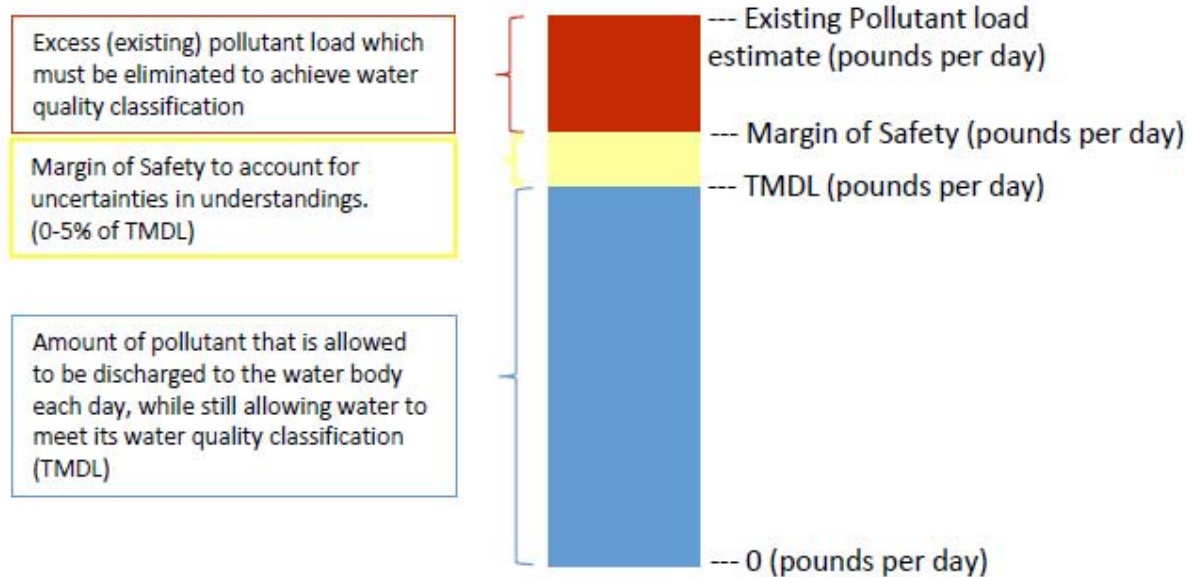
Every two years, the DEP publishes a report and list documenting the results of the assessments, and identifying which waters are meeting their designated classifications, and which are considered impaired. The report and list are called the Integrated Water Quality Report and are generally referred to by the Section of the Clean Water Act which requires them: the 305(b) report and/or the 303(d) list, respectively. There are five general status categories available for assignment to each water:

- Category 1: Attaining all designated uses and water quality standards, and no use is threatened.
- Category 2: Attains some of the designated uses; no use is threatened; and insufficient data or no data and information is available to determine if the remaining uses are attained or threatened (with presumption that all uses are attained).
- Category 3: Insufficient data and information to determine if designated uses are attained (with presumption that one or more uses may be impaired).
- Category 4: Impaired or threatened for one or more designated uses but does not require development of a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) report.
 - 4A means a TMDL has already been completed
 - 4B means other pollution control measures will address impairment
 - 4C means the impairment is not caused by a pollutant
- Category 5: Waters impaired or threatened for one or more designated uses by a pollutant(s), and a TMDL report is required.

In Maine, the most current 303(d) list approved by the EPA is from the 2016 data. The Maine DEP has indicated they will issue a combined 2018/2020/2022 303(d) list sometime in 2022.

A TMDL document identifies the source(s) of the impairments and recommendations to correct the impairments. In particular, a TMDL document identifies how much of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet its water quality classification. Typically, the units are identified as pounds per day, which is the basis for the term "Total Maximum Daily Load".

TMDLs typically include a Margin of Safety between 2 and 5% of the TMDL to account for uncertainties or lack of knowledge about the relationship between the pollutant loading and water quality.



Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Components

In addition to the Maine 305(b) report and 303(d) list, Maine has developed a special rule, Chapter 502, which has restrictions related to Direct Watersheds of Lakes Most at Risk from New Development and Urban Impaired Streams. This rule became effective in 1997 and has been modified several times over the years. The rule defines an Urban Impaired Stream as a stream that fails to meet its water quality standards because of effects of stormwater runoff from developed land. The rule imposes additional stormwater treatment controls on development in the watersheds of Urban Impaired Streams.

1.4.2 Yarmouth Water Quality Status

The following is a summary of the waters in the Town’s Urbanized Area that receive point source discharges from the Town’s MS4 and each waterbody’s TMDL and impairment status. Table 1 shows the waters where the Town has MS4 discharges and their impairment status. The Table shows the number of MS4 outfalls (in parentheses) that discharge to each waterbody as of February 2021.

Figure 1 shows the locations of the fresh waters and their status according to the 2016 303(d) list (from <https://maine.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=dffb3d2b85904b18978d02fc9d913b5f>).

Figures 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e show the status of marine waters according to the Department of Marine Resources as of 3/1/2021. (from <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html>). Because DMR updated their designations and naming structure on 3/1/2021, the Figures reflect the new designations and naming structure and Table 1 shows both the new designation and the old DMR designation that was in effect when the 2022 MS4 General Permit was finalized on 10/15/2020. These areas are also listed under their old designations on the 2016 Maine DEP 303(d) list for elevated bacteria concentrations. The Maine DEP does not otherwise provide graphic representation of the locations of the marine/estuarine waters that are listed as impaired in the 2016 303(d) list.

The following documents were reviewed in making these determinations:

- Statewide Bacteria TMDL (September 2009 and 2013 Addendum)
- Impervious Cover TMDL (September 2012)
- Statewide Non-Point Source TMDL (2015)
- Chapter 502 Direct Watersheds of Lakes Most at Risk from New Development and Urban Impaired Streams
- Final 2016 Maine Integrated Water Quality Report and Appendices (a.k.a. Maine 303(d) list)
- USEPA and Maine DEP approved TMDL lists

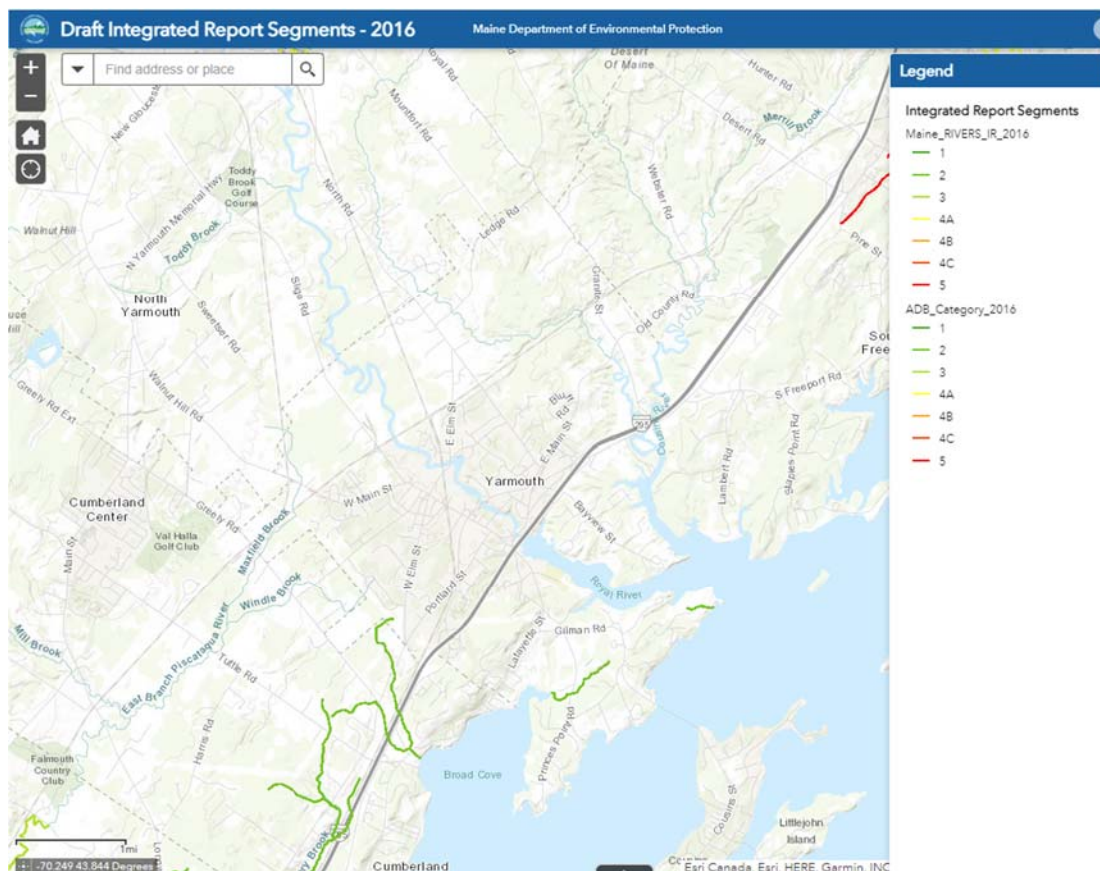


Figure 1 shows the Town of Yarmouth does not have any freshwater impairments.

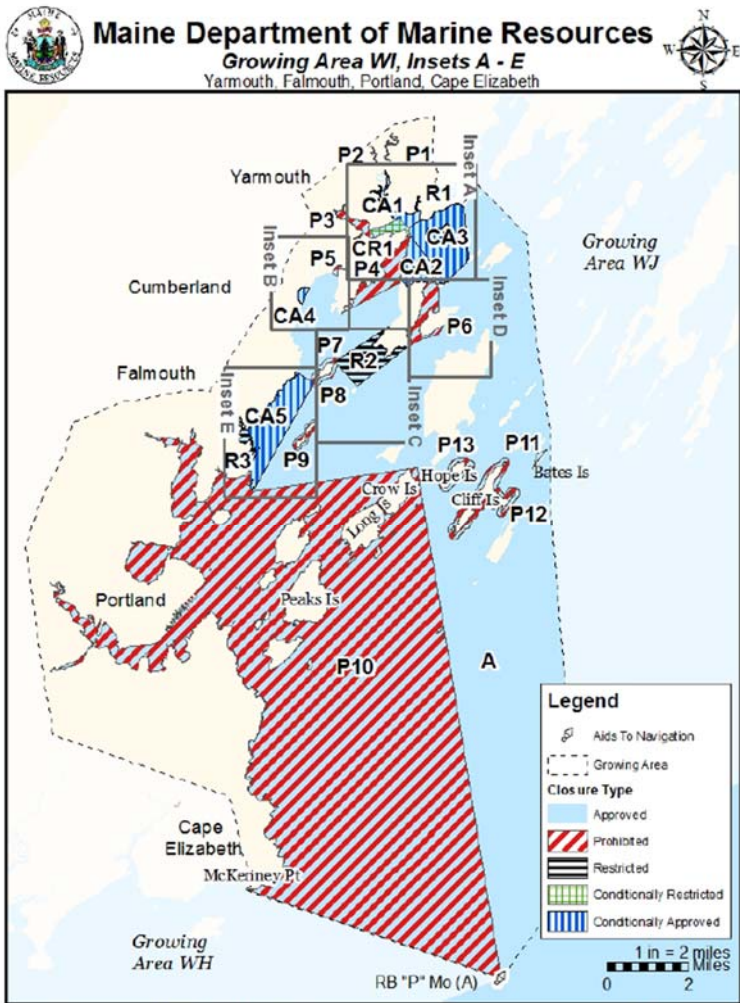


Figure 2a shows the overview of Growing Area WI as of 3/1/2021

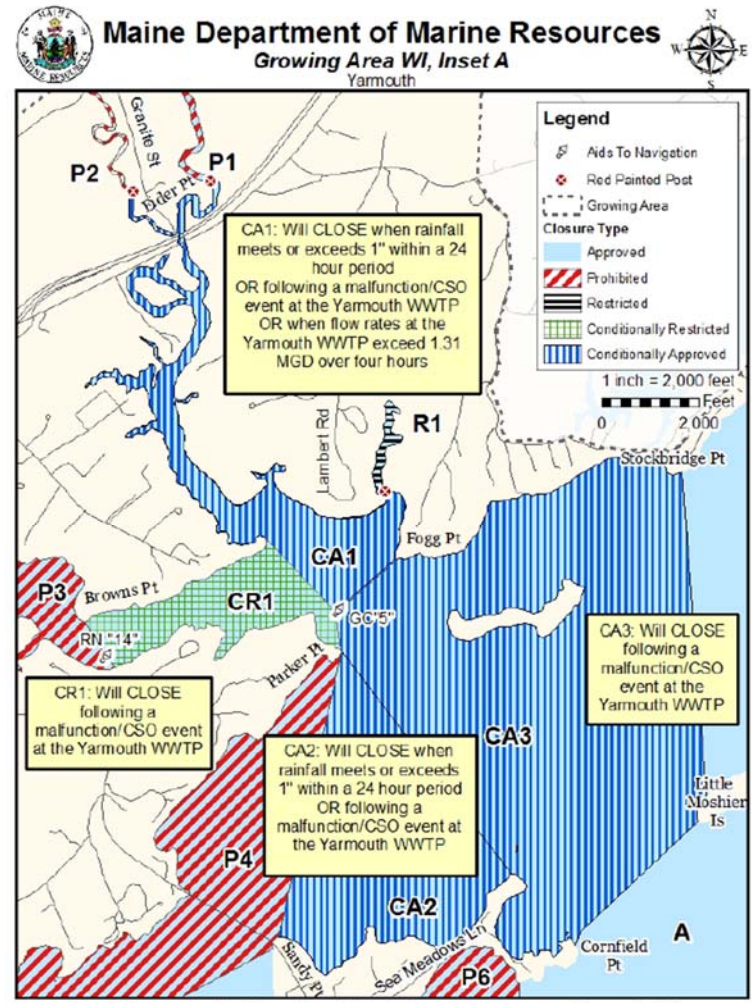


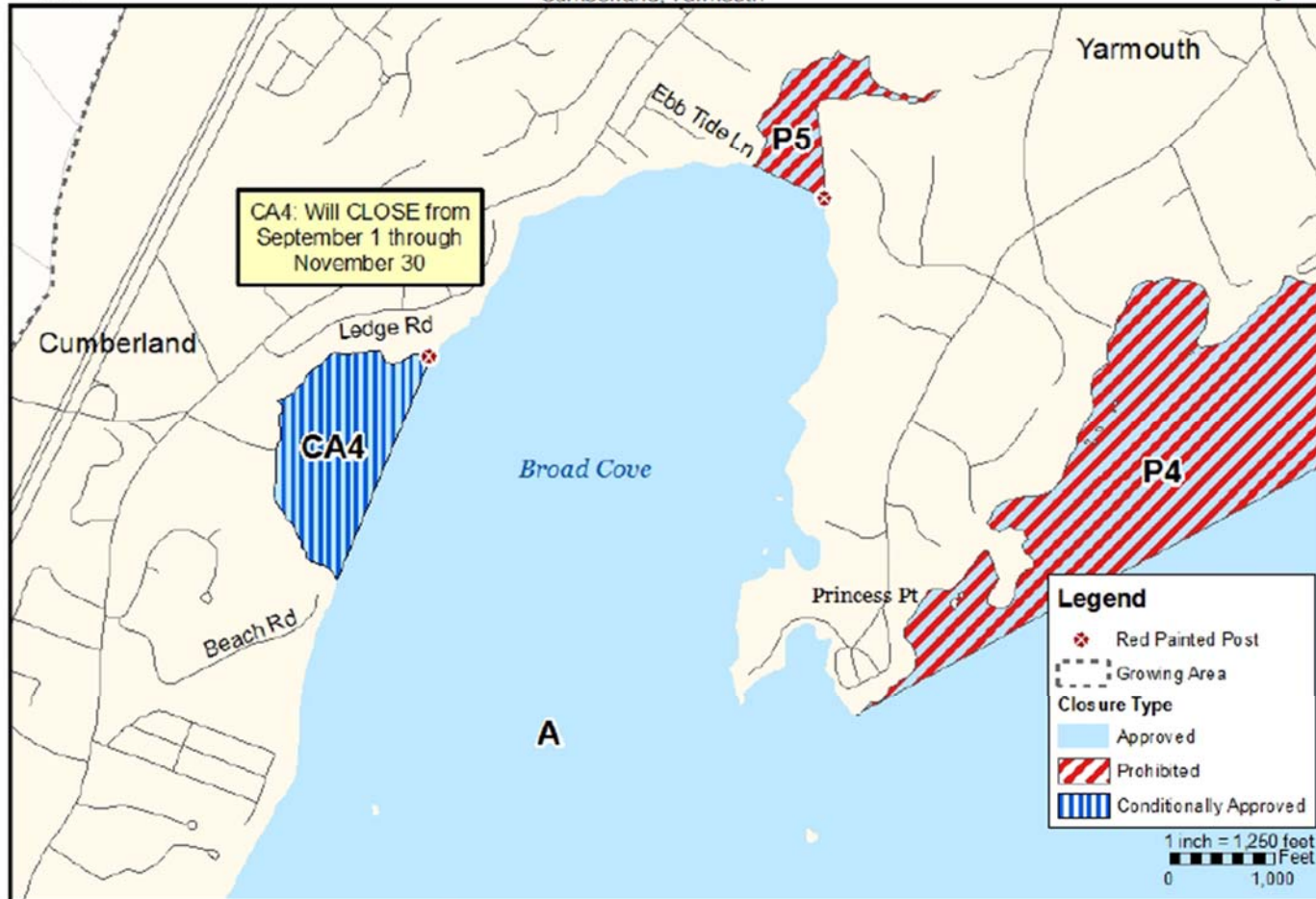
Figure 2b shows Inset A for Growing Area WI as of 3/1/2021



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Growing Area WI, Inset B

Cumberland, Yarmouth



This map is provided as a courtesy. Read the provided legal notice for closure details. Closures are not shown outside of the designated growing area. Maritime navigational aids are for reference only and are not suitable for maritime navigation.

Figure 2c shows Inset B for Growing area WI as of 3/1/2021

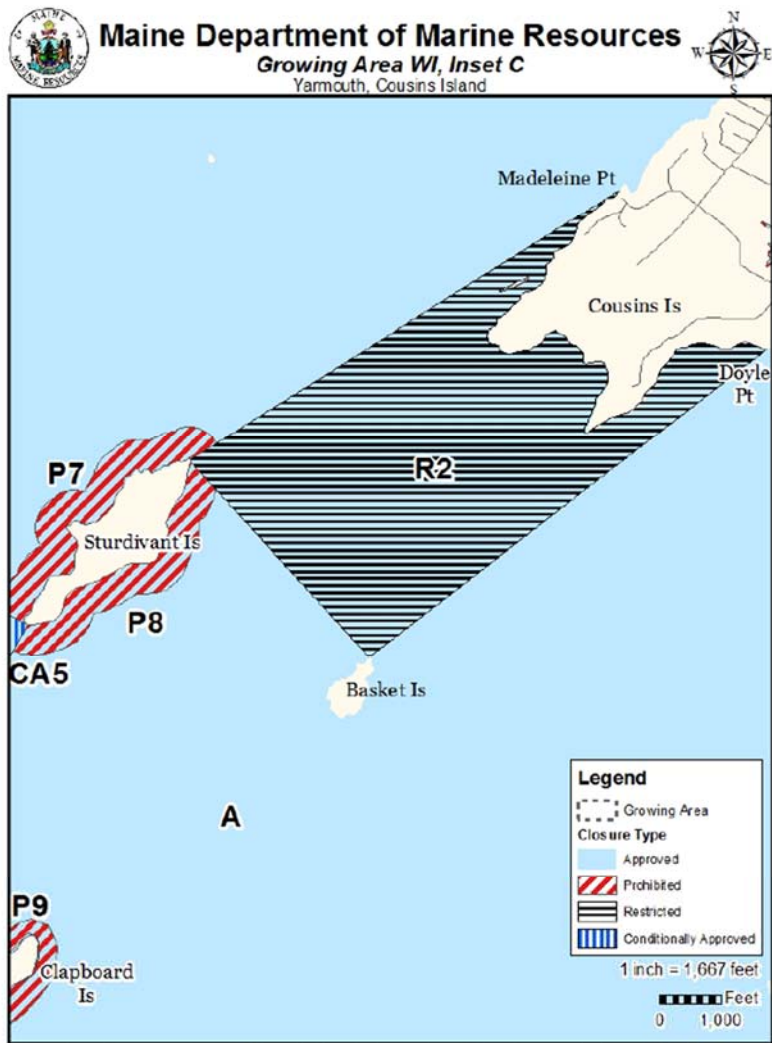


Figure 2d shows Inset C for Growing Area WI as of 3/1/2021

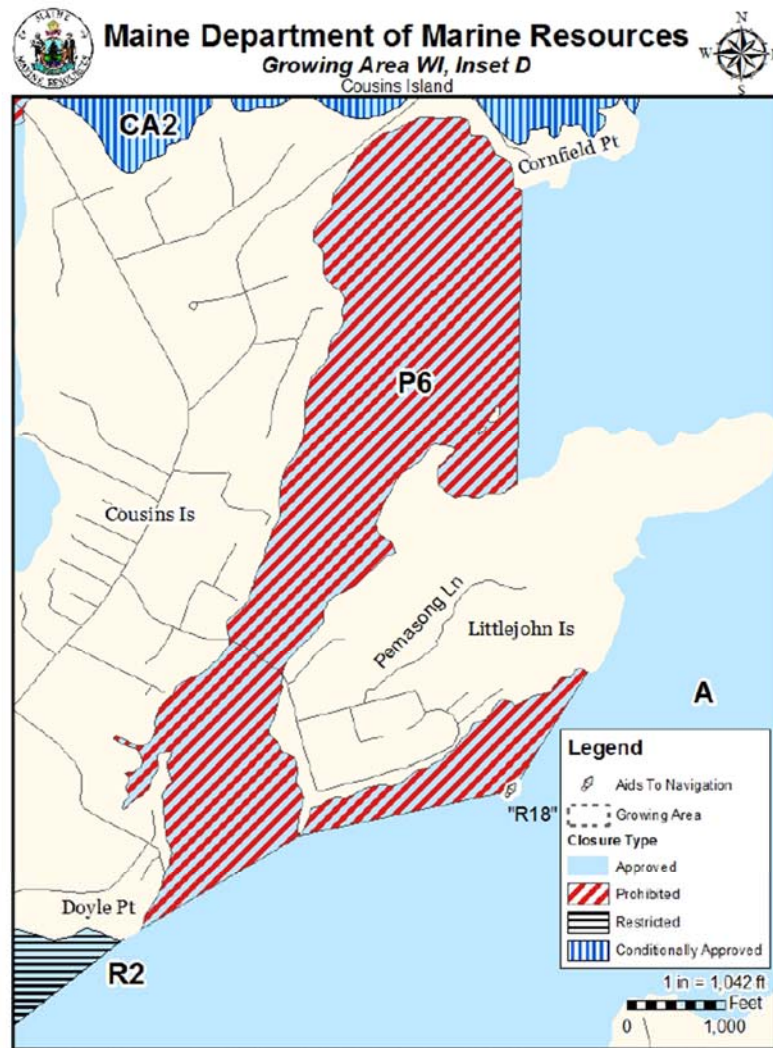


Figure 2e shows Inset D for Growing Area WI as of 3/1/2021

Table 1 Status of Waterbodies Receiving MS4 Discharges – Yarmouth, Maine

Water basins with MS4 discharges (# outfalls in parentheses)	Maine DEP classification and numeric designation	DMR Area	Completed TMDLs	Urban Impaired Streams (Chapter 502)	Non-TMDL listing in 2016 303(d) list	Watershed Management Plan / Other Water Quality Document
1. Royal River Upper Basin including Brickyard Hollow (117 outfalls)	804 Class SB and Freshwater Tributaries are Class B	WI Inset A (formerly 14.A.2)	None	None	Category 5-B-1(a) Impaired for Bacteria Only TMDL Required	DMR Area 14.A.2 is listed as Prohibited for shellfishing as of August 2020.
2. Pratt's Brook Basin (63 outfalls)	Class B No DEP designation	None	None	None	None	None
3. Cousins River Basin (43 outfalls)	802 Class SB	WI Inset A (formerly 14)	None	None	Category 5-B-1(a) Impaired for Bacteria Only TMDL Required	
4. Lower Royal River Basin (55 outfalls)	804 Class SB	WI Inset A (formerly 14 C.1)	None	None	Category 5-B-1(a) Impaired for Bacteria Only TMDL Required	DMR Area 14.C 1 is listed as Conditionally Restricted for Shellfishing as of August 2020.
5. Casco Bay Basin including Cousins Island and Littlejohn Islands (52 outfalls)	802 Class SB	WI Insets A, B, C and D (formerly 14 – A.3, A.4, B.1, B.2 and F.1)	None	None	Category 5-B-1(a) Impaired for Bacteria Only TMDL Required and Category 4-B-1 for Dissolved Oxygen Pollution Control Requirements Reasonably Expected to Result in Attainment	These areas have varying DMR classifications for shellfishing including Prohibited (A.4 and A.3), Restricted (B.1 and B.2), and Conditionally Approved (F.1)
6. Cumberland Basin including Maxwell Brook and Windle Brook (40 outfalls)	Class B No DEP designation	None	None	None	None	None

1.4.3 Progress on addressing Impairments and approach to BMP development

Table 1 shows the Town does not have any Urban Impaired Streams, and no TMDL documents have been completed for any waters. Because the Town does not discharge to any Urban Impaired Streams no BMPs or action need to be implemented regarding these waters.

However, Table 1 shows there are water quality impairments to marine and estuarine waters due to bacteria. These waters were previously listed in the Statewide Bacteria TMDL but were removed from the TMDL by the DEP in the 2016 303(d) list until they can update that TMDL.

As stated in the 2022 MS4 General Permit Fact Sheet, the Town consulted with the Maine DEP Division of Environmental Assessment to understand if any action needed to be taken to address discharges to these marine and estuarine bacteria impaired waters through the MS4 Permit. The consultation with Maine DEP revealed no additional actions need to be taken.

1.5 Priority Watersheds

Previous MS4 General Permits required that regulated MS4s identify a Priority Watershed and apply BMPs to that Watershed. The 2022 MS4 General Permit does not contain any specific requirements related to Priority Watersheds. However, it does require that an MS4 have a procedure in place to prioritize watersheds when addressing illicit discharges. The Town of Yarmouth uses this prioritization to identify where illicit discharge inspections are conducted first. The Town may also use the prioritization for illicit discharge investigations in the event there were insufficient resources to address all potential illicit discharges simultaneously. The IDDE Plan describes in more detail how the prioritization is applied.

The Maine DEP maintains a list of waters that are vulnerable to non-point source pollution, which is then available to receive grant funding under Sections 308(b) and 319 of the Clean Water Act as long as the funding is not used to satisfy the conditions of a Clean Water Act Permit (such as the 2022 MS4 General Permit). The list includes the MS4's "Priority Watershed".

MS4s should keep in mind that they may not use 319 grant funding to implement any BMPs required by the MS4 General Permit.

The two highest priority watersheds in Yarmouth are:

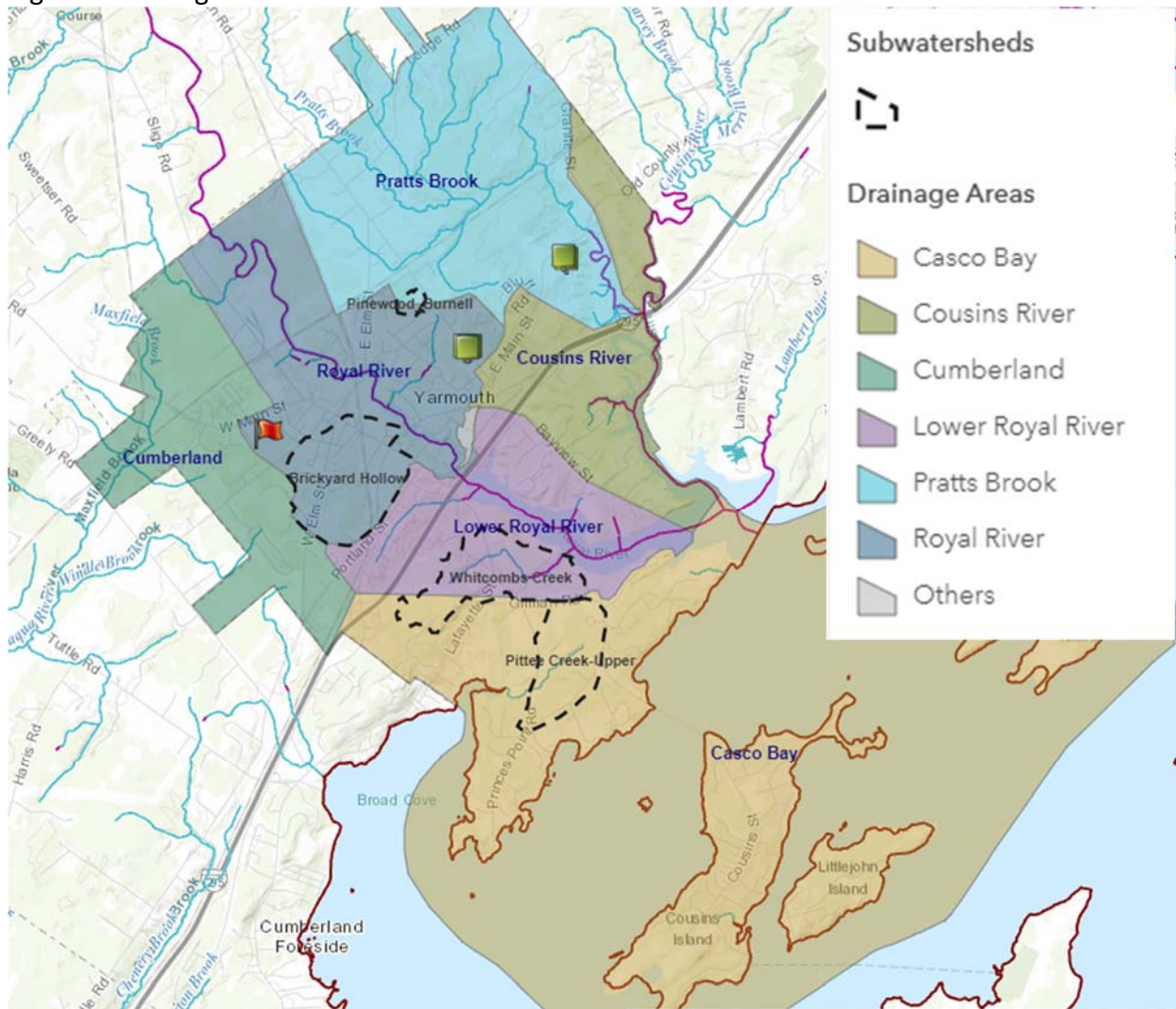
1. the Upper Royal River – BrickYard Hollow subwatershed
2. Upper Royal River from I295 overpass to East Main Street Bridge (remaining area outside the

BrickYard Hollow sub-watershed.

Figure 3 shows the location of the BrickYard Hollow Sub Watershed. Figure 4 shows a general overview of the Town.



Figure 4 Drainage Areas in Yarmouth



1.6 Obtaining Coverage to Discharge

As required, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the 2022 MS4 General Permit was submitted to the Maine DEP with this SWMP. A copy of the Town's NOI is provided in Appendix B.

30-day Public Notice was provided by both the Maine DEP and the Town to allow the public to comment on the SWMP. A copy of the Public Notice provided by the Town is contained in Appendix B.

Following review of the SWMP and NOI, and receipt of any public comments, the Maine DEP issued a permittee specific DEP Order, establishing terms and conditions that are enforceable in addition to the language in the 2022 MS4 General Permit which is also enforceable.

The permittee specific DEP Order was also subject to a 30-day public comment period, but only

the DEP provided this public notice. DEP provided any updated information to the Town at the end of the public comment permit. This Town's DEP Order was issued for public comment in November 2021, was modified by DEP based on comments received and re-issued for public comment in March 2022.

Once the DEP issued the final permittee specific DEP Order/authorization to discharge, the municipality had 60 days to update the SWMP to reflect any new or changed requirements and any comments. Maine DEP did request that this SWMP be resubmitted to them.

This SWMP has been updated in accordance with that requirement. The final permittee specific DEP Order is included in Appendix B. Any comments received are attached to the order.

The new permit conditions do not take effect until 7/1/2022.

1.7 SWMP Availability

The SWMP must be made available to the public by publishing on the Town Website. A copy must also be made available to the public at Town Hall.

If any of the following entities request a copy, one must be made immediately available to them:

- a) USEPA or Maine DEP,
- b) Any interconnected or adjacent MS4,
- c) Any owner or operator of a water supply company where the MS4 discharges to a water supply watershed, or
- d) Members of the public.

1.8 SWMP Modifications during the Permit Cycle

During the permit term (2022 to 2027), the SWMP must be kept current. As required by the 2022 MS4 General Permit, the Town will amend the SWMP if the Maine DEP or the Town determine that:

- a) The actions required by the BMPs fail to control pollutants to the meet the terms and conditions of the 2022 MS4 General Permit and the permittee specific DEP Order;
- b) The BMPs do not prevent the potential for a significant contribution of pollutants to waters of the State other than groundwater;
- c) New information results in a shift in the SWMP's priorities.

If the changes are initiated by the Maine DEP, it will notify the Town, and the Town must respond in writing within 30 days of the notice explaining how it will modify the SWMP. The Town must then modify the SWMP within 90 calendar days of the Town's written response, or within 120 calendar days of the DEP notice (whichever is less). Any such modification must be submitted to the DEP for final review.

If the changes are initiated by the Town, the following processes apply (depending on the nature of the change as identified below):

- To modify any schedule identified in the permittee specific Department Order, the permittee must file an application on a DEP form with the Department that includes a justification to formally modify the original permittee-specific Department Order.
- The permittee must allow the public the opportunity to comment on changes made to the SWMP a minimum of once per year.
- For BMPs in the SWMP that are not required to comply with the General Permit or the permittee specific Department Order, the BMPs and/or implementation schedule may be amended as appropriate without the need for public comment. Changes must be submitted to the Department in the Annual Report following the permit year the change(s) were made.

1.9 Annual Compliance Report and Record Keeping

By September 15 of each year, the Town will electronically submit an Annual Compliance Report for the Maine DEP's review using a standardized form provided by the Maine DEP. The Annual Compliance Report must be sent via email to the Municipal Stormwater Coordinator. As of April 2022, the Maine DEP Municipal Stormwater Coordinator is:

[Holliday.keen@maine.gov \(or current contact\)](mailto:Holliday.keen@maine.gov) **Municipal/Industrial Stormwater Coordinator**
Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

The Annual Compliance Report must include the following:

- a. The status of compliance with the terms and conditions of the 2022 MS4 General Permit and the Town's Permittee specific DEP Order, based on the implementation of the Town's Plan for each permit year, an assessment of the effectiveness of the components of its stormwater management program, an assessment of the appropriateness of identified BMPs, progress towards achieving identified measurable goals for each of the MCMs and progress toward achieving the goal of reducing the

- discharge of pollutants to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP).
- b. A summary of information collected and analyzed, including monitoring data, if any, during the reporting period.
 - c. A summary of the stormwater activities the Town intends to undertake pursuant to its Plan to comply with the terms and conditions of the 2022 MS4 General Permit and the Town's Permittee specific DEP Order during the next reporting cycle.
 - d. A change in any identified BMPs or measurable goals that apply to the Plan.
 - e. A description of the activities, progress, and accomplishments for each of the MCMs #1 through #6 including such items as the status of education and outreach efforts, public involvement activities, stormwater mapping efforts, the number of visual dry weather inspections performed, the number of inaccessible and new outfalls, dry weather flow sampling events and laboratory results, detected illicit discharges, detected illicit connections, illicit discharges that were eliminated, construction site inspections, number and nature of enforcement actions, post construction BMP status and inspections, the number of functioning post construction BMPs, the number of post construction sites requiring maintenance or remedial action, the status of the permittee's good housekeeping/pollution prevention program including the percentage of catch basins cleaned, those catch basins cleaned multiple times and the number of catch basins that could not be evaluated for structural condition in a safe manner. Where applicable, the MS4 must quantify steps/measures/activities taken to comply with the 2022 MS4 General Permit and its Plan including reporting on the types of trainings presented, the number of municipal and contract staff that received training, the length of the training and training content delivered as well as any revisions to the SWPPP procedures and/or changes in municipal operations.

The Maine DEP will review the annual reports and provide comments to the MS4s. Changes to the report based on the Maine DEP's review comment(s) must be submitted to the Department within 60 days of the receipt of the comment(s).

The regulated MS4s must keep records required by the 2022 MS4 General Permit and permittee specific DEP Order for at least three (3) years following its expiration or longer if requested by the Maine DEP Commissioner. The regulated MS4s must make records, including this Plan, available to the public at reasonable times during regular business hours.

2 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES

2.1 MCM 1 Education/Outreach Program

The 2022 MS4 General Permit requires municipalities to develop and implement two Education/Outreach Campaigns to address stormwater issues of significance:

1. An Outreach to Raise Awareness Campaign targeted at two audiences applying three (3) tools per audience per year. One target audience must be the public and the second audience may be selected from: municipal, commercial, development/construction, or institutions.
2. An Outreach to Change Behavior Campaign to promote one behavior change directed at two audiences using a minimum of three (3) outreach tools per year. This campaign will promote and reinforce desirable behaviors designed to reduce stormwater pollution.

In 2018, the ISWG executed a statewide survey to assess public awareness of a variety of stormwater issues and related behaviors. The survey results report¹ was included in the ISWG Permit Year 5 (2017-2018) annual reports. In addition, the ISWG communities reviewed regional water quality related to stormwater issues, examined the unique conditions within each of their communities, and evaluated the needs for public education around stormwater at five of their regional meetings (9/13/2018, 3/21/2019, 7/18/2019, 3/26/2020, 5/21/2020). Based on the survey results and the discussions at their regional meetings, the ISWG communities agreed on which issues of significance to address and what tools and messages might be effective. Each of the BMPs provides a brief introductory section describing the rationale for the selection of the BMP based on the regional and local issues within the ISWG region. The BMPs are further structured to allow for adaptive education and outreach approaches to create a strong, diverse, and effective campaign over the duration of this permit.

The Town will fulfill the requirements for Public Education/Outreach through participation in the ISWG and the Town's provision of funding to the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) for Public Education/Outreach services, as described in the following BMPs. The BMPs will be implemented according to their individual timelines over the term of the permit.

2.1.1 BMP 1.1 – Outreach to Raise Awareness Campaign

Responsible Party - Town Engineer (with implementation assistance from CCSWCD)

The 2022 MS4 General Permit requires the permittee to raise awareness of the public as well as one of the following groups: municipal, commercial, development/construction, or institutions. This BMP describes the reasoning and measurable goals for the public audience and the selected

¹ http://thinkbluemaine.cumberlandswcd.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Survey_Summary-FINAL.pdf

second audience: development/construction.

Background for Measurable Goal 1.1a Public Audience: The Think Blue Maine campaign began in 2003 as a statewide effort to raise awareness of common stormwater pollutants and ways to prevent those pollutants. The Think Blue Maine campaign has been historically successful in increasing awareness of stormwater issues. The ISWG, Androscoggin Valley Stormwater Working Group (AVSWG), and Southern Maine Stormwater Working Group (SMSWG) coordinate their Think Blue Maine messaging and education efforts to provide consistent messaging in Southern Maine. In addition, the Massachusetts and New Hampshire small MS4s are using similar Think Blue campaigns, so there is some regionally consistent messaging in circulation.

In 2018, the ISWG executed a statewide survey around public awareness of stormwater issues and behaviors that impact stormwater. Ninety-four percent of survey respondents in the ISWG region ages 25 to 34 stated it was “very important to have clean water in the lakes and streams in [their] community”, and 86% of ISWG respondents ages 25 to 34 believe that stormwater runoff has a major impact or somewhat impacts water quality, but only 46% of ISWG respondents ages 25 to 34 were able to correctly describe what happens to stormwater at their residence. Because this age group has not been targeted before for education and has the potential to impact stormwater for many years into the future, the ISWG, AVSWG, and SMSWG communities will cooperatively use the Think Blue Maine campaign to raise awareness of the target audience to be more aware of stormwater issues and be more willing to change their behavior in the future.

Measurable Goal 1.1a – The Town, through its participation in the ISWG, will implement the following program which is designed to raise 15%² of the target audience’s awareness of what happens to stormwater at their residence or place of work. According to the 2019 US Census Bureau, the ISWG region’s population for ages 25 to 34 is approximately 38,000 people: therefore 15% of the target audience is approximately 6,000 people.

Target Audience: People 25 to 34 in the ISWG region

Overarching Message: “Water that lands on our roads, roofs, and other hard surfaces picks up pollutants and carries them to our local waterbodies without being treated.” This message will be presented with variations based on target audience interests and outreach tools used.

Outreach Tools: A minimum of three outreach tools will be selected from Appendix D Table 1 each year. Each tool will be assessed and customized based on the target audience’s receptiveness to the method. Any tool used in a given year will be tailored to the message for the relevant target audience subset based on common characteristics and/or demographics.

Evaluation: Effectiveness will be evaluated annually by tracking process indicators³ for

² As recommended in the EPA’s “Getting in Step: A guide for conducting watershed outreach campaigns” (2003), when 15 to 20 percent of an audience adopts a new idea or behavior, it will be able to permeate to the rest of the audience.

³ Indicators related to the execution of the outreach program.

each tool implemented that year and by tracking impact indicators⁴ where available (see Appendix D Table 1).

Implementation schedule: A minimum of three of the tools from Appendix D will be implemented each year for the duration of the permit.

Adaptive Management: As part of the ISWG adaptive management education and outreach program, tools and messaging will be reviewed and evaluated on an annual basis at a minimum as part of annual reporting. To address emerging issues, opportunistic tools and outreach may also be implemented. Seasonal messaging and tool adjustments will be used when applicable. Report findings will be incorporated into ISWG meeting discussions as well as annual workplans and budgets.

Background for Measurable Goal 1.1b Development/Construction Audience: Evaluation of municipal stormwater programs, through annual meetings with municipal staff and officials, has revealed a large amount of effort required to comply with MCM 4 tasks. The ISWG communities identified opportunities to address common MCM 4 goals through coordinated regional and statewide stormwater education to contractors to reduce development and construction-related stormwater pollutants that are not already required by MCM 4. Due to the cyclical nature of the development/construction sector, a baseline evaluation will be conducted before or during Permit Year 1 to establish current Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Erosion and Sediment Control Certified Contractors. If contractors are certified by DEP in erosion and sediment control, their awareness of best practices is established.

Measurable Goal 1.1b – The Town, through its participation in the ISWG, will implement the following program which is designed to raise awareness of construction-related stormwater pollution by increasing the net number of DEP Certified contractors located in the ISWG region by 15% from the Permit Year 1 established baseline audience.

Target Audience: Contractors who are located within the ISWG region.

Overarching Message: “Through erosion and sediment control best management practices training and certification, contractors can reduce the potential to negatively impact local water bodies.”

This message will be presented with variations based on target audience interests and outreach tools used.

Outreach Tools: A minimum of three outreach tools will be selected from Appendix D Table 2 each year. Each tool will be assessed and customized based on the target audience’s receptiveness to the method. Any tool used in a given year will be tailored to the message for the relevant target audience subset based on common characteristics and/or demographics.

Evaluation: Effectiveness will be evaluated annually by tracking process indicators for each tool implemented that year and by tracking impact indicators where available (see Appendix D Table 2). Effectiveness will also be measured by the number of DEP certified contractors operating in the ISWG region over the course of the permit term.

Implementation schedule: A minimum of three of the tools from Appendix D Table 2 will

⁴ Indicators related to the achievement of the goals or objectives of the program.

be implemented each year for the duration of the permit.

Adaptive Management: As part of the ISWG adaptive management education and outreach program, tools and messaging will be reviewed and evaluated on an annual basis at a minimum as part of annual reporting. To address emerging issues, opportunistic tools and outreach may also be implemented. Seasonal messaging and tool adjustments will be used when applicable. Report findings will be incorporated into ISWG meeting discussions as well as annual workplans and budgets.

2.1.2 BMP 1.2 –Outreach to Change Behavior Campaign

Responsible Party - Town Engineer (with implementation assistance from CCSWCD)

Background for BMP 1.2: The ISWG communities have focused on changing behavior to reduce nutrients into regional waterbodies in their MS4 permit for the past three permit cycles. The ISWG communities will continue their efforts to reduce sources of nutrients by promoting proper dog waste disposal to two target audiences this permit term for the following reasons:

1. Generally, excess nutrients in our waters are a nationally recognized water quality issue related to stormwater – there are multiple common sources of nutrients including sediments, pet waste, septic systems, and fertilizers.
2. The Statewide survey conducted in Permit Year 5 of the previous cycle identified that survey respondents are aware that nutrient sources (including dog waste) are a common stormwater pollutant and respondents expressed a willingness to take action to help reduce stormwater pollution. Eighty-four percent of 2018 survey respondents in the ISWG region ages 25 to 34 and 67% of 2018 survey respondents in the ISWG region ages 35 to 55 selected “picking up pet waste and putting it in the trash” as a practice they believed could reduce water pollution.
3. Most ISWG communities are part of the Casco Bay watershed. In the June 2019 Casco Bay Nutrient Council report, nutrients were identified as the main pollutant of concern for the health of Casco Bay. While there is discrepancy between nutrient models as to the contribution percentages of the three main sources of nutrients (stormwater, wastewater, and atmospheric deposition), stormwater runoff is believed to contribute between 24% and 64% of the nitrogen entering Casco Bay.
4. Several ISWG communities have encountered problems with dog waste not being picked up⁵ or not being properly disposed of in the trash, causing local water quality concerns⁶ and unsanitary conditions for the public and municipal staff.
5. Most ISWG communities have taken steps to discourage improper dog waste disposal through ordinances. However, there are currently still barriers to effectively educating and enforcing these types of ordinances.
6. Dog owners ages 25 to 64 are the least likely age group to pick up after their dog⁷. However,

⁵<https://www.pressherald.com/2019/03/21/south-portland-raises-a-red-flag-over-dog-waste-problem-at-hinckley-park/>

⁶<https://www.pressherald.com/2019/08/30/south-portland-park-tests-positive-for-algae-that-can-harm-dogs/>

⁷ Hall, S.L. (2006 June) Survey on Poop: Half don't scoop; neighborhoods seeking solutions. *The News & Observer*, pp. B1.

dog owners age 25 to 64 receive their information through different outreach methods⁸. In order to provide effective messaging on proper dog waste management, two audiences will be created to allow appropriate outreach tools to be used per age group.

A baseline evaluation will be conducted in Permit Year 1 to establish dog owner behavior of dog waste disposal and the baseline target audience within the ISWG region.

Measurable Goal 1.2a – The Town, through its participation in the ISWG, will work towards changing the behavior of 15% of pet owners from the Permit Year 1 established baseline field survey findings.

Target audience: Dog owners ages 25 to 34 within the ISWG region

Overarching Message: “Dispose of dog waste as a solid waste, so it does not end up in our stormwater. Once in the stormwater, dog waste contributes nutrients, bacteria, and pathogens to our ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, and bays, which can lower property values, harm our drinking water, and hinder recreational and economic opportunities.”

This message will be presented with variations based on target audience interests and outreach tools used.

Outreach Tools: A minimum of three outreach tools will be selected from Appendix D Table 3 each year. Each tool will be assessed and customized based on the target audience’s receptiveness to the method. Any tool used in a given year will be tailored to the message of the relevant target audience subset based on common characteristics and/or demographics.

Evaluation: Effectiveness will be evaluated annually by tracking process indicators for each tool implemented that year and by tracking impact indicators where available (see Appendix D Table 3). Effectiveness will also be evaluated by conducting visual observational field surveys of dog waste disposal at public areas. These annual field surveys will be on established routes and will include geotagging of observed dog waste. Site factors such as signage, community litter cleanups, and other variables will also be documented. In addition, the presence of dog waste bags in catch basins will be recorded during annual inspections. In Permit Year 1 the field survey work will be supplemented by also observing the age groups utilizing the spaces and their pet waste disposal behavior in a subsample of the sites. This supplemental observation will be repeated in Permit Year 5.

Implementation schedule: A minimum of three of the tools from Appendix D Table 3 will be implemented each year for the duration of the permit.

Adaptive Management: As part of the ISWG adaptive management education and outreach program, tools and messaging will be reviewed and evaluated on an annual basis at a minimum as part of annual reporting. To address emerging issues, opportunistic tools and outreach may also be implemented. Seasonal messaging and tool adjustments will be used when applicable. Report findings will be incorporated into ISWG meeting discussions as well as annual workplans and budgets.

⁸ <https://umaine.edu/undiscoveredmaine/small-business/resources/marketing-for-small-business/social-media-tools/social-media-statistics-details/>

Measurable Goal 1.2b – The Town, through its participation in the ISWG, will work towards changing the behavior of 15% of pet owners from the Permit Year 1 established baseline field survey results.

Target audience: Dog owners ages 35 to 55 within the ISWG region

Overarching Message: “Dispose of dog waste as a solid waste, so it does not end up in our stormwater. Once in the stormwater, dog waste contributes nutrients, bacteria, and pathogens to our ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, and bays, which can lower property values, harm our drinking water, and hinder recreational and economic opportunities.”

This message will be presented with variations based on target audience interests and outreach tools used.

Outreach Tools: A minimum of three outreach tools will be selected from Appendix D Table 4 each year. Each tool will be assessed and customized based on the target audience’s receptiveness to the method. Any tool used in a given year will be tailored to the message for the relevant target audience subset based on common characteristics and/or demographics.

Evaluation: Effectiveness will be evaluated annually by tracking process indicators for each tool implemented that year and by tracking impact indicators where available (see Appendix D Table 4). Effectiveness will also be evaluated by conducting visual observational field surveys of improper dog waste disposal at public areas. These annual field surveys will be on established routes and will include geotagging of observed dog waste. Site factors such as signage, community litter cleanups, and other variables will also be documented. In addition, the presence of dog waste bags in catch basins will be recorded during annual inspections. In Permit Year 1 the field survey work will be supplemented by also observing the age groups utilizing the spaces and their pet waste disposal behavior in a subsample of the sites. This supplemental observation will be repeated in Permit Year 5.

Implementation schedule: A minimum of three of the tools from Appendix D Table 4 will be implemented each year for the duration of the permit.

Adaptive Management: As part of the ISWG adaptive management education and outreach program, tools and messaging will be reviewed and evaluated on an annual basis at a minimum as part of annual reporting. To address emerging issues, opportunistic tools and outreach may also be implemented. Seasonal messaging and tool adjustments will be used when applicable. Report findings will be incorporated into ISWG meeting discussions as well as annual workplans and budgets.

2.1.3 BMP 1.3 – Effectiveness Evaluation

Responsible Party - Town Engineer (with implementation assistance from CCSWCD)

Measurable Goal 1.3a – The Town, through its participation in ISWG, will submit an annual report each year of the 2022 MS4 General Permit term documenting the implementation of each BMP. The annual report will include the message for each audience, the methods of distribution, the outreach tools used, the measures/methods used to determine on-going effectiveness of the campaigns, and any changes planned based on the measures of

effectiveness.

Measurable Goal 1.3b – In Permit Year 5 of the 2022 MS4 General Permit the Town, through its participation in ISWG, will conduct an evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the Awareness and Behavior Change BMPs (BMPs 1.1 and 1.2). The evaluation will be a review of the annually reported benchmark values for the Awareness and Behavior Change BMPs as well as documentation of overall changes during the permit term by comparing back to the established baselines.

- For Measurable Goal 1.1a, a survey will be conducted in Permit Year 5 to assess the target audience’s awareness of stormwater issues and what happens to stormwater at their residence or place of work and will be compared to the survey issued in 2018.
- For Measurable Goal 1.1b, the number of DEP Certified contractors located in the ISWG region in Permit Year 5 will be compared to the Permit Year 1 established baseline audience to determine the net number of new certified contractors aware of erosion and sediment control practices.
- For Measurable Goals 1.2a and 1.2b, the amount and presence of pet waste found in the ISWG region in Permit Year 5 field surveys will be compared to the established baseline field surveys conducted in Permit Year 1.

The evaluation will identify recommendations for future awareness and behavior change target audiences, messages, tools, and benchmarks.

2.1.4 BMP 1.4 – Optional Activities

Responsible Party - Town Engineer (with implementation assistance from CCSWCD)

This BMP describes activities that are not required by the 2022 MS4 General Permit but may be conducted by the Town to supplement the Education/Outreach program as time and funding allow.

Measurable Goal 1.4a – The Town will continue to support the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District’s youth education curriculum to community schools as funding allows. Annual reports will include the total number of students reached, which schools were involved, and the lesson topics covered.

Measurable Goal 1.4b – The Town will support the regional YardScaping effort to reduce nutrients from entering regional waterways and increase buffers. Annual reports will include the total number of people reached with workshops, partner point of sale locations, and workshop survey data.

2.2 MCM 2 Public Involvement and Participation

The Town will fulfill the requirements for Public Involvement and Participation through participation in the ISWG and the Town’s provisions of funding to Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District for Public Involvement and Participation services, or through directly fulfilling the requirements, as described in this section of the plan.

2.2.1 BMP 2.1 - Public Notice Requirement

Responsible Party – Town Engineer (with implementation assistance from Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District)

Measurable Goal 2.1a – The Town will follow applicable state and local public notice requirements for their Stormwater Management Plans and Notices of Intent (NOIs) to comply with the MS4 General Permit. Copies of the NOIs and plans will be made available on the Town’s website. The Town will document public meetings related to their stormwater program and attendance of those meetings in their annual report.

Measurable Goal 2.1b – The ISWG members meet as a group 6 times per year to review issues associated with implementation of the Stormwater Management Plan and MS4 General Permit. These meetings will be publicized through the CCSWCD website, on ISWG member websites, and open to the public.

2.2.2 BMP 2.2 - Public Event

Responsible Party – Town Engineer (with implementation assistance from Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District)

Measurable Goal 2.2a – The Town will annually host, conduct, and/or participate in a public community event with a pollution prevention and/or water quality theme from the list included in the 2022 MS4 General Permit or another activity approved by the DEP. Stormwater stewardship and educational messages and activities will be incorporated into the event. The event will be advertised on the Town’s website, through the Town’s and CCSWCD’s social media accounts, and other Municipal and CCSWCD communication methods. The annual report will include a description of the event and the estimated attendance/participation.

2.3 MCM 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

The Town will continue to implement its Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program, which includes:

- A Watershed-based map of the stormwater infrastructure,
- A written IDDE Plan which describes:
 - Inspections of the infrastructure during dry weather (and monitoring of outfalls that flow during dry weather)
 - Investigations of potential illicit discharges,
 - Enforcement of the Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance
 - A Quality Assurance Project Plan
- Development of a list of outfalls that have the potential to cause illicit discharges during wet weather.

The Town's Ordinances can be found at www.Yarmouth.me.us

The following BMPs will be implemented to meet this Minimum Control Measure.

2.3.1 BMP 3.1 – Continue to Implement the Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance

Responsible Party – Town Engineer

Measurable Goal 3.1a – The Town implemented a Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance on April 17, 2008, and made minor amendments to the ordinance on June 18, 2015, and July 25, 2019. The Ordinance is Chapter 320 Stormwater Discharge Ordinance of the Town's Code of Ordinances. The Town Manager or their designee are listed as the enforcement authority for the ordinance. The Town Manager has delegated authority to the Town Engineer, who sometimes solicits assistance from Public Works Department and Code Enforcement Department. This ordinance provides the enforcement authority to issue letters of warning, notices of violation and/or fines. The Town will continue to enforce this ordinance throughout the permit cycle. No ordinance changes are needed to comply with the 2022 MS4 General Permit.

Measurable Goal 3.1b – The Town will document the results of enforcement actions taken for illicit discharges on an excel spreadsheet.

2.3.2 BMP 3.2 – Maintain the Written IDDE Plan

Responsible Party – Town Engineer

Measurable Goal 3.2a - The Town prepared a written IDDE Plan during the previous permit cycle. This plan has been updated to contain the elements required in the 2022 MS4 General Permit

(Part IV.C.3.b.i through vi). The IDDE Plan is contained in Appendix E of this SWMP. The plan will be reviewed annually and updated if needed to reflect any changes to the program.

Measurable Goal 3.2b - The Town will conduct a wet weather assessment in accordance with the 2022 MS4 General Permit Part IV.C.3.f and will incorporate the wet weather assessment into their IDDE Plan by the end of Permit Year 5 (6/30/2027).

2.3.3 BMP 3.3 - Maintain Storm Sewer System Infrastructure Map

Responsible Party – Town Engineer

Measurable Goal 3.3a – The Town created a watershed-based map of the MS4 infrastructure during the first three permit cycles (2003-2022). The map is online, and available to the public on the home page of the Town’s website: <https://yarmouth.me.us/> The map shows the locations of stormwater catch basins, drain manholes, connecting surface and subsurface infrastructure showing the direction of pipe flow and the locations of stormwater outfalls. The infrastructure is documented in a Geographic Information System (GIS), which contains unique identifiers for outfalls and catch basins, as well as outfall material, size and receiving water. The map is updated annually as follows:

- The GIS geodatabase is updated to reflect changes to infrastructure based on inspections and any work completed by Public Work Staff by June 30 each year,
- The GIS geodatabase is updated when as-built drawings become available for municipal infrastructure by Public Works Staff or by a third-party contractor.

2.3.4 BMP 3.4 – Conduct Infrastructure Inspections and Monitor Flowing Outfalls

Responsible Party – Town Engineer and Public Works Director

Measurable Goal 3.4a – The Public Works Staff will conduct infrastructure inspections for pollutants using the following frequency:

- One dry weather inspection will be conducted on each outfall at least once per permit cycle as required by the 2022 MS4 General Permit,
- Dry weather ditch inspections will be conducted whenever ditch maintenance work is anticipated
- Catch basins will be inspected for evidence of pollutants during their required sediment inspections (see BMP 6.4 for details).

The Town’s IDDE Plan (contained in Appendix E) describes the information collected electronically during infrastructure inspections. The Town documents the infrastructure inspections electronically in the GIS.

Measurable Goal 3.4b – If an outfall is observed to be flowing during a dry weather inspection,

the flow will be sampled and analyzed once per permit term using the methods described in the IDDE Plan unless it is exempt from dry weather investigations (as described in Part IV.C.3.e.vi of the 2022 MS4 General Permit). Outfalls sampled during dry weather will be handled as follows:

- (1) Outfalls where sampling and analysis reveals the potential for an illicit discharge: The Town will investigate the catchment area associated with the outfall for potential illicit discharges as described under Measurable Goal 3.5a.
- (2) Outfalls where sampling and analysis does not reveal the potential for an illicit discharge: The Town will document the dry weather flow as either uncontaminated groundwater, water from a natural resource, or an allowable non-stormwater discharge.

The Town Engineer will summarize either the monitoring results or the exempt status on the excel spreadsheet used for Measurable Goal 3.5a or in a GIS geodatabase. If the monitoring reveals the outfall has a potential illicit discharge, as described in the IDDE Plan, the outfall will be investigated as required under Measurable goal 3.5a.

2.3.5 BMP 3.5 – Conduct Investigations on suspect illicit discharges

Responsible Party – Town Engineer and Public Works Director

Measurable Goal 3.5a – Whenever the Public Works Staff become aware of a potential illicit discharge, they will investigate to identify the source using methods described in the written IDDE Plan (Appendix E). The Town Engineer will track the status and outcome of the investigations using an excel spreadsheet.

2.3.6 BMP 3.6 – Significant Contributors of Pollutants

Responsible Party – Town Engineer

Measurable Goal 3.6a - During the 2013-2022 Permit Cycle the Maine DEP identified that hydrant flushing was a potential contributor of pollutants to MS4s. The DEP published an issue profile providing water districts and departments guidance on how to meet ambient water quality standards for chlorine during hydrant flushing. The document was specifically designed for discharges to MS4s. In addition, the Maine Rural Water Association and Maine Water Utilities Association prepared a guidance document and training to show departments and districts how to meet the requirements of the issue profile.

The Town previously made annual requests to the Yarmouth Water District to provide an annual report describing their hydrant flushing dechlorination processes, and the Town will continue to request that they provide the reports each year.

Measurable Goal 3.6b – If any of the following allowed non-stormwater discharges (in addition to hydrant flushing) are identified as significant contributors of pollutants to the MS4, the Town

will work with responsible discharges to control these sources so they are no longer significant contributors of pollutants.

- landscape irrigation
- diverted stream flows
- rising ground waters
- uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20))
- uncontaminated pumped ground water
- uncontaminated flows from foundation drains
- air conditioning and compressor condensate
- irrigation water
- flows from uncontaminated springs
- uncontaminated water from crawl space pumps
- uncontaminated flows from footing drains
- lawn watering runoff
- flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- residual street wash water (where spills/leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred, unless all spilled material has been removed and detergents are not used), and
- firefighting activity runoff (hydrant flushing is addressed in MG 3.6a)
- water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources
- individual residential car washing
- dechlorinated swimming pool discharges

2.4 MCM 4 Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

The Town will update, implement and enforce its Construction Runoff Control Program for construction activities that disturb greater than or equal to one acre of land including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale as required by the 2022 MS4 General Permit through implementation of BMPs as described in this section.

The Town's existing ordinances meet most elements of the Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control MCM, but some modifications will be required to fully meet the 2022 MS4 General Permit requirements.

The Town also uses a Development Review Standard Operating Procedure (created in 2017), which guides applicants and staff through the Town's ordinances.

The following is a summary of the ordinances and Development Review SOP content relevant to this MCM:

Chapter 702 Site Plan Review - which specifies two levels of development: Minor Development (which requires staff review), and Major Development (which requires Planning Board Review). The thresholds for site plan review are well below the threshold triggering this MCM 4, so any site triggering this MCM would be subject to site plan review (for example, even Staff Review of Minor Developments is triggered by the construction or alteration of any parking area providing four or less parking spaces [~684 square feet], the expansion of any building by 100 to 1,000 square feet, construction of any impervious surfaces in excess of 200 square feet ([cumulatively] within a three year period, or excavation or fill involving 100 to 1,000 cubic yards of material).

And all sites triggering site plan review are required to submit an erosion control plan meeting the standards identified in Chapter 702. The Chapter 702 technical standard is:

The proposed development includes adequate measures to control erosion and sedimentation and will not contribute to the degradation of nearby streams, watercourses or coastal lowlands by virtue of soil erosion or sedimentation. The erosion control measures are to be in conformance with the most current edition of the "Environmental Quality handbook, Erosion and Sedimentation Control", prepared by the Maine Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Chapter 601 Subdivision – Both Major and Minor Subdivisions are required to pass through Planning Board for approval, and a Sediment/Erosion Control Plan must be submitted with the application. The Chapter 601 review standard for Erosion Control is as follows:

The proposed subdivision will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or a reduction in the land's capacity to hold water so that a dangerous or unhealthy condition results; the site except for surplus topsoil from roads, parking areas, and building excavations.

Chapter 701 Zoning - Several sections of the Zoning Ordinance contain Erosion and Sediment

Control standards that apply to any general development. These standards are slightly different than those contained in the Subdivision and Site Plan review regulations.

Development Review SOP – The SOP contains a summary of the erosion and sediment control requirements and provides an applicant a step-by-step guide from application submittal through final project completion.

The Town’s Ordinances can be found at: www.yarmouth.me.us and the Town’s Development Review SOP is contained in Appendix F of this SWMP.

The following BMPs will be implemented to meet this Minimum Control Measure.

2.4.1 BMP 4.1 – Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance

Responsible Party - Director of Planning and Town Engineer

Measurable Goal 4.1a – The Town’s Site Plan Review Procedures (Chapter 702) and Subdivision procedures (Chapter 601) specify that any application contain an Erosion Control Plan. The Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 701) also contains requirements for Erosion and Sediment control that apply to developments. The thresholds for Site Plan Review and Erosion Control Plans are generally more stringent than the threshold required by the 2022 MS4 General Permit (sites that disturb one or more acres of land including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale). However, the one-acre threshold is not explicitly listed in the Town’s ordinances, and the standards referenced for Erosion Control Plans in these three chapters are not consistent with those contained in Appendix C of the 2022 MS4 General Permit.

The Town will create a redline strikeout update to the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Site Plan Review Ordinance, and Development Review SOP and offer it to Town Council for approval by 7/1/2023. The modifications will require that the Erosion Control Plan meet a set of standards consistent with the applicable sections of Appendix C to the 2022 MS4 General Permit, (which are the same as the Maine DEP Stormwater Rule Chapter 500 Appendices A Erosion and Sediment Control, B Inspections and Maintenance, and C Housekeeping).

Measurable Goal 4.1b – Prior to the Ordinance updates specified in Measurable Goal 4.1a, the Town will develop either on its own, or regionally, a set of standards consistent with the construction site requirements contained in Appendix C to the 2022 MS4 General Permit, (which are the same as the Maine DEP Stormwater Rule Chapter 500 Appendices A Erosion and Sediment Control, B Inspections and Maintenance, and C Housekeeping).

The standards will include a requirement to control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck wash-outs, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at the construction site that may cause adverse impacts to water quality if passed through the storm drain system.

2.4.2 BMP 4.2 – Site Plan Review Procedures

Responsible Party - Director of Planning and Town Engineer

Measurable Goal 4.2a – The Town’s Site Plan Review Ordinance and Development Review SOP, which contains the required elements listed in Part IV.C.4.a.ii of the 2022 MS4 General Permit (consideration of potential water quality impacts, erosion control, waste storage, the ability for the public to comment at publicly noticed meetings and procedures to consider information submitted by the public), will continue to be implemented. The Development Review SOP is provided in Appendix F of this SWMP.

2.4.3 BMP 4.3 – Procedures for notifying construction site developers and operators

Responsible Party - Director of Planning and Town Engineer

Measurable Goal 4.3a – The Town will continue notifying developers and contractors of requirements to obtain coverage under the MCGP and Chapter 500 for sites that disturb one or more acres of land using the following methods:

- Providing a notice on the building permit application of the DEP NOI filing requirements for site that result in disturbance of greater than or equal to one acre of land.
- In discussions with applicants as described using the Development Review SOP.

2.4.4 BMP 4.4 –Conduct and Document Construction Site Inspections

Responsible Party – Town Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer

Measurable Goal 4.4a – The Town will continue implementing its procedure for construction site inspections as described in the Development Review SOP. The SOP is included in Appendix F of this SWMP and has been updated to address the following items:

- Identify that either Town Staff or third-party inspectors conduct these inspections
- Identify that the third-party inspector will review any inspection deficiencies with the contractor during or at the conclusion of the inspection to allow for BMP repairs to be done no later than the next working day, additional BMPs to be added within 7 calendar days, and significant repairs to be completed within 7 calendar days and prior to any storm event (rainfall)
 - The inspection reports are provided to the Town Engineer within 3 days of the inspection for any sites that require corrective measures, and within one week for any sites that do not require corrective measures.
- Require three inspections during active earth-moving phase of construction
- Require a minimum of one inspection annually until the project reaches substantial completion.
- Require a final inspection at project completion to ensure that permanent stabilization has been achieved and all temporary erosion and sediment controls

- have been removed, and
- Include use of the construction inspection form which is attached to the Development Review SOP.

Measurable Goal 4.4b. The Town will document construction sites that trigger the ordinance using an excel spreadsheet each year. The spreadsheet will contain the site's name, map and lot number, dates of inspections, and any enforcement actions and corrective actions taken.

2.5 MCM 5 Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development/ Redevelopment

The Town will implement a set of Low Impact Development strategies to prevent or minimize water quality impacts as described in BMP 5.1.

As described in BMP 5.2, the Town will continue to implement its Post Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance to address stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, that discharge into the Town's MS4 through implementation of the following BMPs.

The Town's current Ordinances contain provisions to prevent or minimize water quality impacts from development in accordance with the requirements of the MS4 General Permit.

The following is a brief summary of the ordinance contents' as they relate to the MCM 5 requirements:

Chapter 702 Site Plan Review (H.10) requires that

- The (proposed) plan provides for adequate storm water management facilities so that the post development runoff rate will be no greater than the predevelopment rate or that there is no adverse downstream impact. Proposed storm water detention facilities shall provide for the control of two year and twenty-five-year storm frequency rates. The design, construction and maintenance of private facilities must be conducted in accordance with the technical standards in section J.9, and maintenance of private facilities must conform to Chapter 330.

Chapter 601 Subdivision Article V Section L contains Storm drainage design standards that are consistent with the 2022 MS4 General Permit Requirements. These standards are too lengthy to reproduce in this SWMP. The Subdivision Ordinance contains its own requirements for Post Construction maintenance of any infrastructure that remains in private hands which are generally consistent with the MS4 General Permit requirements.

Chapter 330 Post Construction requires:

- Preparation and implementation of a Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan for any non-subdivision development in accordance with Maine DEP Guidance,
- Execution and filing of a Maintenance Agreement for any infrastructure that will remain under private control,
- Submittal of an annual report documenting that all on-site BMPs have been inspected by a qualified inspector and are either functioning as intended or if they require maintenance and repair, a list of deficiencies, and documentation once they are corrected.

Development Review SOP – The SOP contains an introduction to the MS4 program,

provides a link to Low Impact Development Resources available to developers, and encourages developers to include elements of LID in developments, and describes the Post Construction Ordinance Requirements.

The Town's Ordinances can be found at: www.yarmouth.me.usThe Town's Development Review SOP is provided in Appendix F of this SWMP.

The following BMPs will be implemented to meet this Minimum Control Measure.

2.5.1 BMP 5.1 – Implement strategies to prevent or minimize water quality impacts

Responsible Party - Director of Planning and Town Engineer

Measurable Goal 5.1a – The Town, either on its own or in partnership with other MS4s, will develop a Model LID Ordinance for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites which establishes performance standards for each of the LID Measures listed in Table 1 of Appendix F of the 2022 MS4 General Permit.

The Model LID Ordinance will be submitted to the Maine DEP for review by September 1, 2022. The 2022 MS4 General Permit identified that the Maine DEP will post the Model LID Ordinance for public comment and will approve it, with or without modifications by November 1, 2022.

Measurable Goal 5.1b – Assuming the Model LID Ordinance and its required elements are approved by November 1, 2022, the Town will either adopt the Model LID Ordinance, or incorporate its required elements into the Town Ordinances on or before July 1, 2024.

2.5.2 BMP 5.2 – Maintain Post Construction Ordinance or Similar Measure

Responsible Party - Town Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer

Measurable Goal 5.2a – During the 2008-2013 permit cycle, the Town passed a Post Construction Discharge Ordinance (effective May 21, 2009, currently Chapter 330) which requires that any site that disturbs more than one or more acres uses a qualified post construction stormwater inspector to certify to the town annually by March 1 that they have inspected and maintained their stormwater BMPs. The town will continue to track:

- The cumulative number of sites that have post construction BMPs discharging into the permittee's MS4;
- The number of sites that have post construction BMPs discharging into the permittee's MS4 that were reported to the municipality;
- The number of sites with documented functioning post construction BMPs; and
- The number of sites that required routine maintenance or remedial action to ensure that the post construction BMP is functioning as intended.

Measurable Goal 5.2b –The Town’s Post Construction Ordinance (Chapter 330) will be updated on the same timeline as that of Measurable Goal 4.1a (for Erosion Sediment Control Ordinance updates, which target 7/1/2023 for presentation to Town Council for approval) to state that for any sites reporting that maintenance is required:

- Deficiencies will be corrected within 60 days of identification and a record of the corrective action taken will be provided to the Town’ Enforcement Authority within that same 60-day period.
- If it is not possible to correct the deficiency within 60 days, the property owner will coordinate with the Town Engineer to establish an expeditious schedule to correct the deficiency and will provide a record of the corrective actions taken.

2.6 MCM 6 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The objective of this MCM is to mitigate or eliminate pollutant runoff from municipal operations on property that is owned or managed by the permittee and located within the 2000-2010 Urbanized Area through implementation of the following BMPs.

2.6.1 BMP 6.1 – Operations at Municipally Owned Grounds and Facilities

Responsible Party – Town Engineer, and Public Works Director and Community Services (Parks) Director

Measurable Goal 6.1a – During the previous MS4 permit cycle, the Town developed an inventory of municipal operations conducted in, on, or associated with facilities, buildings, golf courses, cemeteries, parks or open space owned or operated by the Town that have the potential to cause or contribute to stormwater pollution. The Town will review and update its inventory annually.

Measurable Goal 6.1b – During the previous MS4 permit cycle, the Town developed and implemented Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Procedures for the municipal operations listed in their inventory that had the potential to cause or contribute to stormwater pollution. The town will continue to implement these O&M Procedures and will review and update the O&M Procedures annually to iteratively improve strategies and practices to eliminate or better control pollutant discharges.

2.6.2 BMP 6.2 – Training

Responsible Party – Town Engineer and Public Works Director

Measurable Goal 6.2a – The Town will conduct annual training as follows:

- a. Train 80% of the following municipal staff who are responsible for implementing their respective O&M procedures: Public Works, wastewater, police, fire, and parks and recreation.
- b. Train public works and transfer station employees who work in areas where industrial materials or activities are exposed to stormwater at the Public Works Garage and Transfer Station and who are responsible for activities necessary to implement the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans.

Key individuals who conduct outfall inspections will also be provided with additional training as needed to complete their duties.

2.6.3 BMP 6.3 – Continue Street Sweeping Program

Responsible Party – Public Works Director

Measurable Goal 6.3a - Each permit year the town will continue to sweep all publicly accepted paved streets and publicly owned paved parking lots at least once a year as soon as possible after snowmelt.

2.6.4 BMP 6.4 – Cleaning of Catch Basins

Responsible Party – Public Works Director

Measurable Goal 6.4a – The Town will inspect its catch basins for sediment content at least once every two years and will clean catch basins when needed.

Measurable Goal 6.4b – The Town will track which catch basins accumulate excess sediment (i.e., 50% or more of the sump contains sediment) to ensure those basins are inspected again the following year and cleaned if necessary. If a catch basin exhibits less than 25% sediment in its sump for two consecutive years, it is removed from the excess sediment list, and can be inspected again every two years.

Measurable Goal 6.4c – The Town will continue to beneficially re-use any catch basin grit that does not exhibit evidence of sewage, oil/grease, litter, or other pollutants in accordance with Maine DEP Solid Waste Management Rule 418 Beneficial Use of Solid Waste. Grit that exhibits evidence of pollutants will be profiled to assess its waste classification and disposed of at an appropriately licensed solid waste facility.

2.6.5 BMP 6.5 – Maintenance and Upgrading of Storm water Conveyances and Outfalls

Responsible Party – Public Works Director

Measurable Goal 6.5a – The Town will maintain and upgrade the stormwater conveyance systems based on the results of the catch basin, outfall, and ditch inspections, in accordance with the urgency of any needed repairs or maintenance. The Town continues to perform systematic capital upgrades of the storm drain system in correlation with the road paving program for the town.

2.6.6 BMP 6.6 – Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs)

Responsible Party – Town Engineer and Public Works Director

Measurable Goal 6.6a – During the last Permit Cycle, the Town prepared a SWPPP for the Public Works Facility and Recycling Center. The Town will amend the SWPPP to comply with the requirements specified in Part IV.C.6.d by 6/30/2022. In addition, the Town will amend the SWPPP within 30 calendar days of completion of any of the following:

- A change in design, construction, operation or maintenance that may have a significant

effect on the discharge or potential for discharge of pollutants including the addition or reduction of industrial activity,

- Monitoring, inspections, or investigations by the Town, local, state or federal officials which determine the SWPPP is ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing the intended pollutants,
- A discharge occurs that is determined by the Maine DEP to cause or have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to the violation of an applicable water quality standard.

Measurable Goal 6.6b - The Town will implement the plan throughout each Permit Year including conducting quarterly facility inspections using the Town's own form and visual monitoring using forms containing the inspection criteria identified in Appendix E of the 2022 MS4 General Permit.

2.7 Impaired Waters BMPs


As described in Section 1.4 of this Plan, the Town does not discharge to any Urban Impaired Stream or water which as an EPA approved TMDL as of the issuance date of the 2022 MS4 General Permit, and the Maine DEP confirmed that no additional actions need to be taken for any other impaired water as part of this Plan. Therefore, no BMPs or Measurable Goals are required to be implemented under this section.

3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Certification

The General Permit requires that this Plan be certified by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. This section provides the necessary 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 gathered and evaluated 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, 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."

Signature: 

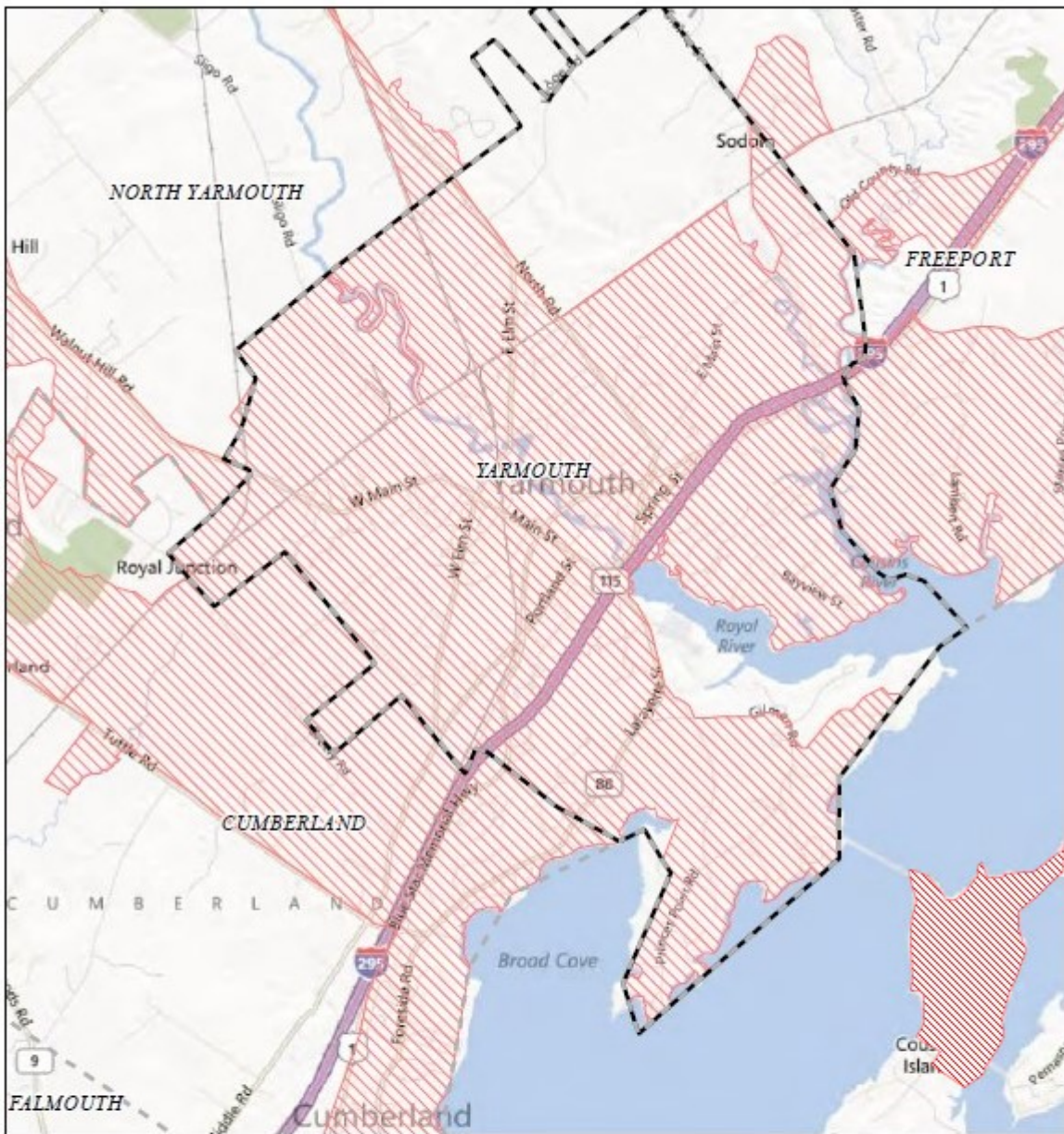
Date: 6-17-22

Nathaniel J. Tupper

Title: Town Manager


APPENDIX A

URBANIZED AREA MAP



**NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program
Automatically Designated MS4 Areas**

Yarmouth ME

 Regulated Area (2000 + 2010 Urbanized Area)



Town Population: **7741**
Regulated Population: **7348**
(Populations estimated from 2010 Census)



Urbanized Areas, Town Boundaries:
US Census (2000, 2010)
Base map © 2010 Microsoft Corporation
and its data suppliers

US EPA Region 1 GIS Center Map #8824, 11/19/2012

Map has been corrected to show approximate Urbanized Area on Cousins Island, which was omitted from the original EPA map.

APPENDIX B

NOTICE OF INTENT AND PERMITTEE SPECIFIC DEP ORDER

ADVERTISEMENT



The Municipality of Yarmouth, Maine

will file a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the Maine General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems issued 10/15/2020 (MERO41000 W009170-5Y-C-R) and an associated Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The NOI and SWMP will be filed on or about March 24, 2021. A copy may also be seen at the Yarmouth municipal offices, 200 Main Street, and on the municipal website: Official Website of the Town of Yarmouth, Maine

The DEP will review the submittal and assess if it is complete for processing within 60 days of submittal. Once it has been deemed complete for processing, it will be made available on the Maine DEP website for 30-day public comment: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/comment/index.html>. A request for public hearing or request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the DEP, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found acceptable for processing. Requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and specify the reasons why a hearing is warranted. Unless otherwise provided by law, a hearing is discretionary and may be held if the Commissioner or the Board finds significant public interest or there is conflicting technical information.

The NOI and SWMP are also available for viewing at the DEP Office in Augusta by scheduled appointment during normal business hours during the pandemic. Written public comments or requests for information may be made to the Division of Water Quality Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State House Station #17, Augusta, ME 04333- 0017; telephone (207) 592-6233 and must include the name of the municipality filing the NOI and the Permit number provided above.

PUBLISHED DATE

March 11, 2021



NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH MAINE GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER FROM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK ONLY

PERMITTEE INFORMATION					
MS4 Entity	Town of Yarmouth			Permittee ID #	MER041007
Name and title of chief elected official or principal executive officer	Nathaniel J. Tupper				
Mailing Address	200 Main Street				
Town/City	Yarmouth	State	ME	Zip Code	04096
Daytime Phone	207-846-2401	Email	ntupper@yarmouth.me.us		
PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON FOR OVERALL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (if different than PEO/CEO)					
Name and Title	Steven S. Johnson, Town Engineer				
Mailing Address	200 Main Street				
Town/City	Yarmouth	State	ME	Zip Code	04096
Daytime Phone	207-846-2401	Email	sjohnson@yarmouth.me.us		
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP)					
Urbanized Area (sq. mi.)	14				
I have attached our updated SWMP with ordinances, SOPs, forms. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Name of streams, wetlands, or waterbodies to which the regulated small MS4 discharges (<i>attach additional sheets as necessary</i>): Atlantic Ocean (Casco Bay), Royal River, Cousins River, Pratt's Brook, and streams tributary to the Town of Cumberland					
List of impaired waterbodies that receive stormwater from the regulated small MS4 (<i>attach additional sheets as necessary</i>): Casco Bay Areas Part of DMR Area 14 (non-TMDL bacteria impairments)					
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, 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.					
Signature of Permittee				Date	2-23-21

This NOI registration form must be filed with the Department at the following address:

Stormwater Program Manager
 Maine Department of Environmental Protection
 Bureau of Water Quality
 17 State House Station
 Augusta ME 04333-0017
Rhonda.Poirier@maine.gov

OFFICE USE ONLY					
Date Recieved		Staff		Date Accepted	
				Date Not Accepted	



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



JANET T. MILLS
GOVERNOR

MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

June 2, 2022

Mr. Nathaniel J. Tupper
Town Manager
200 Maine Street
Yarmouth, Maine 04096
e-mail: ntupper@yarmouth.me.us

**RE: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit #MER041000
Final - MER041007**

Dear Mr. Tupper:

Enclosed please find a copy of your **final** MEPDES permit and Maine WDL which was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Please read this permit/license and its attached conditions carefully. Compliance with this permit/license will protect water quality.

Any interested person aggrieved by a Department determination made pursuant to applicable regulations, may appeal the decision following the procedures described in the attached DEP FACT SHEET entitled "*Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision.*"

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693. Your Department compliance inspector copied below is also a resource that can assist you with compliance. Please do not hesitate to contact them with any questions.

Thank you for your efforts to protect and improve the waters of the great state of Maine!

Sincerely,

Gregg Wood
Division of Water Quality Management
Bureau of Water Quality

Enc.

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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
17 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

**DEPARTMENT ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF**

TOWN OF YARMOUTH)	MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM
YARMOUTH, CUMBRLAND COUNTY, MAINE)	SEWER SYSTEM
MER041007)	MER041000
)	GENERAL PERMIT COVERAGE
APPROVAL)	RENEWAL

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department/DEP) has considered the Notice of Intent submitted by the TOWN OF YARMOUTH (Town/permittee), with supportive data, agency review comments and other related materials on file for coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS.

The permittee submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) with an initial Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to the Department on March 24, 2021 that were made available for a 30-day public comment period on the Department's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dep/comment/comment.html?id=4463193>. No public comments were received on the NOI or the initial SWMP. The Department has reviewed the initial SWMP document and made the determination that the document is consistent with and fully articulates what is required to meet the MS4 GP standard. Pursuant to Part IV(B) of MS4 GP issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, the permittee must update the initial SWMP within 60 days of the effective date of this DEP permittee specific order or within 60 days of the final resolution to an appeal of this DEP permittee specific order. The final plan must be submitted to the Department and will be posted on the Department's website.

The permittee must fully implement the following Best Management Practices in accordance with their associated schedules of compliance, as established in the Modified Stormwater Management Plan that is in effect at the time any schedule for compliance is due.

MCM 1 Education/Outreach Program: BMPs 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3;
MCM 2 Public Involvement and Participation: BMP 2.1 and 2.2
MCM 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: BMPs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6;
MCM 4 Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control: BMPs 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4;
MCM 5 Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development/Redevelopment: 5.1, and 5.2;
and
MCM 6 Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations: BMPs 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6.

Modifications to the Initial Stormwater Management Plan required as a result of this Order, if any, must be provided to the Department in accordance with Part IV.B of the MS4 GP, and the Department will notify the permittee if further changes are required in accordance with Part IV.B.2.


The permittee has agreed to comply with all terms and conditions of the MS4 General Permit, #MER041000, dated October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021. Operated in accordance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, the discharges identified by the permittee will not have a significant adverse effect on water quality or cause or contribute to the violation of the water quality standards of the receiving water.

THEREFORE, the Department GRANTS the TOWN OF YARMOUTH, coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, subject to the terms and conditions therein.

This DEP permittee specific order becomes effective on July 1, 2022 and expires at midnight five (5) years after that date. If the GP is to be renewed, this DEP permittee specific order will remain in effect and enforceable until the Department takes final action on the renewal.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 2 DAY OF June, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: 
for Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

The Notice of Intent was received by the Department on March 24, 2021.

The Notice of Intent was accepted by the Department on April 2, 2021.

FILED
JUNE 2, 2022
State of Maine
Board of Environmental Protection

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection: _____

This Order prepared by GREGG WOOD, BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

During the period of March 16, 2022 through the date of signature of this final agency action, the Department solicited comments on the draft MEPDES DEP permittee specific order. The Department did receive timely written comments from the permittee and the Friends of Casco Bay (FOCB). Responses to substantive comments are as follows:

Comment #1 (Permittee): The language in the draft order (italicized below) is potentially vague, which may lead to confusion about what steps are required for compliance.

“The permittee must fully implement all actions, schedules and milestones established in the March 31, 2021 initial SWMP and any revisions to the initial SWMP reflected in the final plan.”

Specifically, the permittee is concerned that in the SWMPs it may not always be clear what qualifies as mandatory “actions, schedules and milestones” and what does not. This is because the SWMPs were written broadly to, in addition to setting out specific and measurable actions, provide helpful context, educate officials and citizens about the Plan, and establish process, among other things. There is, therefore, significant text in the SWMPs that does not appear to be an action, schedule, or milestone, and thus would not be enforceable. The permittee is concerned that it will not always be clear exactly what is mandatory and what is not. Additionally, the permittee believes that the language about enforcing any additional revisions to the SWMP also may be somewhat unclear, given that SWMPs are living documents that are expected under the new MS4 general permit to evolve over time.

Response #1: The Department concurs with the permittee’s position on the purpose and enforceability of the SWMP as a stand-alone document. Part VI(E), *Relationship Between the SWMP and Permit Required Terms and Conditions* of the December 9, 2016 Federal Register states in relevant part “...under EPA small MS4 regulations, the details included in the permittee’s SWMP document are not directly enforceable as effluent limitations of the permit. The SWMP document is intended to be a tool that describes the means by which the MS4 establishes its stormwater controls and engages in the adaptive management process during the term of the permit. While the requirement to develop a SWMP document is an enforceable condition of the permit (see §122.34(b) of the final rule) the contents of the stormwater management document itself are not enforceable as effluent limitations of the permit, unless the document or specific details within the SWMP are specifically incorporated by the permitting authority into the permit.”

Part VI(E), also states in relevant part “... the details of any part of the permittee's program that are described in the SWMP, unless specifically incorporated into the permit, are not enforceable under the permit, and because they are not terms of the permit, the MS4 may revise those parts of the SWMP if necessary to meet any permit requirements or to make improvements to stormwater controls during the permit term. As discussed in more detail below, the permitting authority has discretion to determine what elements, if any, of the SWMP are to be made enforceable, but in order to do so it must follow the procedural requirements for the second step under Sec. 122.28(d)(2).

The regulations envision that the MS4 permittee will develop a written SWMP document that provides a road map for how the permittee will comply with the permit. The SWMP document(s) can be changed based on adaptations made during the course of the permit, which enable the permittee to react to circumstances and experiences on the ground and to make adjustments to its program to better comply with the permit. The fact that the SWMP is an external tool and not required to be part of the permit is intended to enable the MS4 permittee to be able to modify and retool its approach during the course of the permit term in order to continually improve how it complies with the permit and to do this without requiring the permitting authority to review and approve each change as a permit modification.”

Comment #2 (Permittee): The General Permit does require that the SWMPs be updated and sent out for public comment annually and lays out a process for any other needed revisions. Multiple versions of the SWMPs should not be enforceable. The only version that should be enforceable is the version that is in force at the time a Best Management Practice or Measurable Goal is due. Accordingly, we recommend clarifying this provision to eliminate any potential confusion.

This will, in turn, promote compliance and lead to better water quality. To accomplish that, we note that our SWMPs have Best Management Practices (BMPs) with Measurable Goals and believe the second step order would be more clear if it references that we will fully implement those BMPs. This approach is consistent with Part III.A.8 of the GP which provides: “Following the public comment period on the NOI, the Department will issue a permittee specific DEP Order that establishes additional terms and conditions, including but not limited to, a list of required actions and corresponding schedules of compliance for a limited number BMPs associated with the implementation of this GP.” Thus, we suggest the following italicized text be incorporated into the final Order:

The permittee must fully implement the following Best Management Practices in accordance with their associated schedules of compliance, as established in the Modified Stormwater Management Plan that is in effect at the time any schedule for compliance is due

MCM 1 Education/Outreach Program: BMPs 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3;

MCM 2 Public Involvement and Participation: BMP 2.1 and 2.2

MCM 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: BMPs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6;

MCM 4 Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control: BMPs 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4;

MCM 5 Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development/Redevelopment: 5.1, and 5.2;
and

MCM 6 Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations: BMPs 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6.

Modifications to the Initial Stormwater Management Plan required as a result of this Order, if any, must be provided to the Department in accordance with Part IV.B of the MS4 GP, and the Department will notify the permittee if further changes are required in accordance with Part IV.B.2.

Response #2: The revisions cited above are acceptable to the Department and are consistent with Remand Rule in that “the permitting authority has discretion to determine what elements, if any, of the SWMP are to be made enforceable, but in order to do so it must follow the procedural requirements for the second step under Sec. 122.28(d)(2).”

Part IV.B of the GP states in relevant part “Mc Saved to this PC water Management Plan (SWMP). The permittee must implement and enforce a written (hardcopy or electronic) SWMP. The initial SWMP must be updated within 60 days of permit authorization to include how the permittee will meet all requirements of the DEP Order. The modified SWMP must include a summary of the comments received during the MS4s public comment period and any corresponding changes to the SWMP made in response to the comments received. The permittee must perform all actions required by the permittee specific DEP Order in accordance with the timelines in the permittee specific DEP Order. Unless otherwise specified by the Department in writing, the permittee must submit the updated SWMP to the Department indicating how the permittee has modified their SWMP to be consistent with the GP and permittee specific DEP Order. To modify the schedule established in the permittee specific DEP Order, the permittee must file an application on a DEP form with the Department that includes a justification to formally modify the original permittee specific DEP Order.”

The final DEP permittee specific order has been modified accordingly.

Comment #3 (FOCB): From the outset, Friends of Casco Bay has advocated for a comprehensive general permit with all clear, specific, and measurable terms needed to comply with the Remand Rule. The rule, however, allows DEP to issue either a comprehensive general permit or a two-step general permit. A two-step general permit consists of a base general permit and a second permitting step that establishes additional permit terms and conditions. The two documents combined meet the MS4 permit standard. We request that future MS4 permits be issued as comprehensive general permits.

Response 3: The Department will take the FOCB’s comment into consideration during the renewal of the MS4 GP in calendar year 2027 and consider renewing the permit as a comprehensive permit.

Comment #4 (FOCB): Because SWMPs are now second step orders, would DEP please clarify when a SWMP modification will be considered a minor permit modification that does not require public process and when SWMP modifications will be posted for public comment and process? Although the code of federal regulations spells this out, there has been much confusion throughout the permit renewal process, and clear guidance would be helpful.

Response #4: Based on the Responses #1 and #2 above, the entire SWMP is not an enforceable document. Specific BMPs under each MCM and or impaired waters section of the SWMP have been cited in this DEP permittee specific order and are enforceable. The 2022 MS4 General Permit is clear that MS4s must provide an opportunity for annual public comment on any changes to their SWMPs in Part IV(B)(2), and must provide notice to the DEP for any changes to schedules in the SMWP including a rationale for why there is a change. The Modified Stormwater Management Plan is self-implementing as this DEP permittee specific order states:

The permittee must fully implement the following Best Management Practices in accordance with their associated schedules of compliance, as established in the Modified Stormwater Management Plan that is in effect at the time any schedule for compliance is due.

If a party, during its annual review of an updated SWMP, wishes to object to modifications to the SWMP proposed by the permittee, it can petition the Department to remedy said objections to ensure the terms and conditions proposed in SWMP are consistent with the Clean Water Act and MS4 regulations.

Comment #5 (FOCB): Second step orders incorporate initial SWMPs that were written before the Board of Environmental Protection issued an order remanding the base general permit to DEP. In response to the order, DEP issued a permit modification that requires municipalities to adopt an ordinance that mandates the use of LID for new and re-development. The initial SWMPs uniformly contain terms relating to MCM 5 that do not comply with the BEP Order and subsequent permit modification. DEP should revise SWMPs and add all terms and schedules of compliance to second step orders to fully implement MCM 5 as set forth in the permit modification.

Response #5: All permittee's seeking coverage under the MS4 GP are subject to both the October 15, 2020 base general permit and the November 23, 2021 permit modification that mandates the use of LID for new and re-development. All permittees were copied on the final permit modification and are aware of the following language:

A. Low Impact Development

5. MCM5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment.

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to address post construction stormwater runoff to the maximum extent practicable from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development that discharge into the MS4.

- a. The permittee must implement strategies which include a combination of structural and/or non-structural BMPs appropriate to prevent or minimize water quality impacts as follows:*

On or before September 1, 2022, each permittee must develop a Model LID Ordinance for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites which establishes performance standards for each of the LID Measures contained in Table 1 of Appendix F. The Model LID ordinance should, at a minimum, refer to Appendix F for guidance.

The Model LID Ordinance shall be submitted to the Maine DEP for review by September 1, 2022. DEP will post the model ordinance for public comments and approve it, with or without modifications, on or before November 1, 2022.

On or before July 1, 2024 each permittee shall adopt an ordinance or regulatory mechanism that is at least as stringent as the required elements of the Model LID Ordinance or incorporate all of its required elements into the permittee's code of ordinances or other enforceable regulatory mechanism.

Each permittee is aware these terms and terms are to be incorporated into the Modified Stormwater Management Plan to be submitted to the Department within 60 days of permit authorization. Therefore, this order remains unchanged.

Comment #6 (FOCB) - To meet the measurable requirement, permittees must evaluate the effectiveness of actions to reduce stormwater pollution. Some of the second step orders contain terms that do not satisfy this standard. Our review focused on terms to reduce stormwater pollution to impaired waters. The BMPs that fail to satisfy the Remand Rule are BMPs that contain a budget caveat. BMPs to restore water quality to impaired waters must be implemented without reference to budget.

The modified base general permit requires permittees that discharge to an impaired water(s) to implement three clear, specific and measurable BMPs to restore water quality. Some second step orders condition the implementation of a BMP on the passage of a budget. If the permittee does not pass a budget to fund the BMP, then the permittee does not have to implement it. Recommending but not executing BMPs does not restore water quality. Nor does it meet the mandate that second step orders require municipalities to implement three BMPs for each impaired water. Finally, it is troubling policy to treat permittees inconsistently. DEP should remove the budget caveat from second step orders. If budget becomes an issue, permittees could propose alternate and equally effective BMPs to DEP that could be considered through a permit modification.

Response #6 – Neither the March 16, 2022 draft DEP permittee specific order or the permittee’s initial SWMP contained language regarding a budget caveat. This comment is not applicable to the permittee.

Comment #7 (FOCB): To meet the measurable requirement, permittees must evaluate the effectiveness of actions to reduce stormwater pollution. Some of the second step orders contain terms that do not satisfy this standard. Our review focused on terms to reduce stormwater pollution to impaired waters. The BMPs that fail to satisfy the Remand Rule include the Long Creek BMP. Second step orders for MS4s that discharges to Long Creek must be modified to include clear, specific and measurable BMPs.

The Long Creek watershed is located in the MS4 municipalities of South Portland, Westbrook, Portland and Scarborough. Long Creek is impaired by urban development which has altered stream beds and flows, covered much of the landscape with impervious surfaces, and delivered slugs of pollution to Long Creek including excessive chlorides from winter application of road salt. Using residual designation authority under the CWA, the State issued a general permit regulating stormwater discharges in these municipalities from MS4, commercial and industrial sources. In relevant part, the existing Long Creek permit replaced requirements of the 2013 MS4 Permit. The Long Creek general permit expired April 15, 2020 and has been administratively continued.

Part of the delay in reissuing the Long Creek permit may stem from the fact that EPA has advised DEP that the permit must be renewed with clear, specific and measurable terms commensurate with the Remand Rule. As written, the Long Creek permit is a very general permit supported with non-enforceable management plans.

MS4 municipalities:

[M]ay rely upon another entity to satisfy its NPDES permit obligations to implement a minimum control measure if:

- (1) The other entity, in fact, implements the control measure;
- (2) The particular control measure, or component thereof, is at least as stringent as the corresponding NPDES permit requirement; and

- (3) The other entity agrees to implement the control measure on the permittee's behalf.

In this case, the 2015 Long Creek general permit is not as stringent as the requirements of the 2022 MS4 Permit because it contains no clear, specific and measurable actions. Therefore, MS4 communities cannot rely on the 2015 Long Creek general permit to comply with the 2022 MS4 Permit. This may be easy to cure. DEP could review the Long Creek Restoration Project Plans and select three clear, specific and measurable actions to include in the South Portland, Portland, Westbrook and Scarborough second step orders.

Response #7 (FOCB): This comment is not applicable to the permittee as it does not discharge to Long Creek.

Comment #8 (FOCB) - We had hoped that second step orders would encourage, where appropriate, the development and implementation of fertilizer ordinances to reduce nutrient pollution to urban impaired and threatened waters. For example, Portland seeks to implement a fertilizer ordinance under its pending Integrated Plan to reduce nutrient pollution. We had hoped this decision might be supported through the MS4 process.

Response #8: The Department agrees with the commenter that developing and implementing a fertilizer ordinance can be an effective BMP to reduce nutrient loading to surface water bodies. Short of formally adopting an ordinance, many of the permittees have developed BMPs in their SWMPs to address nutrient loading to surface water bodies by way of public education (MCM1 and MCM2), yard-scaping programs and watershed management plans.

Comment #9 (FOCB): To meet the measurable requirement, permittees must evaluate the effectiveness of actions to reduce stormwater pollution. Some of the second step orders contain terms that do not satisfy this standard. Our review focused on terms to reduce stormwater pollution to impaired waters. The BMPs that fail to satisfy the Remand Rule include the chlorides reduction BMP. The chlorides reduction BMP must be replaced with clear, specific and measurable actions that reduce chlorides pollution to the MEP.

Many urban impaired streams cannot be restored without reducing chlorides. To address this, some second step orders contain the following provision:

- a. At least one representative from the City must attend an annual regional training or roundtable to learn about new chloride reduction techniques coordinated by the ISWG or another organization.
- b. The permittee, solely or in combination with others, must;
 - Beginning July 1, 2022 and alternating years thereafter until it passes, provide educational outreach to legislators regarding limited liability legislation and at least two other organizations representing firms that conduct application of chloride on private property;
 - In years when limited liability legislation has not passed and is not active for procedural reasons, the City will provide winter maintenance education and outreach to the public using two tools from the City's Stormwater Management Plan.
 - The first year after legislation passes, the City must provide awareness of its passage in the form of a presentation to the Council.

- Beginning the second and subsequent years after passage, the City must educate property managers, private contractors, and/or the public on winter maintenance practices to maintain public safety and protect the environment using two tools from the City's Stormwater Management Plan.

While well intended, this BMP does not satisfy the tenets of the CWA and Remand Rule. It is not a clear, specific, and measurable term designed to actually reduce stormwater pollution to the maximum extent practicable. It does not include narrative, numeric, or other types of requirements designed to reduce pollutant loads. Once a year training for municipal officials might be important, but without more, does not reduce pollution. Similarly, educating legislators might be laudable but is not a BMP for purposes of a CWA permit. There is no chlorides reduction bill before the legislature, and education efforts alone will not pass and implement such a bill. The concept is simply too attenuated to satisfy the Remand Rule.

DEP should strike the above-referenced chlorides reduction BMP from second step orders and replace it with direct actions municipalities can take to reduce chlorides to urban impaired waters. We have attached Appendix F from the NH MS4 Permit as guidance for the types of BMPs that might be included.

Response #9: Neither the March 16, 2022 draft DEP permittee specific order or the permittee's initial SWMP contained language regarding a chlorides reduction BMP. This comment is not applicable to the permittee.



DEP INFORMATION SHEET

Appealing a Department Licensing Decision

Dated: August 2021

Contact: (207) 314-1458

SUMMARY

This document provides information regarding a person's rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal of a licensing decision made by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Commissioner.

Except as provided below, there are two methods available to an aggrieved person seeking to appeal a licensing decision made by the DEP Commissioner: (1) an administrative process before the Board of Environmental Protection (Board); or (2) a judicial process before Maine's Superior Court. An aggrieved person seeking review of a licensing decision over which the Board had original jurisdiction may seek judicial review in Maine's Superior Court.

A judicial appeal of final action by the Commissioner or the Board regarding an application for an expedited wind energy development ([35-A M.R.S. § 3451\(4\)](#)) or a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project ([38 M.R.S. § 480-HH\(1\)](#)) or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project ([38 M.R.S. § 636-A](#)) must be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TO THE BOARD

LEGAL REFERENCES

A person filing an appeal with the Board should review Organization and Powers, [38 M.R.S. §§ 341-D\(4\)](#) and [346](#); the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. § [11001](#); and the DEP's [Rule Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters \(Chapter 2\)](#), 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

Not more than 30 days following the filing of a license decision by the Commissioner with the Board, an aggrieved person may appeal to the Board for review of the Commissioner's decision. The filing of an appeal with the Board, in care of the Board Clerk, is complete when the Board receives the submission by the close of business on the due date (5:00 p.m. on the 30th calendar day from which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board, as determined by the received time stamp on the document or electronic mail). Appeals filed after 5:00 p.m. on the 30th calendar day from which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board will be dismissed as untimely, absent a showing of good cause.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

An appeal to the Board may be submitted via postal mail or electronic mail and must contain all signatures and required appeal contents. An electronic filing must contain the scanned original signature of the appellant(s). The appeal documents must be sent to the following address.

Chair, Board of Environmental Protection
c/o Board Clerk
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017
ruth.a.burke@maine.gov

The DEP may also request the submittal of the original signed paper appeal documents when the appeal is filed electronically. The risk of material not being received in a timely manner is on the sender, regardless of the method used.

At the time an appeal is filed with the Board, the appellant must send a copy of the appeal to: (1) the Commissioner of the DEP (Maine Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0017); (2) the licensee; and if a hearing was held on the application, (3) any intervenors in that hearing proceeding. **Please contact the DEP at 207-287-7688 with questions or for contact information regarding a specific licensing decision.**

REQUIRED APPEAL CONTENTS

A complete appeal must contain the following information at the time the appeal is submitted.

1. *Aggrieved status.* The appeal must explain how the appellant has standing to bring the appeal. This requires an explanation of how the appellant may suffer a particularized injury as a result of the Commissioner's decision.
2. *The findings, conclusions, or conditions objected to or believed to be in error.* The appeal must identify the specific findings of fact, conclusions of law, license conditions, or other aspects of the written license decision or of the license review process that the appellant objects to or believes to be in error.
3. *The basis of the objections or challenge.* For the objections identified in Item #2, the appeal must state why the appellant believes that the license decision is incorrect and should be modified or reversed. If possible, the appeal should cite specific evidence in the record or specific licensing criteria that the appellant believes were not properly considered or fully addressed.
4. *The remedy sought.* This can range from reversal of the Commissioner's decision on the license to changes in specific license conditions.
5. *All the matters to be contested.* The Board will limit its consideration to those matters specifically raised in the written notice of appeal.
6. *Request for hearing.* If the appellant wishes the Board to hold a public hearing on the appeal, a request for hearing must be filed as part of the notice of appeal, and it must include an offer of proof regarding the testimony and other evidence that would be presented at the hearing. The offer of proof must consist of a statement of the substance of the evidence, its relevance to the issues on appeal, and whether any witnesses would testify. The Board will hear the arguments in favor of and in opposition to a hearing on the appeal and the presentations on the merits of an appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting. If the Board decides to hold a public hearing on an appeal, that hearing will then be scheduled for a later date.
7. *New or additional evidence to be offered.* If an appellant wants to provide evidence not previously provided to DEP staff during the DEP's review of the application, the request and the proposed supplemental evidence must be submitted with the appeal. The Board may allow new or additional evidence to be considered in an appeal only under limited circumstances. The proposed supplemental evidence must be relevant and material, and (a) the person seeking to add information to the record must show due diligence in bringing the evidence to the DEP's attention at the earliest possible time in the licensing process; or (b) the evidence itself must be newly discovered and therefore unable to have been presented earlier in the process. Requirements for supplemental evidence are set forth in [Chapter 2 § 24](#).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN APPEALING A DECISION TO THE BOARD

1. *Be familiar with all relevant material in the DEP record.* A license application file is public information, subject to any applicable statutory exceptions, and is made accessible by the DEP. Upon request, the DEP will make application materials available to review and photocopy during normal working hours. There may be a charge for copies or copying services.

2. *Be familiar with the regulations and laws under which the application was processed, and the procedural rules governing the appeal.* DEP staff will provide this information upon request and answer general questions regarding the appeal process.
3. *The filing of an appeal does not operate as a stay to any decision.* If a license has been granted and it has been appealed, the license normally remains in effect pending the processing of the appeal. Unless a stay of the decision is requested and granted, a licensee may proceed with a project pending the outcome of an appeal, but the licensee runs the risk of the decision being reversed or modified as a result of the appeal.

WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE YOU FILE A TIMELY APPEAL WITH THE BOARD

The Board will acknowledge receipt of an appeal, and it will provide the name of the DEP project manager assigned to the specific appeal. The notice of appeal, any materials admitted by the Board as supplementary evidence, any materials admitted in response to the appeal, relevant excerpts from the DEP's administrative record for the application, and the DEP staff's recommendation, in the form of a proposed Board Order, will be provided to Board members. The appellant, the licensee, and parties of record are notified in advance of the date set for the Board's consideration of an appeal or request for a hearing. The appellant and the licensee will have an opportunity to address the Board at the Board meeting. The Board will decide whether to hold a hearing on appeal when one is requested before deciding the merits of the appeal. The Board's decision on appeal may be to affirm all or part, affirm with conditions, order a hearing to be held as expeditiously as possible, reverse all or part of the decision of the Commissioner, or remand the matter to the Commissioner for further proceedings. The Board will notify the appellant, the licensee, and parties of record of its decision on appeal.

II. JUDICIAL APPEALS

Maine law generally allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Commissioner or Board licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court (see [38 M.R.S. § 346\(1\)](#); 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2; [5 M.R.S. § 11001](#); and M.R. Civ. P. 80C). A party's appeal must be filed with the Superior Court within 30 days of receipt of notice of the Board's or the Commissioner's decision. For any other person, an appeal must be filed within 40 days of the date the decision was rendered. An appeal to court of a license decision regarding an expedited wind energy development, a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project, or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project may only be taken directly to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. See 38 M.R.S. § 346(4).

Maine's Administrative Procedure Act, DEP statutes governing a particular matter, and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure must be consulted for the substantive and procedural details applicable to judicial appeals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions or need additional information on the appeal process, for administrative appeals contact the Board Clerk at 207-287-2811 or the Board Executive Analyst at 207-314-1458 bill.hinkel@maine.gov, or for judicial appeals contact the court clerk's office in which the appeal will be filed.

Note: This information sheet, in conjunction with a review of the statutory and regulatory provisions referred to herein, is provided to help a person to understand their rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal. The DEP provides this information sheet for general guidance only; it is not intended for use as a legal reference. Maine law governs an appellant's rights.

APPENDIX C

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

Maine DEP posted the March 2021 Draft of the Yarmouth Stormwater Management Plan, and issued a public comment period, which lasted from 4/13/2021 to 5/12/2021. The DEP public comment notice is provided below:



[Municipal applications for permit coverage under the 2022 General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems \(MS4\).](#)

04/12/2021 12:08 PM EDT

The Department is posting for public comment Municipal applications, including Notice of Intent to Comply (NOI) and Stormwater Management Plans (SWMP), for municipalities seeking coverage under the 2022 General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4).

Submit written comments to Rhonda Poirier rhonda.poirier@maine.gov by 5:00 p.m. May 12, 2021.

[Municipal NOI and SWMP files for comment.](#)

A request for public hearing must be received by the DEP, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found acceptable for processing. Requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and specify the reasons why a hearing is warranted. Unless otherwise provided by law, a hearing is discretionary and may be held if the Commissioner or the Board finds significant public interest or there is conflicting technical information.

The Maine DEP received one comment letter from Carlton Wilcox on 5/10/2021. Mr. Wilcox requested the Maine DEP require the Town to conduct six separate monitoring and investigation tasks related to Royal River sediments and water quality as part of the 2022 MS4 General Permit.

The Maine DEP responded to Mr. Wilcox comment letter on 6/11/2021, stating the six tasks requested are completed by others, and are not part of the MS4 General Permit requirements.

No updates to this 2022 SWMP were required because of the comment and response letter. However, because of the letter, the Town updated Table 1 in Section 1.4.2 showing that freshwater tributary contributions to the Royal River are Class B, and that the Royal River Estuary is impaired for DO, classified as 4-B-1 (Pollution Control Requirements Reasonably Expected to Result in Attainment). A copy of the Maine DEP response letter is included herein, and the comment letter is available from the Maine DEP Stormwater Coordinator identified in Section 1.9 of this SWMP.



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MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

June 11, 2021

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Sent via email to: cwilcox.maine@gmail.com

RE: Public Comment on 2022 MS4 GP Yarmouth Stormwater Management Plan.

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Thank you for your interest and concern.
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The permittee specific DEP Orders were issued for public comment in

November 2021 on the Maine DEP website. Comments received were as follows (attachments not included, but available from DEP):

From: Ivy Frignoca <ifrignoca@cascobay.org>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 10:51 AM
To: Wood, Gregg <Gregg.Wood@maine.gov>
Subject: Friends of Casco Bay Comment on second step orders

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Dear Gregg,

I just reviewed the proposed second step orders for the municipalities that discharge into the Casco Bay watershed, including Yarmouth, Cumberland, Falmouth and Gorham. None of these second step orders contain the necessary additional terms. It appears that all of the clear, specific and measurable terms necessary to carry forth the requirements in the first step general permit remain in the stormwater management plans (SWMPs) or are completely missing. The SWMPs are not enforceable. Without additional terms being incorporated into the second step permits (as is required by the general permit and the Remand Rule which has been codified into the code of federal regulations), these second step permits are wholly illegal.

Friends of Casco Bay respectfully requests that you rewrite the second step permits to incorporate the required terms contemplated by the MS4 permit (scheduled to take effect in July 2022) and the Remand Rule. To reiterate, without this action, the second step permits are inadequate and unlawful.

Ivy

Ivy L. Frignoca, Casco Baykeeper
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Subject: RE: Second Step Permit

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Hi Gregg

You need to add a reference to all the other things that were required in the 2step. I provided an example of what needs to be included (on top of the additional things you added for impaired waters)

Sincerely,
Newton W. Tedder

P.S. Have a nice day

Based on comments received from the EPA and Friends of Casco Bay, the DEP issued the permittee specific DEP Orders again on 3/16/2022 to address their comments. The comments received and how they were addressed are attached to the Final Department Order contained in Appendix B of this SWMP.

APPENDIX D

Education & Outreach Tools, Levels of Effort and Effectiveness Benchmarks

Appendix D: Education & Outreach Tools, Levels of Effort, and Effectiveness Benchmarks

Audience appropriate social media platforms will be determined by platform use demographics each year.

Table 1. Tools for Measurable Goal 1.1a. (People 25 to 34 in the ISWG region)

Outreach Tool	Minimum Level of Effort	Effectiveness Benchmark
Think Blue Maine Website Content	Semiannual updates to website content	Number of visitors to website
Social Media Post (each platform counts as separate tool)	12 posts	Amount of post engagement (e.g., reactions, comments, shares, etc.)
Social Media Ad (each platform counts as separate tool)	Ad(s) run 90 days (multiple ads may be run for shorter durations to total 90 days)	Amount of ad engagement (e.g., reactions, comments, shares, link clicks, etc.) Number of people reached with ad
Social Media Video (each platform counts as separate tool)	3 videos	Amount of video engagement (e.g., views, reactions, comments, shares, etc.)
Online ad	Ad(s) run 90 days (multiple ads may be run for shorter durations to total 90 days)	Number of people reached with ad Amount of ad engagement (e.g., link clicks)
Outreach Tabling	3 events	Number of interactions
Outreach partnership with local organization	3 content shares by partner organization	Number of people reached
Other DEP-approved tools	Minimum level of effort will be determined based on the tool	Effectiveness benchmark will be determined based on the tool

Table 2. Tools for Measurable Goal 1.1b. (Contractors located within the ISWG region)

Outreach Tool	Minimum Level of Effort	Effectiveness Benchmark
Factsheet	1 factsheet	Total number of factsheets distributed
Email Newsletter	4 email newsletters	Number of people reached with email Number of interactions with email (e.g., link clicks)
Municipal Website Content	Annual updates to website stormwater content	Number of visitors to stormwater webpage(s)
Think Blue Maine Website Content	Semiannual updates to website content	Number of visitors to website
Online ad	Ad(s) run 90 days (multiple ads may be run for shorter durations to total 90 days)	Number of people reached with ad Amount of ad engagement (e.g., link clicks)
Webinar/Workshop	7 hours of training offered (multiple webinars/workshops may be offered to reach 7 hours)	Number of workshop attendees
Outreach partnership with local organization	3 content shares by partner organization	Number of people reached
Other DEP-approved tools	Minimum level of effort will be determined based on the tool	Effectiveness benchmark will be determined based on the tool

Table 3. Tools for Measurable Goal 1.2a. (Dog owners ages 25 to 34 within the ISWG region)

Outreach Tool	Minimum Level of Effort	Effectiveness Benchmark
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Targeted Social Media Post (each platform counts as separate tool)	12 posts	Amount of post engagement (e.g., reactions, comments, shares, etc.)
Targeted Social Media Ad (each platform counts as separate tool)	Ad(s) run 90 days (multiple ads may be run for shorter durations to total 90 days)	Amount of ad engagement (e.g., reactions, comments, shares, link clicks, etc.) Number of people reached with ad
Targeted Social Media Video (each platform counts as separate tool)	3 videos	Amount of video engagement (e.g., views, reactions, comments, shares, etc.)
Outreach Tabling	3 events	Number of interactions
Outreach partnership with local organization	3 content shares by partner organization	Number of people reached
Item with branding/messaging	1 item with branding/messaging	Total number of items distributed
Other DEP-approved tools	Minimum level of effort will be determined based on the tool	Effectiveness benchmark will be determined based on the tool

Table 4. Tools for Measurable Goal 1.2b. (Dog owners ages 35 to 55 within the ISWG region)

Outreach Tool	Minimum Level of Effort	Effectiveness Benchmark
Story Walk	1 story walk	Number of QR code (or similar technology) scans from signs
Targeted Social Media Post (each platform counts as separate tool)	12 posts	Amount of post engagement (e.g., reactions, comments, shares, etc.)
Targeted Social Media Ad (each platform counts as separate tool)	Ad(s) run 90 days (multiple ads may be run for shorter durations to total 90 days)	Amount of ad engagement (e.g., reactions, comments, shares, link clicks, etc.) Number of people reached with ad
Online ad	Ad(s) run 90 days (multiple ads may be run for shorter durations to total 90 days)	Number of people reached with ad Amount of ad engagement (e.g., link clicks)
Outreach Tabling	3 events	Number of interactions
Outreach partnership with local retailer	50% of industry retailers in region participating	Number of local retailers participating
Item with branding/messaging	1 item with branding/messaging	Total number of items distributed
Other DEP-approved tools	Minimum level of effort will be determined based on the tool	Effectiveness benchmark will be determined based on the tool

APPENDIX E

IDDE PLAN AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan

For the

Town of Yarmouth, Maine

For the

General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems

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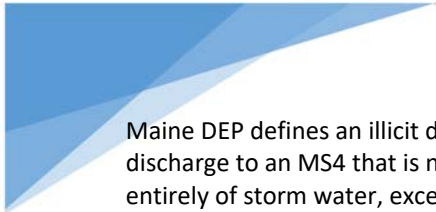
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Town of Yarmouth is subject to the requirements of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (hereafter referred to as the MS4 General Permit).



Maine DEP defines an illicit discharge as any discharge to an MS4 that is not composed entirely of storm water, except that the following are not considered illicit discharges:

- Discharges authorized under a Maine DEP permit (38 M.R.S §413.)
- Uncontaminated groundwater,
- Water from a natural resource (such as a wetland), or
- an allowable non-storm water discharge.

See Section 3.0 of this Plan for a list of allowed non-storm water discharges.

The MS4 General Permit requires permittees to address six Minimum Control Measures throughout the Town's Urbanized Area:

1. Education/Outreach on Storm Water Impacts
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The IDDE Plan described in this document fulfills the Minimum Control Measure 3 IDDE requirements specified in Part IV.C.3.b of the MS4 General Permit.

Though the MS4 General Permit applies only to the Town's Urbanized Area, the Town voluntarily implements most elements of this IDDE Plan town-wide to realize a greater benefit for water quality and public health.

1.1 IDDE Responsibilities in the Town of Yarmouth

The Town's Engineer is responsible for overall permit compliance, and for implementation of this IDDE Plan including issuance of notices of violation (NOVs), illicit discharge tracking and recordkeeping. The following other Town personnel support implementation of this Plan:

Public Works staff: conduct outfall, ditch and catch basin inspections and monitoring, and conducting illicit discharge investigations, supported by the Town Engineer and third-party contractors where necessary.

Planner: facilitates any required ordinance changes related to non-stormwater discharges through Planning Board.

Code Enforcement Officer/Health Inspector: assists Town Engineer and Public Works staff in illicit discharge investigations when needed (e.g., if plumbing inspections are needed).

1.2 Amendments and updates to the IDDE Plan

The MS4 General Permits are designed to provide coverage for five-year periods. The first MS4 General Permit applicable to the Town of Yarmouth became effective in 2003 and expired in 2008. Subsequent General Permits were issued, providing the Town with continuous coverage for their storm water discharges.

This IDDE Plan has been developed to meet the requirements of the 2013 and 2022 MS4 General Permit. This Plan will be updated if any of the following occur:

- a new permit is issued which changes the requirements described in this IDDE Plan document,
- the Town of Yarmouth identifies that the Plan is not effective,
- municipal operations change which need to be reflected in this Plan.

The Town Engineer will either modify this IDDE Plan or engage a third party to update the document. Whenever changes are made to this Plan, the MS4 General Permit and the Yarmouth-Specific Department Order will be reviewed to ensure the Plan is consistent with those requirements. In some instances, the changes may require Public Comment and re-submittal to the Maine DEP for review. Any changes that are made that do not require Public Comment and resubmittal to the DEP must be documented in the Town’s Annual Stormwater Report.

The following table briefly summarizes the origin and amendments to this document, and whether the document amendments are subject to public comment or reported to the DEP in the Annual Report.

Date of Document	Description of changes	Change Type (Public Comment Process or Reported in Annual Report)
March 2017	Development of document from Stormwater Management Plan BMPs and Measurable Goals.	Annual Report
March 2021	Updated document to reflect 2022 MS4 General Permit requirements.	Provided to Maine DEP with SWMP for Public Comment
June 2022	Updated content to removal of optional and other items not required by MS4 General Permit and to update contact information	Provided to Maine DEP with updated SWMP after DEP Order Issued final

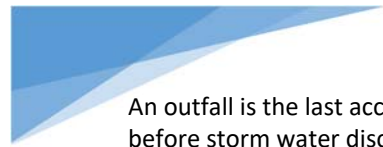
1.3 Typical Illicit Discharges

The Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) developed a comprehensive IDDE Manual in 2004 and provided an abbreviated update in 2011 which classifies illicit discharges into three categories related to frequency of discharge. This categorization allows communities to develop

a comprehensive IDDE Plan that will address all kinds of illicit discharges. The three categories of illicit discharges identified in the CWP manual are described below along with examples of the types of discharges that may be encountered:

1. Transitory illicit discharges are typically one-time events resulting from spills, breaks, dumping, or accidents. Examples of transitory illicit discharges include:

- a. paint equipment rinse water
- b. carpet cleaning water
- c. sediment from construction sites
- d. wash water from vehicles other than individual residential car washing by an owner
- e. oil or gasoline spill from a vehicle crash or other source
- f. yard waste
- g. litter or pet waste



An outfall is the last accessible point before storm water discharges to a water body. Some things that are NOT outfalls include: driveway culverts that connect ditch segments, culverts that convey water bodies under roadways, and pipes that discharge to other storm water infrastructure elements.

Transitory illicit discharges are often reported to an authority through a citizen complaint line or following observation by a municipal employee during regular duties. Because they are not recurring, they are the most difficult to investigate, trace, and remove. The best method to reduce transitory discharges is through general public education, education of municipal personnel to minimize spills and accidents, tracking of discharge locations (to identify potential patterns associated with spills), and enforcement of an illicit discharge ordinance.

2. Intermittent illicit discharges occur occasionally over a period of time (several hours per day, or a few days per year). Intermittent discharges can result from legal connections to the storm drain system, such as a legal sump pump connection that is illegally discharging washing machine water, a single home sanitary connection, or from illegal connections such as floor drains from industrial or commercial operations. Intermittent discharges can also result from activities such as excessive irrigation or wash down water from exterior areas. The 2022 General Permit requires that MS4s consider illicit discharges that might result from dumping. One example of this would be trash or litter dumped in/near stormwater structures might leak leachate into the system intermittently. Because intermittent discharges are longer lasting than transient, they are more likely to be discovered during an opportunistic or regularly scheduled inspection. They are less difficult to trace and remove

than transitory discharges but can still present significant challenges. These discharges can have large or small impacts on water bodies depending on pollutant content.

3. Continuous illicit discharges are typically the result of a direct connection from a sanitary sewer, overflow from a malfunctioning septic system, or inflow from a nearby subsurface sanitary sewer that is malfunctioning. Continuous illicit discharges are usually easiest to trace and can have the greatest pollutant load but are typically the most costly and time consuming to correct because they likely involve construction and alteration of subsurface connections. (CWP and Robert Pitt 2004)

1.4 Overview of IDDE Plan Components

The MS4 General Permit requires an IDDE Plan be developed and implemented to assist the Town in locating and eliminating Illicit Discharges. An overview of each component of the Plan is provided in this subsection, and the remaining sections of this document describe how the Town of Yarmouth is implementing each component.

- Development of a watershed-based map: The Town is required to develop a watershed-based map of the storm sewer system infrastructure including catch basins, connecting surface and subsurface infrastructure, the direction of in-flow and out-flow pipes, and the locations of all discharges from the Town's MS4 outfalls into any other interconnected MS4 or receiving water. The catch basins and outfalls must have unique identifiers. The following outfall information is included in the map system: the type of outfall (a connected pipe, a culvert, or a ditch), the material, its size, the name and location of the nearest named water body to which it discharges. Section 2.0 of this document describes the Town's watershed-based map.
- Authority to Prohibit Illicit Discharges: To the extent allowable under state or local law, the Town must effectively prohibit, through an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism, non-storm water discharges into the system and implement appropriate enforcement procedures and actions. Section 3.0 of this document describes how the Town's Non-Storm Water Discharge Ordinance is implemented.
- Identification of High Priority Areas for Inspections: Prior MS4 General Permits required that the Town identify priority areas that need to be protected from illicit discharges.

The 2022 MS4 General Permit does not have this requirement, but it does require that the Town have “Procedures for prioritizing watersheds”. The Town of Yarmouth conducts inspections in the priority watershed first. The Town’s high priority areas are described in Section 4.0 of this document, including a discussion of the basis for determining the high priority areas.

- Procedures to Locate Illicit Discharges (inspections): The Town must develop procedures for locating illicit discharges by conducting dry weather outfall inspections and assessing catch basins for evidence of pollutants. The Town also conducts opportunistic ditch inspections. The 2022 MS4 General Permit also requires monitoring be conducted on outfalls that are flowing during dry weather. Section 5.0 of this document describes the Town’s inspection Plan.
- Procedures to Investigate and Remove Illicit Discharges: The Town must develop procedures for locating the source of the discharge and procedures for the removal of the source. Sections 6.0 and 7.0 of this document describes how the Town investigates potential discharges to determine their sources and removes illicit discharges once the source is discovered.
- Procedures to Document Illicit Discharges: The Town must develop procedures for documenting actions and evaluating impacts on the storm sewer system subsequent to the removal. Section 7.0 describes how the Town documents illicit discharges.
- Emergency Notifications: Section 9.0 describes procedures for emergency notifications of illicit discharges outside of the hours when Public Works is open.

Section 10.0 of this document describes the record retention requirements of the MS4 General Permit and Section 11.0 of this document provide references.

2.0 STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE MAP

The Town of Yarmouth maintains storm water infrastructure information in Geographic Information System (GIS) format. Yarmouth’s storm water map was created from GPS data collection, review of subdivision and commercial development plans, review of Maine Department of Transportation plans, and from public works knowledge of storm water

infrastructure. Field verification has been used when needed to refine locations and infrastructure information.

The Public Works Department maintains the stormwater GIS layers in ArcGIS Online. The Town's Engineer has overall responsibility for data integrity.

The storm water infrastructure information is available to the general public from the Town's Website Home page (maps section). The following subsections provide general information on the infrastructure naming protocols and procedures in use that keep the maps updated.

2.1 Infrastructure Naming Protocols

The Town of Yarmouth infrastructure naming protocol is set up to reference the drainage area where the infrastructure is located. The outfall names are structured as: X-YYY-ZZZ

where:

X= Drainage Area

YYY=Road Name (generally sequential beginning with 001 for each road in the drainage area)

ZZZ=outfall numbers (generally sequential beginning with 001 for each road).

Each drainage area has a numeric series to distinguish it from the other areas as follows:

1 is used for the Royal River

2 is used for Pratts Brook

3 is used for the Cousins River,

4 is used for the Lower Royal River

5 is used for Casco Bay

6 is used for discharges to the Town of Cumberland

Generally, catch basin names are structured as AAA-BBB where:

AAA= Road Name (generally sequentially beginning with 1)

BBB=catch basin number (generally sequentially beginning with 1 for each road)

If structures are moved or replaced, are given a new number. These naming conventions provide some knowledge about the spatial location of outfalls relative to one another, but when structures are replaced, the sequence can be broken, so the GIS maps are always consulted for maintenance or investigation.

2.2 Procedures to Update Map of Infrastructure

The following describes the scenarios under which changes to the storm drain system are typically made, and how the map subsequently gets updated:

1. Generally, the Public Works Department constructs minor changes to the system based on immediate or planned need without formal design drawings. When the Public Works Department makes changes to the storm drain infrastructure, the online GIS layer is updated to reflect these changes using the Public Works Department iPad, a public works phone, or the ArcGIS online interface. These changes can be made within weeks of the physical changes on the ground depending on the workload of the employees that are trained in the ArcGIS system.
2. More significant changes are typically constructed after preparation of formal design drawings, whereupon either the Public Works Department or a private contractor constructs the changes. Where a private contractor constructs the changes, the Town requires a formal as-built plan be prepared and submitted to the Public Works Director in electronic format, so that the infrastructure can be imported into the GIS. A third-party consultant may be used to update the infrastructure for large projects such as this, but Public Works may also update the infrastructure if staff time allows. These changes

are typically made annually.

Paper maps are not typically needed because the data is available electronically to Yarmouth Staff and the General Public through the Town Website.

3.0 AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT ILLICIT DISCHARGES

The Town of Yarmouth authority to prohibit illicit discharges became effective April 17, 2008, when the Town adopted Chapter 320 Stormwater Discharge Ordinance. The ordinance was created from a model ordinance developed by the Maine Municipal Association for Towns that are regulated by the MS4 General Permit. The ordinance was amended on 6/18/2015 and again on 7/25/2019 to correct references to the definition of Urbanized Area. Though the MS4 General Permit is only applicable to the Urbanized Area of Town, the Town implements the Stormwater Discharge Ordinance in all areas of Town.

The Ordinance allows the following non-storm water discharges to the storm drain system as long as they do not cause or contribute to violations of water quality standards:

1. landscape irrigation;
2. diverted stream flows;
3. rising ground waters;
4. uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20));
5. uncontaminated pumped ground water;
6. uncontaminated flows from foundation drains;
7. air conditioning and compressor condensate;
8. irrigation water;
9. flows from uncontaminated springs;
10. uncontaminated water from crawl space pumps;
11. uncontaminated flows from footing drains;
12. lawn watering runoff;
13. flows from riparian habitats and wetlands;

14. residual street wash water (where spills/leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred, unless all spilled material has been removed and detergents are not used);
15. hydrant flushing and firefighting activity runoff;
16. water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources;
17. individual residential car washing;
18. de-chlorinated swimming pool discharges;
19. Discharges specified in writing by the Enforcement Authority as being necessary to protect public health and safety; and
20. Dye testing, with verbal notification to the Enforcement Authority prior to the time of the test.

The Town Manager has appointed the Town Engineer to administer and enforce the ordinance, therefore, the Town Engineer has the authority to issue a notice of violation if needed.

Although discharges of hydrant and water line flushing are allowed, they are required to be dechlorinated before being discharged to a portion of the MS4 system which discharges to a small stream. In accordance with the Maine DEP 11/18/2016 Issue Profile for Drinking Water System Discharges to Regulated Small MS4s, the Yarmouth Water District either aerates or dechlorinates during flushing to meet Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) acute water quality criteria as follows:

- Fresh water 19 ug/L (adjusted to 50 ug/L, per the Maine DEP as the reporting limit for available reliable and consistent test methods)
- Marine water 13 ug/L (adjusted to 50 ug/L, per the Maine DEP as the reporting limit for available reliable and consistent test methods)

The Yarmouth Water District flushes the system annually and provides an annual report to the Town describing water dechlorination methods in use and testing results for any flushing conducted.

4.0 IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY AREAS

Prior MS4 General Permits required that the Town identify priority areas that need to be protected from illicit discharges. The 2022 MS4 General Permit does not have this requirement, but the Town of Yarmouth conducts inspections in the priority watershed first. The Town may also use this prioritization for illicit discharge investigations in the event there are insufficient resources to address all potential illicit discharges simultaneously.

To identify areas within the Town that are high priority for illicit discharge inspections, the Town considered impaired waters (i.e., waters that are not meeting their designated classification), and the potential for urban impacts. Brickyard Hollow was selected as highest priority because of the potential for urban impacts.

The Town of Yarmouth identified the following priorities (listed from highest to lowest):

- 1 Brickyard Hollow (a subset of the Royal River drainage area)
- 2 Royal River Upper Basin
- 3 Cousins River Basin
- 4 Pratt's Brook Basin
- 5 Cumberland Basin
- 6 Lower Royal River Basin
- 7 Casco Bay Basin

5.0 PROCEDURES TO LOCATE POTENTIAL ILLICIT DISCHARGES

The Town of Yarmouth uses the following methods to locate illicit discharges:

1. Observations during catch basin cleaning
2. Citizen reports of illicit discharge issues

3. Dry weather outfall inspections
4. Outfall Sampling and Analysis (for flowing outfalls and to identify potential illicit discharge sources)
5. Opportunistic Ditch inspections
6. Opportunistic Inspections

Each of these methods is described in the following subsections. The inspections are conducted using an iPad or other electronic device and stored with the GIS spatial data. Attachment B contains a table showing the fields that are completed during outfall, ditch and catch basin inspections using the GIS.

5.1 Catch Basin Cleaning Inspections

Catch basins are inspected at least once every two (2) years and more frequently if excess sediment is observed as required by the 2022 MS4 General Permit. During this inspection process, the employee is also inspecting to assess if any oil, litter, sewage, or other evidence of illicit discharges is present. If the employee sees any evidence of illicit discharges, the evidence is documented in the GIS and provided to the Public Works Director if any further action needs to be taken. The Public Works Director then informs the Town Engineer and coordinates on any investigations needed.

5.2 Citizen Reports of Illicit Discharges

Citizen reports of illicit discharge issues received by phone are routed to the Public Works Department to be investigated. Most phone calls are received at the Public Works Department or by the Town Engineer, but occasionally the public will call or email the Planner or Code Enforcement Officer, who directs the caller to Public Works or the Town Engineer.

5.3 Dry Weather Outfall Inspections

The Town inspects all piped and ditch outfalls once every permit cycle, in accordance with the following:

- Inspections will be performed during periods of dry weather whenever possible.
- Inspections will be performed where field inspections may be performed in a safe and efficient manner;
- Inspections will be performed during periods of no or minimal snow cover and prior to the growth of vegetation (or after leaves have fallen) such that outfalls may be easily spotted;
- Observations will include the follow at a minimum: observations of sheen, discoloration, foaming, evidence of sanitary sewage, excessive algal growth and similar visual indicators, and detection of odor (the GIS geodatabase includes these items);
- Photographs may be taken at the time of inspection for either maintenance or illicit discharge documentation.
- MS4 outfalls will be inspected where the Town has safe and legal access to the structure to be inspected.
- When maintenance issues are identified, a map note will be created on the GIS for review by the Public Works Director so that he may prioritize the work with other required work for the Town.
- When potential illicit discharge issues are identified, an attempt will be made to locate the source of the illicit discharge and this information will be documented in the GIS and the Public Works Director and Town Engineer will be informed so that they may prioritize the investigation work with other required work for the Town.



Dry weather is defined in the permit as a time when:

- There has been no snow or ice melt for 72 hours or
- There has been no precipitation greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch for 72 hours

5.4 Outfall Sampling and Analysis

Outfall sampling and analysis is required under the 2022 MS4 General permit when an outfall is observed to be flowing during dry weather conditions whether or not it has exhibited evidence of an illicit discharge.

Outfalls and/or other structures may also be sampled if other evidence of illicit discharges is observed during inspection. The Public Works Director may solicit the assistance of a third-party contractor to collect a sample for field screening depending on the conditions encountered.

A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) has been developed to provide sampling personnel the information that will assist them in collecting samples and using field equipment, test kits and obtaining analyses. The QAPP describes the sampling procedures that should be used as well as the analytical methods and field equipment that are appropriate for use in investigating potential illicit discharges and flowing outfalls. The QAPP also provides guidance on interpretation of the results obtained so that investigators can make informed decisions about whether to continue investigating a potential source, or whether the results indicate a flowing outfall might be from a natural source. The QAPP is provided in Attachment C to this IDDE Plan.

Wet weather sampling is not required by the MS4 General Permit at this time. but the Public Works Department may choose to conduct wet weather sampling if they suspect a discharge occurs only during wet weather (such as may be the case for failed septic systems).

5.5 Ditch Inspections

The 2022 MS4 General Permit does not require ditch inspections be completed. Ditch inspections were completed by the Public Works Department on all ditches during the 2013-2022 Permit Cycle. The ditch inspections were completed using the IPAD and online map

system.

Moving forward, the Town will generally inspect ditches for potential illicit discharges whenever maintenance work on ditches is being completed. The Town follows these guidelines in conducting inspections:

- Field inspection will document whether the inspection has occurred during periods of dry weather where no significant precipitation has occurred in the preceding 72 hours;
- Inspections will be performed in a safe and efficient manner;
- When maintenance issues are identified, a map note will be created on the GIS for review by the Public Works Director so that he may prioritize the work with other required work for the Town.
- When potential illicit discharge issues are identified, an attempt will be made to locate the source of the illicit discharge and this information will be documented in the GIS and the Public Works Director and Town Engineer will be informed so that they may prioritize the investigation work with other required work for the Town.

5.6 Septic System Inspections

As required by the 2013-2018 MS4 General Permit, by June 30, 2016, the Town developed a list of aging (i.e., greater than 20 years old) septic systems in its highest priority watershed (Brickyard Hollow) that might discharge to the MS4 if they were to fail. The Brickyard Hollow watershed is served mostly by the Yarmouth sewer system and most properties are connected to the system, given the Code of Ordinances requires connection in the event of a system failure. The Town sewer map data layer was reviewed and all parcels that were not located within proximity of a private or public sewer main were reviewed to assess if they contained septic systems. Ten (10) parcels were identified as having septic systems and were reviewed by the Town Engineer to assess if they were functioning as intended.

The systems on nine of the properties were observed to be functioning as intended, and the system on the tenth property was determined to be abandoned and the property had been connected to the sewer system. No further work was required based on this assessment.

Because this Plan did not yield useful information on septic system failures, it is no longer being conducted.

5.7 Cooperation with other MS4s

Because the Yarmouth MS4 infrastructure has interconnections with other MS4s, it may be necessary to conduct cooperative investigations with other MS4s or to inform them of issues associated with the Yarmouth infrastructure. The other MS4 contacts with which Yarmouth has interconnections are the Town of Cumberland, the Town of Freeport and the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT).

The Town has notified its interconnected MS4s of the interconnections, and has provided notification of who to contact in the event of an emergency as documented in Attachment D.

6.0 PROCEDURES TO INVESTIGATE ILLICIT DISCHARGES

Investigations of illicit discharge issues are conducted by the Town Engineer with the assistance of the Public Works Department and Code Enforcement Office as needed. The Town relies on visual observations of the location where the illicit discharge was reported as a first step in identifying the source of the illicit discharge. If the evidence of the illicit discharge is still present in the initial structure or location where it was reported, the Town uses their knowledge of the infrastructure routing to systematically inspect other structures upstream of the initial location until either the evidence of the illicit discharge is no longer present, or until they locate a potential source of the illicit discharge.

For example, if evidence of gray water were observed during catch basin cleaning of a separated

storm drain system, the Town Engineer would review as-built drawings, and the available GIS, and would inspect drain manholes and/or catch basins upstream of the initial observation until they could isolate one or more locations from which the gray water was likely emanating.

In the event visual observations of the structures cannot identify the source of an illicit discharge, the Town Engineer may employ televising, systematic dye testing, or smoke testing to identify the source. The Town Engineer could conduct dye testing but would need to hire a third party contractor for smoke testing or televising. Sampling and analysis may also be conducted as described in subsection 5.4.

If no source can be located, the area may be re-inspected to assess if the illicit discharge was a one-time occurrence, or is a repeating occurrence, whereupon additional investigations may be conducted.

7.0 PROCEDURES TO REMOVE ILLICIT DISCHARGES

Once the potential source of the illicit discharge is identified, the Town Engineer would identify and contact the responsible party in order to initiate removal or discontinuation of the illicit discharge.

If the illicit discharge is caused by a private entity, the Town Engineer may invoke the authority granted him under the Stormwater Discharge Ordinance (See section 3.0 of this IDDE Plan). The Town Engineer typically provides initial verbal or email notice to any responsible party, then follows up with a Notice of Violation. The Notice of Violation specifies the illicit discharge be removed within 60 days of its source identification but allows that if removal within 60 days is not possible, the responsible party must work with the Town Engineer to establish a schedule to remove the illicit discharge as expeditiously as possible.

If the illicit discharge is caused by the Town, the Town Engineer would contact the department

most responsible and work with them to remove or discontinue the illicit discharge within 60 calendar days of identification of the source or would develop a schedule to expedite elimination.

8.0 PROCEDURES TO DOCUMENT ILLICIT DISCHARGES

The Town will document the progress of investigating and removing illicit discharges using an IDDE Tracking Sheet. The spreadsheet is maintained by the Town Engineer. Each year, the Town is required to complete an annual report summarizing the activities completed under the MS4 Plan. The Town Engineer will print or retain an electronic copy of the IDDE Tracking Sheet for the year as back-up documentation of investigative and removal work completed.

9.0 NOTIFICATIONS DURING WORKING AND NON-WORKING HOURS

The following describes the notifications completed during working and non-working hours to ensure that those who need to know about illicit discharges are notified:

- During working hours, if an illicit discharge is detected by a public works employee (either during a routine inspection or opportunistic inspection), the employee reports the information to the Public Works Director. The Public Works Director then calls or sends an email to both the Town Engineer to document the finding and ensure proper follow-up.
- Typically, illicit discharges identified by the public during non-working hours are routed to the engineering, public works, police or fire department. For example, if a spill of petroleum or hazardous material were to occur, or a discovery of a sewage discharging from a pipe, the police and/or fire department would be notified and would respond to the incident using their emergency response procedures (which include proper notifications to Maine DEP if warranted). Police and Fire would contact the Public Works Director the during the next business day to inform them of the event. The Public Work Director would ensure future follow up and coordination with the Town Engineer.
- As described previously, the Public Work Director may need to coordinate with the Maine DOT, the Town of Freeport, or the Town of Cumberland to resolve any illicit discharges

that have interconnections with those entities. Attachment D contains contact information for other MS4 coordinators, and copies of the notices that have been provided to these entities in the event of a potential illicit discharge.

10.0 RECORDS RETENTION

The Town Engineer will retain paper or electronic files of inspections and investigations including laboratory reports, for a minimum of three years after expiration of the MS4 General Permit Term. When the 2013 General Permit expires on June 30, 2022, the 2013 General Permit files may be discarded July 1, 2025.

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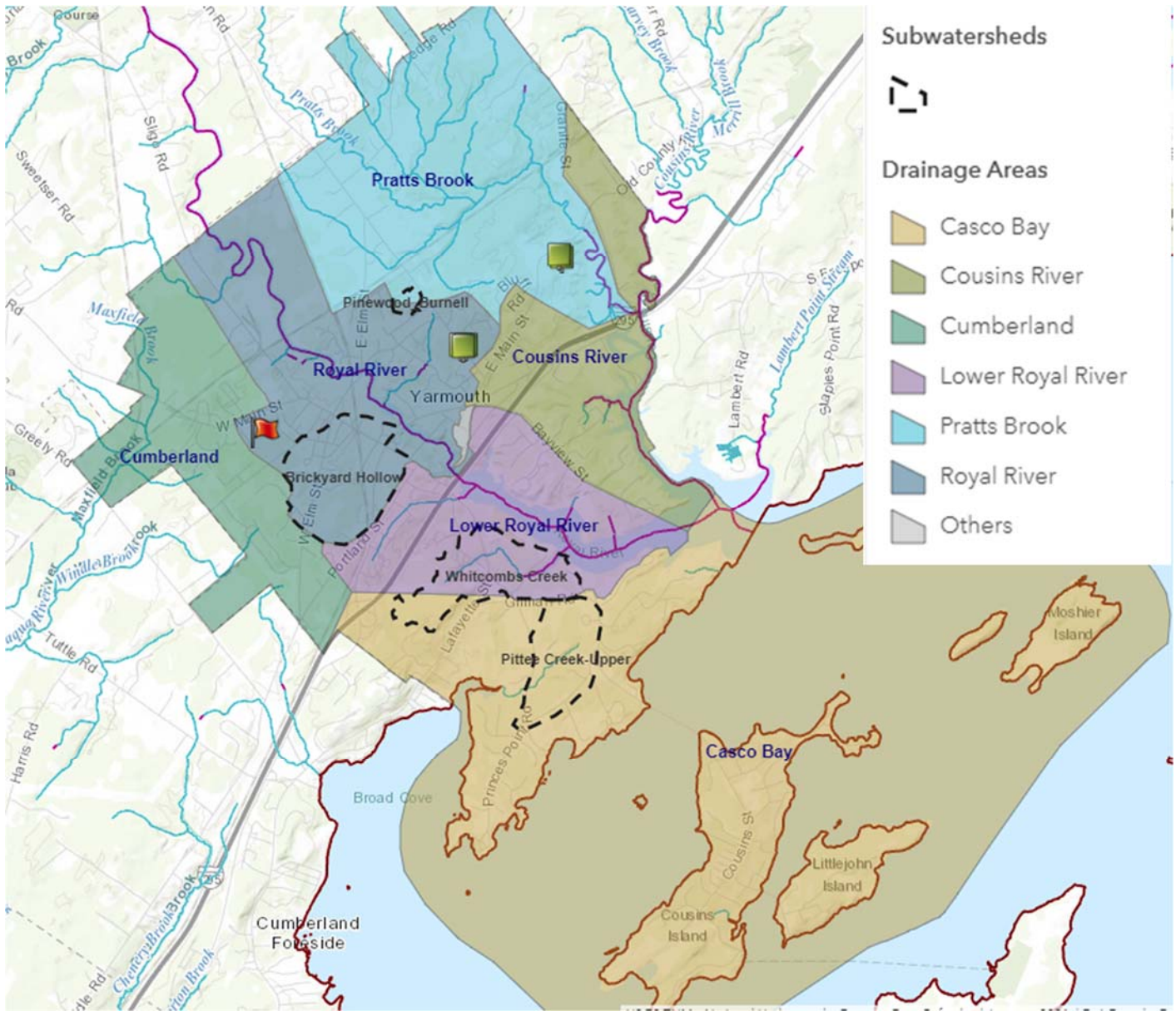
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ATTACHMENT A

YARMOUTH WATERSHED MAP



TOWN OF YARMOUTH DRAINAGE AREAS AND SUBWATERSHEDS

ATTACHMENT B

INSPECTION FIELDS AND DOMAINS FOR GIS

As an inspector is using the iPad in the field, they tap on the structure or element they are inspecting and record inspection data in a related table (a separate inspection table that pops up, and is associated with the outfall).

Each year for annual reporting, a third party contractor saves a copy of the inspections in an excel table, but the inspection data is always available in the GIS online. The following is a summary of the available fields and associated drop down domain menus associated with each type of inspection. Those items in BOLD are required as part of the MS4 General Permit. To keep the table short and focused, additional fields may be present in the GIS that are not required by the MS4 General Permit, and are not shown in the table below.

MS4 INSPECTION	GIS FIELDS AND DOMAINS COMPLETED AS PART OF INSPECTION
Catch Basins	<p><u>Structure Information:</u> Structure ID – Auto populated (e.g., 18-1) Structure type Structure Depth Structure Condition – Excellent, Good, Fair , Poor, Needs Attention <u>Inspection Information provided in related table:</u> Inspection Date (selected during inspection/cleaning) Cleaning Date (selected during inspection/cleaning) Grit Volume – more than half or less than half Leaves – Yes or No Rocks – Yes or No Odor – Yes or No Pet Waste – Yes or No (Required to assist with public education efforts) Foam Soap – Yes or No Sewage Yes or No Litter Yes or No Vegetation – Yes or No Oil Sheen – Yes or No Discoloration – Yes or No (new for 2022 Permit) Excess Algae – Yes or No (new for 2022 Permit) Cleaning Comments – open text field Photos may be attached to the inspection</p>
Outfalls (piped and ditch)	<p><u>Structure Information:</u> Structure ID – Auto populated (e.g., 1-018-023) Material – RCP, PVC, Steel, CMP, HDPE, ACP, VCP, Other Width – manually entered if not already present and correct Height - manually entered if not already present and correct Drainage Area - Receiving water names provided from drop down list Ownership – options provided in drop down list</p>

MS4 INSPECTION	GIS FIELDS AND DOMAINS COMPLETED AS PART OF INSPECTION
	<p><u>Annual Inspection information in Related Table:</u> Inspection Date and time - Manually selected Inspector (name provided from drop down list) Precipitation in Past 3 days – Yes or No Precipitation amount – Manually entered Approximate Temperature Pipe Submerged – Yes or No Debris Foam – Yes or No Debris Oil/ Film – Yes or No Debris Vegetative Mat – Yes or No Debris Sewage Solids – Yes or No Odor – None_ Musty, or Sewage Water Clarity – Clear, Cloudy, or Opaque</p> <p>Flow – None, Trickly, Steady, or ¼ pipe or More Seepage Flow – None, Trickly, Steady, or ¼ pipe or More Color_flow – Brown, Tan, Gray, Other, Not-Applicable, None Sed_Condition – Open, ¼ full, ½ full, ¾ full, or plugged Structure Condition – Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, or Needs Attention</p> <p>FlowSample Date - Yes or No (appears only if Pipe or Seepage Flow is present) Trash_litter – Yes or No Yard_waste – Yes or No Follow-up – Yes or No Comments – open text field Illicit Discharge – Yes or No Illicit Discharge Comments – open text field Photos can be attached to the inspection</p>
Ditches	<p>Ditch ID – Auto populated Inspection Date and time - Manually selected Inspector (name provided from drop down list) Outfall Found? – Yes or No Septic Discharge Found? – Yes or No</p>

ATTACHMENT C

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN (QAPP)

Stormwater Monitoring Quality Assurance Project Plan Template

1.0 Background and Scope

In Maine, there are 30 municipalities (permittees) regulated by the 2022 Maine General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 General Permit). The MS4 General Permit requires that the municipalities conduct dry weather inspections on 100% of their outfalls during the 5-year term of the MS4 General Permit.

Under most conditions, if an outfall is observed to have dry weather flow, monitoring must be conducted to assess whether there is an illicit discharge associated with the flow. (Part IV(C)(3)(e)(vi) of the MS4 General Permit contains a few conditions under which flowing outfalls do not need to be monitored.)

The following monitoring needs to be conducted whether or not the outfall's dry weather flow exhibits evidence of an illicit discharge:

- E. coli, enterococci, total fecal coliform or human bacteroides;
- Ammonia, total residual chlorine, temperature, and conductivity; and
- Optical enhancers or surfactants.

The objective of the monitoring is to collect data that can be used to determine if there is an illicit discharge present in the flow, or if the flow is from uncontaminated groundwater, water from a natural resource, or an allowable non-stormwater discharge.

The purpose of this Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) is to provide sampling personnel information that will assist them in collecting samples and analyzing the samples using field equipment/test kit(s) and/or laboratories in a manner that ensures sufficient accuracy and precision so that sampling personnel and regulators can be confident there is or is not an illicit discharge present in dry weather flow from an outfall. This QAPP provides information on several field equipment/test kit(s) and analytical methods available to permittees that can be used to comply with the requirements for Dry Weather Outfall Monitoring.

Illicit Discharge means any discharge to a regulated MS4 system that is not composed entirely of stormwater other than:

- discharges authorized pursuant to another permit issued pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §413;
- uncontaminated groundwater;
- water from a natural resource [such as a wetland]; or
- other Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges identified in Part IV(C)(3)(h) of the MS4 General Permit.

Each municipality is required by the MS4 General Permit to prepare a written Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plan. This QAPP has been developed to be an attachment to a municipality's IDDE Plan.

2.0 Sampling Procedures

Samples are required to be collected at outfalls that exhibit dry weather flow (defined as flow after there has been no precipitation greater than ¼ inch for 72 hours, and no melt water from snow or ice).

Personnel should be prepared to collect samples during any outfall inspection, because dry weather flow is sometimes intermittent, and if personnel need to return to the site later in the same day, or several days later, the dry weather flow may no longer be present.

Samples will be collected from a flowing source only (not from stagnant water), and where the pipe outlet has at least 1 or 2 inches of free-flowing drop before any standing water or pool below it. Stagnant water should not be sampled unless the municipality deems it necessary for some reason.



This outfall, though in poor condition because it is cantilevered, provides a good opportunity for a clean catch of its discharge.



This outfall is partially submerged and a clean catch of its discharge is not possible. If tidal influences are strong, wait until low tide to sample. Additional options include: sampling upstream structures or using sand bags around the outfall to prevent contamination from backflow.

Table 1 provides a list of equipment that is generally required for dry weather outfall monitoring.

Table 1 Field Equipment for Monitoring

1 Gallon of Distilled or de-ionized water for rinsing
1 Roll Paper towels
3-5 clean plastic 250 ml beakers for water sample collection in Baggie marked “Clean” or disposable “whirl bags”
Garbage bags
1 long sampling pole
Equipment to remove and access catch basin covers if needed (pull, hammer, crowbar)
Field equipment/test kits (see Table 2) and bottles for any laboratory samples or off-site field test kits. Ensure field test kits reagents have not expired typically keep bottles for 3-5 samples available
Non-latex gloves
Box of 1 gallon plastic bags
Cooler with ice
Camera or phone
Safety Vest
Steel toed boots, waterproof
scissors
Sun screen and bug spray
Clip board
3-5 Field Data Sheets (See Addendum 1 for examples)
Chain of Custody (obtained from laboratory or see Addendum 3 for examples)
Sharpies and water-proof pens
Packing tape and Duct tape
Sheet of blank labels for bottles
First aid kit
Small white board with pen to mark outfall ID, date, and time in photo

For each outfall sampled, a Field Data Sheet will be used to document the date, time, and location of sample(s) collected, weather conditions, any general observations related to the tests being performed, and results of any parameters analyzed using field equipment or test kits. Note that the Field Data Sheet has a place to document sample observations including odor, color, turbidity, presence of algae, etc. The observations can be documented in this location instead of, or in addition to the observations made during the normal outfall inspection (which should be conducted in accordance with the MS4’s IDDE Plan or SOP).

Sample bottles that will be taken away from the sampling site for analysis will be labelled with the date, time and sample location as well as the name of the sampler. Example labels are provided in Addendum 1 along with an example field data collection sheet.

When using a third-party laboratory for any off-site analysis, sample bottles should be obtained before the sampling event. Coordination with the laboratory is also recommended to ensure that sample hold times and preservation requirements are being met. If samples are being collected on a Friday, some laboratories need prior notice to meet short hold times. Analytical methods, hold times and other pertinent information is described in Section 3 of this QAPP.

After sampling events, any reusable sample collection containers will be cleaned with soap and water or trisodium phosphate and water. Cleaning will be completed in a location where wash

water can be discharged to a licensed wastewater treatment plant, sanitary sewer, or septic system.

3.0 Analyses and Reporting limits

The MS4 General Permit does not require samples to be analyzed using Clean Water Act (CWA) Methods published in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 136. The use of field equipment/test kit(s) and laboratories are both allowed. The MS4 General Permit does not require samples to be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified by the Maine DEP. However, this QAPP specifies that when a commercial laboratory is used for a CWA method, it will be certified by the Maine DEP for the CWA method specified.

Use of a certified laboratory is specified in this QAPP because the data generated by a certified lab would be more likely to stand up in a court of law than data generated by a non-certified lab.

A list of commercial certified laboratories is available on the Maine DEP website at: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/labCert.shtml> .

Note also that many Wastewater Treatment Plants conduct bacteria analysis for operational purposes. If there is a Wastewater Treatment Plant in the area, it can also be used for the bacteria screening.

This QAPP does not specify CWA methods or Maine DEP certification for use of field equipment/test kit(s).

Table 2 provides information related to sampling parameters, analysis methods, and sample preservation and holding times that may be used during dry weather outfall monitoring. Analysis methods specified in **Table 2** include CWA methods, field equipment, and test kits, where applicable. **Table 2** also provides information on when a given CWA Method, Field Equipment, or Test Kit might be preferable if there are multiple options for a given parameter.

User manual(s) and safety data sheets (SDS) for field equipment and/or test kit(s) that will be utilized for dry weather monitoring are included as Addendum 4 to this QAPP, or may be kept in a separate electronic or paper location as long as they are easily accessible to the field personnel who will be conducting the monitoring.

The Town of Yarmouth has modified Table 2 to show its preferred methods in the comment section of the table, but may modify their method if they deem it necessary to do so.

Table 2 Sampling Parameters, Analysis Methods, and Sample Preservation and Holding Times

Bacteria - select one or more based on discharge environment	CWA Method, Field Equipment, or Test Kit	Preservation	Holding time	Bottle needed	Notes on Use
Bacteria - E. coli	SM 9223 B (IDEXX Colilert Quanti-Tray) EPA 1603 (membrane filtration, MF) Or SM 9221 B (Most probable number, MPN)	Ice	To lab within 6 hours Analyze within 2 hours of receipt	120 ml or 250 ml plastic sterile bottle with lid from lab	Use for discharges to freshwater (with ammonia and either optical enhancers or surfactants) Use: Maine Environmental Laboratories 207-846-6569
Bacteria - enterococcus	SM 9230 B, C or D, (MPN including IDEXX Enterolert, or MF) EPA 1600 (MF)	Ice	To lab within 6 hours Analyze within 2 hours of receipt	120 ml or 250 ml plastic sterile bottle with lid from lab	Use for discharges to salt water (with ammonia and either optical enhancers or surfactants) Use: Maine Environmental Laboratories 207-846-6569
Bacteria – Fecal Coliform	SM 9222 D (MF CFU/100ml) Or SM 9221 C, E (Multitube MPN/100ml)	Ice	To lab within 6 hours Analyze within 2 hours of receipt	120 ml or 250 ml plastic sterile bottle with lid from lab	Use for discharges to salt or freshwater (with ammonia and either optical enhancers or surfactants) Use: Yarmouth Wastewater Treatment Plant or MEL
Bacteria – Human Bacteroides	Labs: EMSL (NJ), Microbial Insights (TN) or Source Molecular (FL) Or Dr. Steve Jones, UNH	Ice	To lab within 24 hours Analyze within 48 hours	1000 ml plastic bottle with sodium thiosulfate from lab (with insulated shipping box)	Use for discharges to salt or freshwater (with ammonia and either optical enhancers or surfactants). Not a CWA method, so Maine Laboratory certification not required. EMSL 843-628-3132 (Jay Rucker is contact as of 2/2021)

Table 2 Sampling Parameters, Analysis Methods, and Sample Preservation and Holding Times

Ammonia (select one method)	CWA Method, Field Equipment, or Test Kit	Preservation	Holding time	Bottle needed	Notes on Use
Ammonia	Hach Ammonia Test Strips	None	Immediate (w/in 15 minutes) in Field	Field jar or beaker	Use from Hach.com
Ammonia	Laboratory Method EPA 350.1/350.2	H ₂ SO ₄ (pH <2) + Ice	28 days	250 ml plastic bottle from lab	
Ammonia	Hach DR300 Pocket Colorimeter Ammonia Nitrogen or LaMotte 3680-01 DC1200 Colorimeter test kit	None	Immediate (w/in 15 minutes) in Field	Field jar or beaker	Reagent contains Mercury, Generates a Toxic Hazardous Waste (D009) instructional video (10 minutes): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFiEEEA_mWfo_
Total Residual Chlorine (select one method)	CWA Method, Field Equipment, or Test Kit	Preservation	Holding time	Bottle needed	Notes on Use
Chlorine	Field kit – Hach Colorimeter II low range	None	Immediate (w/in 15 minutes) in Field	Field jar or beaker	Instructional video available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTTUD0Hq1Vw
Chlorine	Industrial test Systems Ultra-Low Total Chlorine Test Strips and other mid range chlorine test strips	None	Immediate (w/in 15 minutes) in Field	Field jar or beaker	As of 6/2020, USEPA had not used Ultra low chlorine test strips (0.2 to 0.5 mg/L). Informal review shows these should be used simultaneously with a mid range (0.5 to 10 mg/l) test strips to double check range. Use from Grainger.com
Temperature and Conductivity (use both)	CWA Method, Field Equipment, or Test Kit	Preservation	Holding time	Bottle needed	Notes on Use
Temperature	Temperature/ Conductivity probe	None	Immediate (w/in 15 minutes) in Field	Field jar or beaker	Use to distinguish between groundwater and surface water.
Conductivity	Temperature/ Conductivity probe	None	Immediate (w/in 15 minutes) in Field	Field jar or beaker	Use to distinguish between salt water and fresh water.

Table 2 Sampling Parameters, Analysis Methods, and Sample Preservation and Holding Times

Optical Enhancers or Surfactants (select one)	CWA Method, Field Equipment, or Test Kit	Preservation	Holding time	Bottle needed	Notes on Use
Surfactants	SM5540C	Ice	To lab within 24 hours Analyze within 48 hours	500 ml plastic bottle from lab	Works on most soaps (laundry detergent, personal care products, dish soap) Use: Maine Environmental Laboratories 207-846-6569
Surfactants	CheMetrics K-9400 field test kit (see Maine DEP guidance on handling and disposal in Addendum 2)	None	Immediate (w/in 15 minutes) in Field	Field jar or beaker	Works on most soaps (laundry detergent, personal care products, dish soap). Contains alcohol and chloroform. Generates a Flammable (D001) and Toxic (D022) Hazardous Waste. Do not use test kit in the field unless licensed to transport hazardous wastes. Instructional Video available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vwiZgWqa04
Optical brighteners	VWR handheld UV lamp: UV-A: 360-365 nm, model number 89131-488	None	Analyze within 7 days	Unbleached cotton pad wetted with sample placed in sealed baggie	Works only on water with high to moderate laundry detergent. Provides only presence/absence.
Optical brighteners	Maine Healthy Beaches Fluorometer (\$15,000 unit)	None	Keep in a dark container, provide to MHB in 1-2 days, analyze within 7 days	Whirl bag or 100 ml plastic bottle.	Provides semi-quantitative numeric fluorescence of sample. Need to provide sample to MHB in bottle or whirl bag (in a box or cooler). One week hold time. Provide advanced notice to coordinate delivery to office. Organic matter or tannins, or color will interfere.

4.0 Quality Control

The following are the reporting limits required by the MS4 General Permit:

Ammonia: 0.5 mg/L
Surfactants: 0.25 mg/L
Total Residual Chlorine: 0.05 mg/L
E. coli bacteria 4 cfu/100 ml
Enterococcus 10 cfu/100 ml

To ensure the data collected meets the required reporting limits, the MS4 permittee will use either a Maine Certified Laboratory or one of the field equipment/test kit methods listed in **Table 2** to assess dry weather flow.

Each of the test kits listed in **Table 2** has a use range that is appropriate for the work being conducted, and which meets the MS4 required reporting limits.

Test kit reagents that have expired will not be used. Test kit and temperature/conductivity probes that have useful life limits will be replaced when they have reached the end of their useful lives.

Maine Certified Laboratories have standard reporting limits for the parameters that conform to the MS4 General Permit required reporting limits.

4.1 Equipment or Rinsate Blanks. For most instances, dedicated equipment and containers are used to collect samples, so that equipment and rinsate blanks are not required to be collected and analyzed. However, if equipment or collection containers are being used multiple times in the field for different sample locations, they should be cleaned in between samples, wash water should be collected in the field and disposed of when returning to office or lab spaces, and equipment or rinsate blanks should be collected and assessed. The USEPA Volunteer Monitor's Guide to Quality Assurance Project Plans has additional guidance on how to complete these tasks (EPA Document 841-B-96-003).

5.0 Field Data Sheets and Chain of Custody

As described in Sampling Procedures, Field Data Sheets will be used to document sample collection. Field Data sheets will document the type of field equipment or test kit(s) used and results of any in-situ analysis. Example Field Data Sheets are provided in Addendum 1 to this QAPP.

Whenever samples will be sent to a laboratory for analysis, a Chain of Custody will be used to document sample collection dates, times, analytical methods requested, and custody of the sample from the time it was collected, until the time it was analyzed. Example Chains of Custody are provided in **Addendum 3** to this QAPP.

6.0 Data Reports

Field data collection sheets shall constitute data reports for analyses using field equipment or test kits.

Whenever samples are sent to a laboratory for analysis, data reports are provided by the laboratory showing the sample location, date and time of collection, results of the analysis, the reporting limit, the person who conducted the analysis, the analytical method used.

7.0 Data Review and Follow up

Once all data has been received, it will be reviewed by a Stormwater Manager or Coordinator. Data shall also be stored electronically or in paper format for at least 3 years following the expiration date of the MS4 General Permit, as required by the MS4 General Permit.

If the person collecting the sample is the Stormwater Manager or Coordinator, they may opt to have another municipal staff person review the data, or a Stormwater Manager or Coordinator from another municipality if they deem it necessary to assist in the overall investigation. Data should be reviewed within 2 weeks of receipt and additional investigations should be scheduled or implemented to identify the source of any potential illicit discharge if any of the thresholds in **Table 3** are exceeded.

Table 3 Thresholds for Additional Investigation

Parameter	Threshold Level for Additional Investigation	Notes/Discussion
E. coli	236 cfu/100 ml – discharges into freshwater rivers or streams	All classifications of flowing fresh surface water in Maine (AA, A, B and C) have a standard that no more than 10% of the samples may exceed this concentration in any 90-day interval. A fresh surface water is at risk of impairment if it is receiving significant discharges from human sources above this concentration.
E. coli	194 cfu/100 ml – discharges into freshwater ponds	Great Ponds and lakes less than 10 acres have a standard that no more than 10% of the samples may exceed this concentration in any 90-day interval. A water of this type is at risk of impairment if it is receiving significant discharges from human sources above this concentration.
Enterococci	54 CFU/100 ml – discharges into saline/estuarine Class SA or SB	These waters have a standard that no more than 10% of the samples may exceed this concentration in any 90-day interval. A water is at risk of impairment if it is receiving significant discharges from human sources above this concentration. (Note Maine Healthy Beaches threshold is 104 MPN/100 ml)
Enterococci	94 CFU/100 ml – discharges into saline/estuarine Class SC	These waters have a standard that no more than 10% of the samples may exceed this concentration in any 90 day interval. A water is at risk of impairment if it is receiving significant discharges from human sources above this concentration. (Note Maine Healthy Beaches threshold is 104 MPN/100 ml)
Fecal Coliform	61 cfu/100 ml (2 times 31 cfu/100 ml for MF) to 100 cfu/100ml	The low end of this threshold is two times the 90 th percentile standards that DMR applies for approved (open) shellfish harvesting areas and is very conservative (90% of the samples collected from the area must be above these concentrations for the harvesting area to remain open and completely unrestricted for shellfish harvesting. See Addendum 2 for additional info from DMR)
Human Bacteroides	Any concentration may be indicative of human sewage, but MHB considers 4,200 col/100ml HB to be equivalent to the level of contamination that exceeds the EPA acceptable risk of gastrointestinal illness to swimmers. (Rothenheber and Jones, 2018 and Boehm, Soller and Shanks 2015)	Any concentration of human source of sewage should be investigated.
Ammonia	≥ 0.50 mg/L	This is the effective reporting limit of the Ammonia test strips and was taken from USEPA Draft 2012 Bacteria Source Tracking Protocol.
Chlorine	≥ 0.05 mg/L	Limit of test kit and was taken from USEPA Draft 2012 Bacteria Source Tracking Protocol.

Parameter	Threshold Level for Additional Investigation	Notes/Discussion
Surfactants	≥ 0.25 mg/L	Taken from USEPA Draft 2012 Bacteria Source Tracking Protocol.
Optical Brighteners	≥ 100 ug/L) (≥ 0.10 mg/L)	This is used by Maine Healthy Beaches as an actionable threshold. If using a handheld fluorometer, conduct further investigation if presence of optical brighteners is detected

MS4s should use the thresholds listed above and the following general guidance to make determinations whether an outfall requires additional investigation for illicit discharges:

Outfalls that have some visual evidence of an illicit discharge and exceed at least one of the above thresholds and should be investigated further using techniques described in the MS4s IDDE Plan.

Outfalls that do not have any visual evidence of an illicit discharge but exceed more than one of the above thresholds should be investigated further using techniques described in the MS4s IDDE Plan

As described in Section 1 of this QAPP, if the above thresholds are not exceeded, the MS4 may make the determination that the flow is from uncontaminated groundwater, water from a natural resource, or an allowable non-stormwater discharge.

Revisions:

1. Original document prepared for 2022 MS4 General Permit Submission to Maine DEP
2. Updated 2022 to remove optional and voluntary items.

Addenda

1. Example Field Data Collection Sheet and labels
2. References:
 - a. E-mail on Surfactant field kit handling of residuals from DEP staff
 - b. E-mail on Fecal Coliform thresholds from DMR listed in Table 3
3. Example Chains of Custody
4. User Manual(s) and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for Field Equipment and/or Test Kit(s) (This is an optional addendum. The information must be located where field personnel can access electronically or in paper form, so this Addendum can be used as a place to describe where field personnel will find equipment, manuals and SDSs).

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Addendum 1

Example Field Data Collection Sheet and labels

Field Data Collection Sheet for Dry Weather Outfall Monitoring

Date _____	Project Name _____
Time _____	_____
Sampler's Name _____	Project Location _____
Weather: _____	
Sample Type: _____	
Sample Location/Sketch: _____	

Field Parameters to Monitor

Parameter	Result (units)	Equipment Used	Threshold triggering additional investigation (see QAPP)
Temperature (all flows)	C/F		No threshold. FYI: Temp. is dependent on season. Groundwater is typically 40-55 F. Surface water can be hotter or colder.
Conductivity (all flows)	µs		No threshold. FYI: Groundwater is typ. Less than 1000 µs. Freshwater can be as high as 2000 µs. Saltwater can be as high as 55,000 µs.
Ammonia (potential bacteria sources)	mg/L	Hach Test Strips	≥ 0.50 mg/L
Surfactants or Optical Brighteners (potential bacteria sources)			Surfactants ≥ 0.25 mg/L Optical Brighteners ≥ 100 ug/L or if present
Chlorine (potential chlorine sources)	mg/l	Hach Colorimeter II low range	≥ 0.05 mg/L (test kit limit)

Observations (unless already documented as part of outfall inspection: odor, color, turbidity, algae, etc): _____

Laboratory Analyses (see QAPP for thresholds)

Parameter	Method/ Lab Code	Comments
E. coli	SM 9223 B, EPA 1603, or SM 9221 B	For freshwaters
Enterococci	SM 9230 or EPA 1600	For marine/estuarine waters
Fecal Coliform	SM 9222 D or SM 9221 D, E	For fresh or marine/estuarine waters
Human Bacteriodes	qPCR	For fresh or marine/estuarine waters

Comments/Field Notes

This set of labels was designed to be used with Avery 5366 labels, but you can use any labels.

Sampler: _____ Date: _____
Time: _____ Field ID: _____

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Addendum 2

-Reference E-mails

Kristie Rabasca

From: Lewis, Bryant J <Bryant.J.Lewis@maine.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 4:46 PM
To: Kristie Rabasca; Wahle, Benjamin
Subject: RE: simple summary of Fecal concentrations for open vs seasonal vs restricted vs prohibited?

Kristie,

I did misunderstand the question. Unless there is a specific area of concern where we are collaborating on a special study with a town, we typically provide a yearly update for each station's geomean and P90 incorporating the most recent 30 sample scores. That annual trend is provided to towns so we are not usually contacting a town based on any one score to tell them that there might be a problem.

However- if trying to determine a trigger on a single sample, there is some subjectivity to the answer. I would suggest a value between 50-100 as a high value trigger. There is merit to your suggestion of using twice the 31 value as well since that is within that range. Often, our Scientists would use 100 as the high score value as their own flag to watch a station since an area that is already at risk of exceeding the approved standard based on the last 30 samples would likely go over a P90 of 31 with a 100 added. I think you would likely accomplish your goal by using any of the three values; 50, 62, or 100. I would recommend starting with 62 then re-evaluating after some data is built up to determine if that should be increased or decreased based on program needs.

Bryant Lewis
ME Department of Marine Resources
Growing Area West Program Supervisor
194 McKown Point Road
West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575
Tel: 207-633-9401
Cell: 207-215-4107

From: Kristie Rabasca <krabasca@integratedenv.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 2:42 PM
To: Lewis, Bryant J <Bryant.J.Lewis@maine.gov>; Wahle, Benjamin <Benjamin.Wahle@maine.gov>
Subject: RE: simple summary of Fecal concentrations for open vs seasonal vs restricted vs prohibited?

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H Bryant,

I do a lot of illicit discharge investigations with and for the municipalities. Maybe I did not phrase my question properly.

For a single sample, at what concentration would DMR say to a municipality: "we think there might be a problem here". Is that concentration the 90th percentile number? 31? Or twice that?

Or do you wait until you see the GM or P90 number get close to its threshold for multiple samples?

Kristie L. Rabasca, P.E.
207-415-5830 (cell)

From: Lewis, Bryant J <Bryant.J.Lewis@maine.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 2:33 PM

To: Kristie Rabasca <krabasca@integratedenv.com>; Wahle, Benjamin <Benjamin.Wahle@maine.gov>

Subject: RE: simple summary of Fecal concentrations for open vs seasonal vs restricted vs prohibited?

Kristie,

I would suspect DEP and possibly the municipality should be contacted for possible illicit discharges.

We use DMR water quality stations to classify growing area waters. As part of our program, we also conduct surveys of the shoreline where we look for malfunctioning septic systems and other pollution sources and sample the mouths of streams entering growing area waters; however, we do not conduct investigations to determine the sources of contamination. Generally, it is up to the municipality to investigate degrading water quality while sometimes DEP can provide some additional assistance. If there is an area where water quality was degrading we would provide the municipality the information we have if they wished to investigate. The municipality would likely need to do additional work to locate the source of contamination but the information you are describing would likely be valuable in their effort.

Bryant Lewis

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From: Kristie Rabasca <krabasca@integratedenv.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 9:00 AM

To: Lewis, Bryant J <Bryant.J.Lewis@maine.gov>; Wahle, Benjamin <Benjamin.Wahle@maine.gov>

Subject: RE: simple summary of Fecal concentrations for open vs seasonal vs restricted vs prohibited?

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Thanks so much for this. We are using it because some communities will be sampling outfalls that are discharging into marine environments for fecal coliform as a screening tool when looking for illicit discharges. The MS4 General Permit requires that the communities regulated for their stormwater discharges do sampling whenever an outfall is flowing after three days of dry weather. We are telling them to notify DMR of the results, and wanted to have some guidelines for when they should be concerned. I know that your scores are very conservative because they are all about the FDA and ingestion of shellfish.

I have attached a QAPP that we are using and you will see the table in the back has a "threshold" for additional investigation if the town is monitoring for fecal coliform. Please note that the samples they are collecting are discharges from outfalls into the water body – not from the water body.

Would you investigate further if the thresholds for 90th percentile for open areas were exceeded? Or would you use 2x that? Or some other number.

Hopefully you understand my question....

Kristie L. Rabasca, P.E.
207-415-5830 (cell)

From: Lewis, Bryant J <Bryant.J.Lewis@maine.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 10:16 AM

To: Wahle, Benjamin <Benjamin.Wahle@maine.gov>; Kristie Rabasca <krabasca@integratedenv.com>

Subject: RE: simple summary of Fecal concentrations for open vs seasonal vs restricted vs prohibited?

Kristie,

This webpage explains the classifications.

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/programs/growingareas/howclassified.html>

The NSSP Model Ordinance dictates how we calculate water quality scores. A 90th percentile based on the most recent 30 samples providing a score of 31 or less is Approved, 32-163 is Restricted and above 163 is Prohibited. There is a link to the Model Ordinance on our website, if needed. It describes how to calculate scores for systematic random sampling using membrane filtration.

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/programs/growingareas/index.html>

I have also attached a document summarizing what is in the Model Ordinance for calculating water quality station scores.

Bryant Lewis
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Tel: 207-633-9401
Cell: 207-215-4107

From: Wahle, Benjamin
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Kristie Rabasca <krabasca@integratedenv.com>
Cc: Lewis, Bryant J <Bryant.J.Lewis@maine.gov>
Subject: RE: simple summary of Fecal concentrations for open vs seasonal vs restricted vs prohibited?

Hi Kristie,

I'm actually going to refer you to Bryant Lewis, who is the Western Region Growing Area Supervisor. He'll be better able to explain DMR's classification system.

-Ben

From: Kristie Rabasca <krabasca@integratedenv.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 8:03 AM
To: Wahle, Benjamin <Benjamin.Wahle@maine.gov>
Subject: simple summary of Fecal concentrations for open vs seasonal vs restricted vs prohibited?

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Good Morning Ben,

I worked with you in Eliot and Cape – and am looking on your website for a simple summary of the P90 concentrations that trigger the various restrictions on shellfishing.

Does such an animal exist? If so, could you share it?

I am working on a QAPP for the stormwater folks and want to provide them with a reference that is accurate and truthed by DMR for when they are sampling outfalls near shellfishing areas.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

DMR uses a membrane filtration (MF) method for fecal coliform analysis using mTEC agar with a two-hour resuscitation step. The geometric mean and the 90th percentile are calculated on a minimum of the most recent 30 data points.

Geometric Mean (Geomean):

The geometric mean, or geomean, is a type of averaging calculation. Unlike a simple average or arithmetic mean, the geomean takes into account the way bacteria grow. During bacterial growth, each bacterium doubles and reproduces itself i.e. one bacterium becomes two, two bacteria become four, four become eight and so on. There are low values at first and the rate of growth increases as the number of colonies increases. This is called exponential growth (Figure 1). This growth pattern means a fecal coliform dataset may have a few high scores and many low scores. The calculation for the geometric mean takes exponential growth into account by transforming the data into logarithms, taking the mean and then converting the number back to a log base 10 number. For example, the arithmetic mean of a fecal coliform score of 300, 150, 23 and 2 CFU/100ml is 119 CFU/100ml. Calculating the geomean, the result is 38 CFU/100ml.

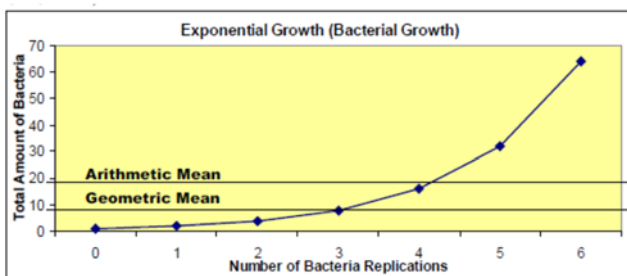
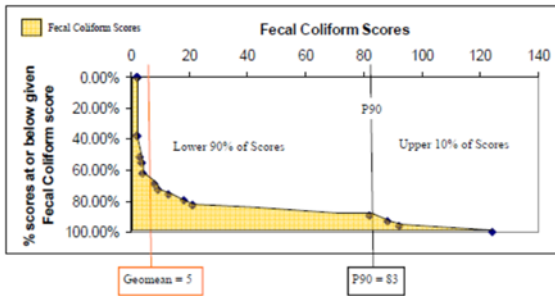
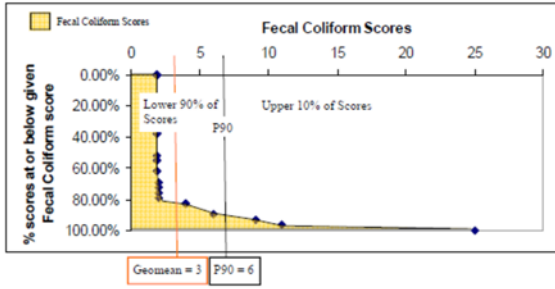


Figure 1. The graph illustrates exponential growth. The arithmetic mean for the scores is 18.1 while the geomean is 8.

90th Percentile (P90)

The other calculation used for shellfish growing area classification is the 90th percentile (P90). The P90 is the variability standard, meaning this value takes into account the variability of test readings. In any test measurement, successive readings of the same sample would produce slightly different scores each time due to precision of the equipment, human error, etc. This type of variability is a factor of the test method and equipment used and is true of all testing methods.

To account for the variability in the fecal coliform test, a standard has been established. Here again, since bacteria grows exponentially, the calculations are performed on a logarithmic scale. The P90 is based on the distribution of fecal coliform scores and means that 90% of scores are at are below the P90 and 10% scores are above (Figures 2a and 2b). As long as most of the other scores are low, a few high scores will not have a large impact on the P90 value. The P90 standard is the acknowledgment by the NSSP that a few high scores in data set may be due to the variability of the test method. If the area shows high fecal coliform scores intermittently due to pollution events such as rainfall, this may cause water quality to exceed the P90 standards because the shellfish are intermittently subject to polluted waters. For classification determinations, P90s are rounded to the nearest whole number. 0.1-0.49 are rounded down and 0.5-0.9 are rounded up to the next whole number.



Figures 2a and b. The lower 90% of the scores fall to the left of the P90 line and 10% of the scores fall to the right. 2a has a low P90 because there are many low scores and a few high scores. 2b has a larger number of high fecal coliform scores, so the P90 is shifted to the right. Although the geomean of 2b passes the approved standard, the area would not be classified as approved because the P90 score is above the threshold.

Fecal Coliform Standards by Shellfish Growing Area Classification Category

Shellfish Growing Area Classification	Activity Allowed	Geometric mean FC/100ml	90 th Percentile (P90) FC/100ml
Approved	Harvesting allowed	≤ 14	≤ 31
Conditionally Approved	Harvesting allowed except during specified conditions	≤ 14 in open status	≤ 31 in open status
Restricted	Depuration harvesting or relay only	≤ 88 and >15	≤ 163 and >31
Conditionally Restricted	Depuration harvesting or relay allowed except during specified conditions	≤ 88 in open status	≤ 163 in open status
Prohibited	Aquaculture seed production only	>88	>163

Kristie Rabasca

From: Hudson, Michael S <Michael.S.Hudson@maine.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Kristie Rabasca
Cc: Plummer, Cherrie F; Poirier, Rhonda
Subject: FW: Proper handling and disposal of CheMetrics Surfactant field test kit residuals
Attachments: surfactants_CHEMetrics_k9400instructs.pdf; surfactants_CHEMetrics_k9400_SDSs.pdf; EIASOP-SWTestKits_REV1.pdf

Importance: High

In response to the questions posed regarding proper handling and disposal of CheMetrics Surfactant field test kit residuals:

1. Can the Towns mix the liquids from a. and b. in a single container for disposal as D001 and D022 waste? Or do they need to keep them separate to dispose of them?
Answer: Chloroform is miscible in alcohols such as n-propanol and is compatible. The Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 850 through 858, do not prohibit the mixing of compatible wastes. If mixed, the waste mixture should be coded as both D001 and D022. The town/generator could check with the licensed hazardous waste transporter it intends to use for the hazardous waste pick-up and disposal to determine if it is advisable or more cost effective to keep the wastes separate.
2. The n-propanol waste is super tough to get out of the vial – we pretty much just dispose of the whole vial. Is that okay? Or can we break the vial? And dispose of the empty glass as solid waste (as long as it is RCRA empty).
Answer: The whole vials containing n-propanol can be disposed of as hazardous waste. If the generator chooses to break the vial to dispose of the n-propanol as hazardous waste and the glass as a solid waste, then the generator must ensure the broken vials are RCRA-empty. Again, the town/generator could check with the licensed hazardous waste transporter it intends to use for the hazardous waste pick-up and disposal to determine if it is advisable or more cost effective to break and empty the vials to dispose of the glass and n-propanol separately. Of course, care and safety measures should be employed if breaking and handling glass vials.
3. Most of these towns are going to be SQGs (Maine Definition), and are going to be generating this waste while they are out in the field over a period of months. Then after each event, they are going to drive it back to the public works facility and set up a SQG haz waste storage area until they can get rid of it (either at HHWD collection, or have a specific pick up). They have 1 year to dispose of it. Have I missed any exemptions or special conditions for this? Is it okay that they are driving it around? Or should they be bringing the water samples back to public works and running the surfactant analysis on it at public works so they don't have to transport it. (its easier for them to run the sample right there while they are at the site).
Answer: It is preferable for the town/generator to bring samples back from field sites to its Public Works to do the test so that hazardous waste generated by the tests does not have to be transported from field sites. Under the rules, the town/generator would need hazardous waste licenses to transport or accept the hazardous wastes from off-site. Towns should set up a hazardous waste collection container for the hazardous wastes from the tests, with an appropriate size container, labeled as "Hazardous Waste" with an accumulation start date. If the town's Public Works is a Small Quantity Generator (SQG), i.e. it generates for all its hazardous wastes in aggregate no more than 27 gallons/month and accumulates no more than 55 gallon of all of its hazardous waste in aggregate, then the town/generator could accumulate the waste indefinitely until the container of hazardous waste from tests is full at which point the town/generator would have 180 days to ship

via licensed hazardous waste transporter. Town/ Public Works should not dispose of these waste through the Household HW collection programs because they are not household exempt wastes.

4. We are going to do a training of the use of this kit on 10/17 in Portland. I would really like for attendees to be able to practice use of the kit at that training. Do I need to schedule with NRCC or Clean Harbors to come pick up the waste that day (as a licensed transporter), or could one of the communities transport it back to their public works facility for storage until later disposal (during HHWD)?

Answer: Under the rules, the generator should arrange for waste pick-up at the site of generation. These hazardous wastes are not exempt under the household waste exclusion and are not acceptable at Household Hazardous Waste collections events.

The guidance above is based on the information provided below and the applicable rules, Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 850 through 858, without information on the number of test kits expected to be used, frequency of testing and volumes of anticipated waste accumulation. If you have questions or would like to discuss the specifics, please feel free to contact me at Michael.s.hudson@maine.gov or 207-287-7884, or Cherrie Plummer of the Hazardous Waste Management Unit. Cherrie's contact is Cherrie.F.Plummer@maine.gov and 207-287-7882.

Michael S. Hudson, Supervisor, Hazardous Waste Management Unit
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017
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From: Poirier, Rhonda
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2019 9:37 AM
To: Hudson, Michael S <Michael.S.Hudson@maine.gov>
Subject: Proper handling and disposal of CheMetrics Surfactant field test kit residuals
Importance: High

Hi Mike,

The sampling she's describing is required by one of the permits in my stormwater program. She is giving a workshop on it on 10/17 and would like to talk to the proper DEP person before that, for planning purposes. Can you help her?

Thank you,
Rhonda

Rhonda Poirier
MEPDES Stormwater Program Manager
Bureau of Water Quality
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
207-592-6233
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From: Kristie Rabasca <krabasca@integratedenv.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Poirier, Rhonda <Rhonda.Poirier@maine.gov>
Cc: Aimee Mountain (Aimee.Mountain@gza.com) <Aimee.Mountain@gza.com>; Damon Yakovleff <dyakovleff@cumberlandswcd.org>
Subject: Proper handling and disposal of CheMetrics Surfactant field test kit residuals

Hi Rhonda,

Thanks for taking my call.

I am developing a dry weather monitoring training session for the ISWG and SMSWG MS4s, and am developing a QAPP and some checklists.

We will need to use the CheMetrics K-9400 field test kit for surfactants. I have attached the instructions for the kit, and the Safety Data Sheets for the two reagents. Generally for each sample we will do the following:

1. Add 5 ml of water to a small plastic vial
2. Add 4ml of the double tipped reagent (SDS attached and it is flammable and contains 71% chloroform)
3. Shake
4. Use the 0.25 ml sealed glass ampule (which is 98% N-propanol) to draw the organic phase out of the plastic vial with the water and the first reagent.
5. Use colorimeter to check detergent concentration of sample.

So the two wastes we have when done are:

- a. The mixture of the 5 ml water and the 4 ml 71% chloroform (which is still flammable) in the plastic vial (minus about 1 ml extracted into the n-propanol vial)
- b. About 1 ml of the n-propanol and the chloroform organic phase in a very small glass ampule.

I am requesting the EPA SOP on this – but I do not think it has the detail I want.

When I have used this in the past, I have given it to the municipality where it was generated and told them it was a **Doo1 Flammable and D022 Tox-chloroform waste**, and they hand it to clean harbors during household hazardous waste day.

We are going to have a lot more people generating this waste – using these kits, and we need to handle it properly. As we provide them with guidance, we want to make sure it is right.

My questions are:

1. Can the Towns mix the liquids from a. and b. in a single container for disposal as Doo1 and Do22 waste? Or do they need to keep them separate to dispose of them?
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So many questions.... Perhaps I could talk with someone at Haz waste.... Thanks for any help you can provide.



Kristie L. Rabasca, P.E

Integrated Environmental Engineering, Inc.

12 Farms Edge Road

Cape Elizabeth, ME 04170

207-415-5830

Addendum 3

Example Chains of Custody



EMSL ANALYTICAL, INC.
LABORATORY • PRODUCTS • TRAINING

EMSL Order Number (Lab Use Only):

EMSL ANALYTICAL, INC.
200 ROUTE 130 NORTH
CINNAMINSON, NJ 08077

PHONE: (800) 220-3675
FAX: (856) 786-0262

Company :		EMSL-Bill to: <input type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Different If Bill to is Different please note in Comments**					
Street:		<i>Third Party Billing requires written authorization from third party</i>					
City:	State/Province:	Zip/Postal Code:	Country:				
Report To (Name):		Fax #:					
Telephone #:		E-mail Address:					
Project Name/ Number:							
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<small>*Analysis completed in accordance with EMSL's Terms and Conditions located in the Analytical Price Guide. TATs are subject to methodology requirements.</small>							
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Received (Lab):				Date:	Time:		
Comments:							

Addendum 4
User Manual(s) and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for
Field Equipment and/or Test Kit(s)
(This is an optional addendum. The information
must be located where field personnel can access
electronically or in paper form, so this
Addendum can be used as a place to describe
where field personnel will find equipment,
manuals and SDSs).

ATTACHMENT D

COORDINATION LETTERS WITH INTERCONNECTED MS4s

Interconnected MS4	Date of update	Contact	Phone	E-mail
Maine DOT	4/10/2022	Peter Newkirk	207-877-5081	Peter.Newkirk@maine.gov
Town of Cumberland	3/16/2021	Laura Neleski	207-829-2220	lneleski@cumberlandmaine.com
Town of Freeport	3/16/2021	Adam Bliss	207-865-4743 x106 (office)	abliss@freeportmaine.com



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March 4, 2021

Mr. Kerem Gungor, P.E., Stormwater Engineer
Maine Department of Transportation
State House Station 16
Augusta, Maine 04333-0016

Dear Kerem:

The Town of Yarmouth is regulated by the 2013 Maine General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Our mapping shows that we have cross connections (some of your MS4 system flows into ours and/or some of our MS4 system flows into yours).

With this letter we are acknowledging that you will notify us of any illicit discharges or spills in your MS4 that could affect our MS4. We will also notify you of any illicit discharges in our MS4 that may affect your MS4 system.

If you have any MS4 related issues, please contact me at 207-846-2401 X 224 (office) during regular business hours. In the event of an emergency after hours, please contact Yarmouth/Falmouth Dispatch (207) 846-3333 who will relay any pertinent information to me.

Also, the Town intends to apply for coverage under the 2022 MS4 General Permit, and as such is preparing their Stormwater Management Plan and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan. This letter constitutes notice that we are applying for continued coverage, and we will be providing formal public notice in March 2021.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

Steven S. Johnson

Steven Johnson, P.E., Town Engineer/Stormwater Program Coordinator
Town of Yarmouth
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March 4, 2021

Ms. Laura Neleski, Stormwater Program Coordinator
Town of Cumberland
290 Tuttle Road
Cumberland, Maine 04021

Dear Laura:

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

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Mr. Adam Bliss, P.E., Stormwater Program Coordinator
Town of Freeport
30 Main Street
Freeport, Maine 04032

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APPENDIX F

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SOP WITH CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FORM

TOWN OF YARMOUTH DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS

Guide for Stormwater Management

In accordance with the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Program's
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit

*Prepared in collaboration with:
Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District
35 Main St.
Windham, Maine*

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INTRODUCTION

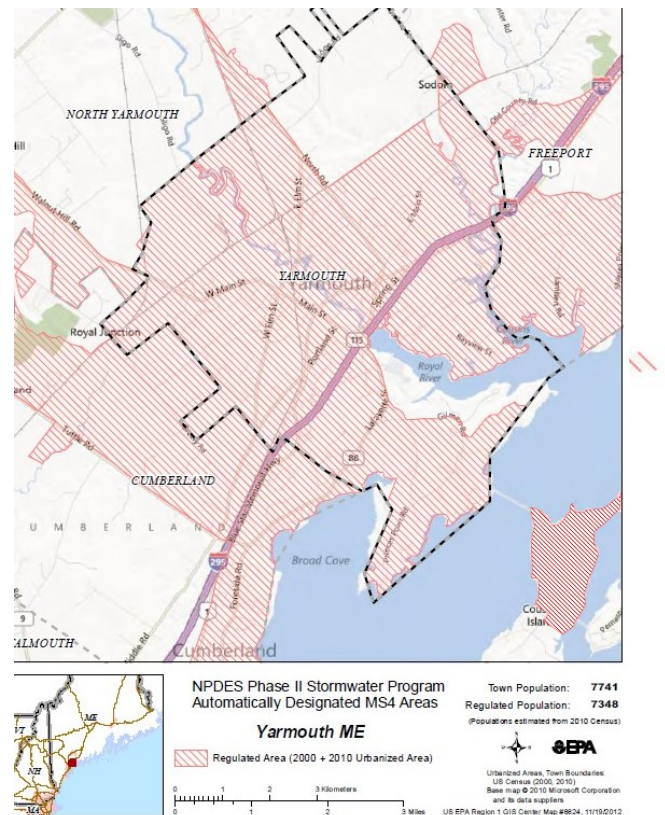
About this Guide

This guide is intended to document the development review requirements associated with the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). The MS4 General Permit Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) 4 & 5 contain requirements related to Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control & Post-Construction Stormwater Management. This document is designed to assist staff in development review only and to demonstrate compliance with MCMs 4 & 5 of the MS4 General Permit, including the 2022 MS4 General Permit Requirements to have written procedures for Construction Inspections. This guide is not intended to serve as a comprehensive review guide for the Town.

Urbanized Area

The MS4 General Permit applies within the Urbanized Area of Town. The Urbanized Area is the cumulative area defined by the 2000 and 2010 US Census data, and as depicted in Figure 1 (right). During the Town’s 2019 MS4 Audit, the DEP noted that the EPA depiction of the Urbanized Area should have included the northern portion of Cousins Island. Figure 1 has been updated to show that Cousins Island is include in the area. Although the MS4 General Permit requires additional review, inspection, maintenance and reporting within the Urbanized Area, the Town implements the MS4 requirements in all areas of Town.

Figure 1 - Yarmouth's Urbanized Area (as of February 2021, corrected to show Cousins Island)



Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance

The Town of Yarmouth maintains a Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance (*Chapter 320 Stormwater Discharge Ordinance*) which strictly prohibits the discharge of anything other than stormwater to the municipal storm drain system. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to fines, penalties, and orders for injunctive relief.

Post Construction Ordinance

The Town of Yarmouth also maintains a Post-Construction Ordinance (Chapter 330 Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance) that requires operation, maintenance and inspection of non-municipal stormwater BMPs on an annual basis. Documentation of the annual inspections must be submitted to the Town each year, along with an assessment that BMPs are functioning as intended.

DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Step 1: Pre-Application Meeting

A Pre-Application Meeting is recommended, but not required of applicants for project types as noted below and helps ensure proper application procedures are followed by all parties (landowner, developer, contractor, etc.) and to give early notice to applicants of the requirements related to stormwater management and erosion control in the Town of Yarmouth. The Town Planner is responsible for managing the project submission in conjunction with the Town Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer.

Attendees

Town Departments: Planning, Code Enforcement, Town Engineer and potentially Fire, Police and Public Works
Development Team: Applicant, representation (Engineer, Architect, Landscape Architect, etc.)

Meeting Topics/Typical Agenda Items:

Provide applicant with appropriate application (applications are available online also)

Chapter 702 Major and Minor Site Plan and Chapter 703 Character Based Code (Village Center)

- Change of use or commercial; industrial; public and semi-public buildings
- Site alterations including substantial filling and grading, parking, etc.

Chapter 601 Subdivision Plan

- any development of three or more lots or residential units within a five-year period

Notify applicant which other (local, state, federal) permits are needed

- Building, Street Opening, Sewer Connection – Town of Yarmouth Code, Engineering, PW Departments
- Maine Construction General Permit (over 1 acre of disturbance) – Maine DEP
- Chapter 500 (over 1 acre of disturbance, modification of existing permit) – Maine DEP
- Permit By Rule (within 75' of a water body) – Maine DEP
- Chapter 320 Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance* prohibits the discharge of pollutants, like sediments and oils, from entering the Town's MS4 system
- Chapter 330 Post Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance* regulates the discharge of stormwater from development and redevelopment projects

*See Step 5 for details on both local ordinances.

Provide applicant with Low Impact Development (LID) information and resources

- <http://www.lid-stormwater.net/>

Notify applicant of stormwater / erosion control inspection requirements during construction

- All sites: Developer will
 - have On-Site Responsible Party (OSRP),
 - ensure sediment and erosion control measures will be in place before any site disturbance occurs,

- will conduct weekly inspections for of all sedimentation and erosion control plan measures
- will maintain records for inspection by Town
- will address any inspection deficiencies in the time frames defined below.
- Small sites (less than one acre of disturbance): Inspections will be conducted by Code Enforcement Officer, Town Engineer or third-party inspector
 - Will use example inspection form attached to this Development Review SOP
 - Will conduct at least one inspection during earth moving activities
- Larger sites (one acre or more of disturbance that trigger Maine Construction General Permit (MCGP) or Chapter 500): Inspections will be conducted by Town Engineer and/or Third Party Construction Inspector:
 - Will use example inspection form attached to this Development Review SOP
 - Will conduct at least three (3) times during earth moving phase of construction
 - Will conduct at least one additional inspection each year if construction takes more than one season to complete
 - Will conduct a final inspection at project completion to ensure that permanent stabilization as been achieved and all temporary erosion and sediment controls have been removed.
 - For sites with third-party inspectors:
 - deficiencies will be reviewed with contractor during or at the conclusion of the inspection to allow for BMP repairs to be done no later than the next working day, additional BMPs to be added within 7 calendar days, and significant repairs to be completed within 7 calendar days and prior to any storm event (rainfall)
 - inspection reports are provided to the Town Engineer within 3 days of inspection if corrective measures required, or within one week if no corrective measures are required.

Notify applicant of other important requirements

- Any issues not corrected in a timely manner are addressed by the Code Enforcement Officer with an official letter and / or stop work order.
- Certificates of Occupancy and Release of Performance Bonds are contingent upon progress completion, and construction/installation of stormwater BMPs in accordance with approved drawings. (see Step 4 of this SOP)
- Annual inspections and certifications of proper operation are required after construction is completed for any stormwater infrastructure which will be maintained by the Developer, Homeowners Association, or final owner/operator of the site. (see Step 5 of this SOP)

Step 2: Application Submittal

Applications are reviewed at time of submittal for completeness, including submission of Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plans. The Town Planner is responsible for managing the project submission in conjunction with the Town Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer.

Engineering Review

Technical review is provided by Town Engineer. Depending on workload, review may be performed by third party consultant at the discretion of the Town Engineer. If required, third party consultant provides engineering and inspection services to the Town. They are notified of projects meeting(s) as specified above at the time of application submittal.

Step 2A: Project Review

Applications are carefully reviewed for compliance with Town, State, and Federal standards, including:

- Effectiveness of proposed Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plans
- Appropriate stormwater management controls and long-term operation and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure
- Proposed Low Impact Development

Step 2B: Conditions of Approval

Each permit/approval issued includes standard conditions regarding:

- Subdivision Recording Plat;
- Subdivision/Site Plan Waivers;
- Develop Site according to Plan;
- Separate Building Permits are Required;
- Site Plan Expiration;
- Preconstruction Meeting;
- As-built Plans;
- Mylar copies;
- Maintenance of Erosion and Sedimentation Control Requirements and documentation of such;
- Other requirements that are project specific, such as Post Construction Stormwater Management requirements and other technical requirements;
- Performance guarantee for required improvements and site inspection fee prior to building permit issuance.

Step 3: Pre-Construction Meeting

The Pre-Construction Meeting is required of all approved projects and helps to ensure proper stormwater management and erosion control during construction. Applicants are reminded of inspection requirements and enforcement procedures for non-compliance. The Town Engineer is responsible for managing the project through construction in conjunction with the Town Planner, Public Works Director and Code Enforcement Officer.

Attendees:

Town Departments: Engineering, Planning, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Police, Fire, Yarmouth Community Services (YCS)

Development Team: Applicant, General Contractor, Earthwork Contractor (required), Engineer

Notify applicant of following requirements

- Submission of Permit Fees including sewer connection permit fee and inspection fee
- Inspection by Town CEO for regular foundation and building requirements;
- Inspection for sediment and erosion control during construction (see Step 1 of this SOP for details).
- Review Site Specific Planning Board Conditions of Approval
- Sewer infrastructure inspection required;
- Review Construction Completion/Certification of Occupancy Requirements (Step 4 of this SOP)
- Letter of Credit reduction inspections performed as required.

Step 4: Construction Completion / Certificate of Occupancy

The Town of Yarmouth will not sign-off on a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) and/or release of the performance guarantee for any construction project until the site is entirely stabilized and all stormwater requirements are met.

Required for temporary CO sign off

- Fully stabilized site with all BMP's installed per design;
- Project substantially complete and functional for intended use.

Required for permanent CO sign off

- Engineer-sealed record drawings for private ways and roads designed to public way standards OR sign-off from third party inspector/Town Engineer;
- AutoCAD file, including stormwater structures for private ways and roads designed to public way standards;
- AutoCAD file of any stormwater structures connected to the MS4;
- Permanent site stabilization (90% grass/vegetation growth)
- Long-term operation and maintenance (O&M) plan on file for all stormwater management components;
- Executed post development maintenance agreement submitted and registered at the County Registry of Deeds;
- Evidence of Home Owner Association (HOA) establishment and notification of annual inspection and long-term maintenance requirements;
- Owner/Developer notified of annual inspection requirements;
- LID treatment BMPs installed per Planning Board Approval and inspected by Town Engineer.

Step 5: Post-Construction

The Town of Yarmouth Post-Construction Ordinance (Chapter 330 Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance) requires annual inspections and regular maintenance of all installed permanent stormwater BMPs, such as infiltration galleries and vegetated buffers, to ensure proper long-term maintenance and function. This applies to development and redevelopment projects that disturbs at least one (1) acre of land or more, including smaller sites that are part of a common plan of development or sale that triggers the one acre or more disturbance threshold.

- Annual inspection reports of installed stormwater BMP's are due to the Town Engineer, 200 Main Street, Yarmouth, Maine 04096, from the property owner/HOA by May 15 of each year;
- The Town Engineer will send reminder letters to property owners/HOA's annually in March.
- Inspections must be conducted by a Qualified Post-Construction Stormwater Inspector:
 1. The Inspector shall not have any ownership or financial interest in the property being inspected nor be an employee or partner of any entity having an ownership or financial interest in the property, and
 2. The Inspector shall also meet the following or similar criteria as approved by the Town Engineer, who shall maintain a list of approved Qualified Post-Construction Stormwater Inspectors:
 - a. Have a working knowledge of Chapter 500, Stormwater Management Rules and Maine's Stormwater BMP Manual
 - b. Have a college degree in environmental science, civil engineering, or comparable expertise,
 - c. Have a demonstrated practical knowledge of stormwater hydrology and stormwater management techniques, including the maintenance requirements for Stormwater Management Facilities, and
 - d. Have the ability to determine if stormwater facilities are performing as intended.
- If an inspection shows a Stormwater BMP requires maintenance, the owner/operator will correct the issue with 60 days of identification of the deficiency, and notify the Town of the deficiency and the corrective action taken within that same 60 day period.

As a reminder, the following applies to all areas of Town:

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Town of Yarmouth

Construction Site Erosion and Sedimentation Control (ESC) Inspection Form

General Information:			
Site Name:		Date:	Inspected by:
Address/Landmark:			
Reason for Inspection: <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> ESC Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Random <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint			
Owner:		Contractor:	
ID #:	Last Rain Date:	Amount	(inches)
1. Erosion Control Practices During Construction			
a) Are all disturbed areas dormant > 21 Days Stabilized?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
b) Are stockpiles and hillsides stabilized?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
c) Are stabilized areas in good condition and not eroding?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
d) Are silt fence/mulch berm installed correctly and according to plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
e) Are inlet protection measures installed correctly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
f) Have all areas at final grade > 7 days permanently stabilized?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
g) Have all riprap outlet protection measures been installed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Comments/Violations:			
2. Sedimentary Control Practices During Construction			
a) Construction entrance missing or inadequate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
b) Sedimentation basins/traps installed correctly and functioning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
c) Perimeter controls installed prior to disturbing soil?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
d) Check dams installed correctly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Comments/Violations:			
3. Maintenance			
a) Erosion and Sedimentation Controls need repair, replacement, enhancement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
b) Sedimentation basin maintenance required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
c) Sedimentation in ditches require removal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
d) Sediment track-out on paved surfaces at exits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Comments/Violations:			
4. Inspections			
a) Stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Onsite	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Onsite	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
b) Inspection/Maintenance forms/logs complete?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Comments/Violations:			
Violation, Corrective Actions, Recommendations			
Site compliant with permit and town ordinances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Sediment discharged from site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Corrective action required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Notice of violation issued?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Stop work order issued?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments/Corrective Action Required:			