

Year 5 Annual Report

New Hampshire Small MS4 General Permit

Reporting Period: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

****Please DO NOT attach any documents to this form. Instead, attach all requested documents to an email when submitting the form. Also ensure any websites included on this form are to publicly accessible sites****

Unless otherwise noted, all fields are required to be filled out. If a field is left blank, it will be assumed the requirement or task has not been completed. Please ONLY report on activities between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 unless otherwise requested.

Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization: Town of Auburn, NH

EPA NPDES Permit Number: NHR041003

Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information

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Title: Town Administrator

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State: NH

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (publicly available web address): <https://www.auburnnh.us/home/pages/stormwater-management-program-swmp>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: n/a

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

The Town has no overall SWMP for the MS4 areas.

Part II: Self-Assessment

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

Impairment(s)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/> Chloride	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen	<input type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus
<input type="checkbox"/> Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals			
TMDL(s)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria and Pathogen	<input type="checkbox"/> Chloride	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake and Pond Phosphorus	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0f0f0; display: inline-block; padding: 2px 10px;">Clear Impairments and TMDLs</div>			

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

Annual Requirements

- ☐ Provided an opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP and complied with State Public Notice requirements
- ☒ Kept records relating to the permit available for 5 years and made available to the public
- ☒ The SSO inventory has been updated, including the status of mitigation and corrective measures implemented
 - ☒ This is not applicable because we do not have sanitary sewer
 - ☐ This is not applicable because we did not find any new SSOs
 - ☐ The updated SSO inventory is attached to the email submission
 - ☐ The updated SSO inventory can be found at the following publicly available website:
- ☒ Updated system map due in year 2 as necessary
- ☐ Provided training to employees involved in IDDE program within the reporting period
- ☒ Properly stored and disposed of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they did not discharge to receiving waters
- ☐ All curbed roadways were swept at least once within the reporting period
- ☒ Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities
- ☐ Enclosed all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- ☐ Updated inventory of all permittee owned facilities as necessary
- ☐ O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities have been completed and updated as necessary

- ☐ Implemented all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- ☐ Implemented program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- ☐ Inspected all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

Auburn has over 100 treatment structures (forebays, detention ponds & treatment swales) through out the town, approximately 10% are within the MS4 area.

All Catch basins sumps are cleaned annually, however detention ponds etc. are inspected and maintained on a rotation and not inspected annually.

Relative to Town facilities located within the MS4 area, the Town of Auburn has no Town owned facilities within the MS4 area.

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

The major water body in the Town of Auburn is Lake Massabesic. Lake Massabesic is the primary water supply of the City of Manchester and portions of numerous communities adjacent to the City. Because of the Manchester Water Works, the City's water utility monitors the pollutants in the lake and the watershed extensively. The above noted website includes phosphorus monitoring.

Part III: Receiving Waters/Impaired Waters/TMDL

Have you made any changes to your lists of receiving waters, outfalls, or impairments since the NOI was submitted?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:

Part IV: Minimum Control Measures

Please fill out all of the metrics below. If applicable, include in the description who completed the task if completed by a third party.

MCM1: Public Education

Number of educational messages completed **during this reporting period:**

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

BMP: Pet Waste Managements, Urban waste, Homeowner fertilizer use.

Message Description and Distribution Method:

chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/https://www.auburnnh.us/sites/g/files/vyhlif2751/f/uploads/nps_urban-facts_final.pdf
https://www.auburnnh.us/home/files/green-grass

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Based on the dry weather sampling of Outfalls performed on 2023 the town have no evidence of high levels of phosphorus or increased pH.

Message Date(s):

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements ☒ Appendix H Requirements ☒

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

If yes, describe why the change was made:

The messages were not distributed directly to residents however were on the Town's website.

MCM2: Public Participation

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

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

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

None

MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Check off the box below if the statement is true.

☒ This SSO section is NOT applicable because we DO NOT have sanitary sewer

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

Number of SSOs identified:

Number of SSOs removed:

MS4 System Mapping

Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:

In 2023 the Town's outfall map was updated related to 2022/23 outfall assessments and dry weather sampling.

Screening of Outfalls/Interconnections

If conducted, please submit any outfall monitoring results from this reporting period. Outfall monitoring results should include the date, outfall/interconnection identifier, location, weather conditions at time of sampling, precipitation in previous 48 hours, field screening parameter results, and results from all analyses. Please also include the updated inventory and ranking of outfalls/interconnections based on monitoring results.

- ☐ No outfalls were inspected
- ☒ The outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The outfall screening data can be found at the following publicly available website:

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

Number of outfalls screened:

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

Percent of outfalls screened:

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

See attached dry weather screening report.

Catchment Investigations

If conducted, please submit all data collected during this reporting period as part of the dry and wet weather investigations. Also include the presence or absence of System Vulnerability Factors for each catchment.

- ☐ No catchment investigations were conducted
- ☒ The catchment investigation data is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The catchment investigation data can be found at the following publicly available website:

See attached dry weather screening report

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

Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period:

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

Percent of total catchments investigated:

Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding the catchment investigations below:

IDDE Progress

If illicit discharges were found, please submit a document describing work conducted over this reporting period, and cumulative to date, including location source; description of the discharge; method of discovery; date of discovery; and date of elimination, mitigation, or enforcement OR planned corrective measures and schedule of removal.

- ☒ No illicit discharges were found
- ☐ The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following publicly available website:

*Below, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed, along with the volume of sewage removed **during this reporting period**.*

Number of illicit discharges identified:

Number of illicit discharges removed:

Estimated volume of sewage removed: gallons/day

*Below, report on the total number of illicit discharges identified and removed to date. At a minimum, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed **since the effective date of the permit (July 1, 2018)**.*

Total number of illicit discharges identified: 0

Total number of illicit discharges removed: 0

Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding illicit discharges identified, removed, or planned to be removed below:

No illicit discharges appear to exist.

Employee Training

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

None - In 2023 the Town hired a new permanent Town Administrator that intends to advance the MS4 program including employee training.

MCM4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

*Below, report on the construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions completed **during this reporting period**.*

Number of site plan reviews completed: 6

Number of inspections completed: 55

Number of enforcement actions taken: 9

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions:

- a. Site plan and subdivision plan reviews: All site plans and subdivision plans (greater than 2 lots) submitted to the Town are reviewed by the Town's engineering consultant.
- b. Inspections completed: All site plans and subdivision plans approved by the Town's Planning Board have construction inspections performed that includes inspection of erosion control measures.
- c. Enforcement actions taken: Typically there can be minor erosion control issues on construction projects. The construction projects in Auburn are monitored by the town's consultant with erosion control issues addressed on an ongoing basis.

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

Ordinance or Regulatory Mechanism

Date update was completed (due in year 3):

In discussion with the Town's Planning Board advance updating the Town's Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations to address Post Construction Storm Water Management.

Website of ordinance or regulatory mechanism:

N/A

As-built Drawings

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

Number of as-built drawings received: 1

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

The Town of Auburn strictly enforces the requirement that all site plans and subdivision plans that are completed have an as-built plan submitted, reviewed, approved and accepted by the planning board.

Street Design and Parking Lots Report

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

none in 2022/2023.

Green Infrastructure Report

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

None.

The Town of Auburn has progressive site plan and subdivision regulations that comply with State and federal regulation regarding green infrastructure.

Retrofit Properties Inventory

Below, list all properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area that were inventoried as part of 2.3.6.e of the permit. Non-MS4 owned properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area may also be listed, but must be indicated as non-MS4.

None

MCM6: Good Housekeeping

Catch Basin Cleaning

*Below, report on the number of catch basins inspected and cleaned, along with the total volume of material removed from the catch basins **during this reporting period**.*

Number of catch basins inspected:

Number of catch basins cleaned:

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

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

Total number of catch basins:

If applicable:

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

This information was not recorded. The Town has no means of measuring this.

Street Sweeping

*Report on the number of miles swept **during this reporting period** below.*

Number of miles cleaned:

*Report either the volume or weight of street sweeping materials collected **during this reporting period** below.*

☐ Volume of material removed: [Select Units]

☐ Weight of material removed: [Select Units]

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

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

Number of site inspections completed: 2

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

None

Additional Information**Monitoring or Study Results**

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

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

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

n/a

Additional Information

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to your stormwater management program implementation during the reporting period. Include any BMP modifications made by the MS4 if not already discussed above. If any of the above year 5 requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

n/a

Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period

Please confirm that your SWMP has been, or will be, updated to comply with all applicable permit requirements including but not limited to the year 6 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree ☒

Annual Requirements

- Annual report submitted and available to the public
- Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- Keep records relating to the permit available for 5 years and make available to the public
- Properly store and dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they do not discharge to receiving waters
- Annual training to employees involved in IDDE program
- Update inventory of all known locations where SSOs have discharged to the MS4
- Continue public education and outreach program
- Update outfall and interconnection inventory and priority ranking and include data collected in connection with the dry weather screening and other relevant inspections conducted
- Implement IDDE program
- Review site plans of construction sites as part of the construction stormwater runoff control program
- Conduct site inspection of construction sites as necessary
- Inspect and maintain stormwater treatment structures
- Log catch basins cleaned or inspected
- Sweep all curbed streets at least annually
- Continue investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities
- Review inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment; update if necessary
- Review O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities; update if necessary
- Implement all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- Implement program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- Enclose all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- Review as-built drawings for new and redevelopment to ensure compliance with post construction bylaws, regulations, or regulatory mechanism consistent with permit requirements
- Inspect all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)
- Identify additional permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious areas so that the permittee maintains a minimum of 5 sites in their inventory, until such a time when the permittee has less than 5 sites remaining

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 6 below:

The town has a number of outstanding MS4 compliance tasks that must be completed. In 2023 the Town hired a new permanent Town Administrator after having a 3 year period of having an ailing Town Administrator that

ultimately passed away in 2022. The new Town administrator understands the importance of the MS4 programs and will be advancing compliance by the Town.

Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2023

40 CFR 144.32(d) Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Name:

Chris Sterndale

Title:

Town Administrator

Signature:

Date:

*[Signatory may be a duly authorized
representative]*

Note: When prompted during signing, save the document under a new file name.

Annual Report Submission

Please submit the form electronically via email to EPA by clicking on one of the links below or using the email address listed below. Please ensure that all required attachments are included in the email and not attached to this PDF.

EPA: stormwater.reports@epa.gov

Paper Signature:

If you did not sign electronically above, you can print the signature page by clicking the button below.

Print Signature Page

Optional: If you did not sign electronically above, you may lock the form by clicking the "Lock Form" button below which will prompt you to save the locked version of the form. Save this locked version under a new file name.

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