### **RIPDES Small MS4 Annual Report**

### City of Woonsocket

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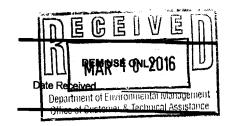
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### RIPDES SMALL MS4 ANNUAL REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION PAGE

REPORTING PERIOD:	YEAR 12			
Jan :	2015-Dec 2015			
OPERATOR OF MS4				
Name: CITY OF WOONSOCKET				
Mailing Address: 169 MAIN STREET				
City: WOONSOCKET	s	State: RI	Zip: 02895	Phone: (401)767-9216
Contact Person:	Т	itle: SUPERIN	TENDENT - SOLID	WASTE/ENGINEERING
Mike Debroisse			ebroisse@woonso	
Legal status (circle one): PRI - Private PUB - Public Other (please specify):	BPP - Publi	<del>-</del>	STA - State	FED - Federal
OWNER OF MS4 (if different from O	PERATOR)			
Mailing Address:				
City:	1 91	tate:	7:n.	Di
Contact Person:		itle:	Zip:	Phone: ( )
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CERTIFICATION				
I certify under penalty of law that this d supervision in accordance with a syste the information submitted. Based on m directly responsible for gathering the in knowledge and belief, true, accurate, a false information, including the possibili	ly inquiry of the programment of	erson or person ty that the inforr	ned personnel properts who manage the mation submitted is,	erly gather and evaluate e system, or those persons
Print Name Lisa Baldelli-Hun				
Print Title <u>City Mayor</u>			-	
Signature <b>Essa Bull</b>	li-Hunt			Date <b>63.08.16</b>



## MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #1: PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (Part IV.B.1 General Permit)

### SECTION I. **OVERALL EVALUATION:** GENERAL SUMMARY, STATUS, APPROPRIATENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURABLE GOALS: Include information relevant to the implementation of each measurable goal, such as activities, topics addressed, audiences and pollutants targeted. Discuss activities to be carried out during the next reporting cycle. If addressing TMDL requirements. please indicate rationale for choosing the education activity to address the pollutant of concern. (Note: Identify parties responsible for achieving the measurable goals and reference any reliance on another entity for achieving measurable goals.) **Responsible Party Contact Name:** Mike Debroisse \_Email: \_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_(401)767-9216\_\_\_\_ MDebroisse@woonsocketri.org Use the space below to provide a General Summary of activities implemented to educate your community on IV.B.1.b.1 how to reduce stormwater pollution. For TMDL affected areas, with stormwater associated pollutants of concern, indicate rationale for choosing the education activity. List materials used for public education and topics addressed. Summarize implementation status and discuss if the activity is appropriate and effective. The City relies on the Storm Water Education and Outreach Program in cooperation with URI to meet this measureable goal. The City continues to implement their storm water website (http://www.ci.woonsocket.ri.us/strm\_wtr.htm) to educate the community on how to reduce storm water pollution. In general, the website describes the general permit requirements, provides a complaint form, and offers recommendations for low impact development. The website also links to the Blackstone River Coalition's website where there is additional educational information on stormwater quality, BMPs, and LID. The school department incorporates environmental education into school curriculum. In 2013, the Woonsocket High School received \$330 from the Blackstone River Watershed Council to purchase supplies to implement the "Fish in the Classroom" project. High School students raised and released approximately 70 salmon. The Engineering Department is responsible for this measure. The City will continue to educate the community on how to reduce storm water in upcoming years as opportunities arise. IV.B.1.b.2 Use the space below to provide a general summary of how the public education program was used to educate the community on how to become involved in the municipal or statewide stormwater program. Describe partnerships with governmental and non-governmental agencies used to involve your community. The City relies on the Storm Water Education and Outreach Program in cooperation with URI to meet this measureable goal.

The City relies on the Storm Water Education and Outreach Program in cooperation with URI to meet this measureable goal. The City's website for storm water includes links to organizations that provide educational materials and public involvement opportunities. The City works with these groups to provide assistance with the events. As in past years, the City sponsored Earth Day cleanup events (described further under Minimum Control Measure #2). Also, in previous years the City developed a letter and brochure to distribute to businesses which describes proper maintenance of structural BMPs. This letter and brochure is now distributed to all owners upon completion of post-construction inspections. This measure has been appropriate and effective. The City will continue to educate the community on how to become involved in the storm water program. The Engineering Department is responsible for this measure.

### PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH cont'd

Check all topics that were included in the Public Education and topics selected, provide the target pollutant (e.g. construction s	Outreach program during this reporting period. For each of the ites, total suspended solids):			
Topic	Target Pollutant(s)			
□ Construction Sites	TSS			
□ Pesticide and Fertilizer Application	Nutrients			
□ General Stormwater Management Information	Nutrients, Pathogens, TSS			
□ Pet Waste Management	Pathogens			
	Household Hazardous Waste, expired prescriptions			
⊠ Recycling	Recyclables including e-wastes			
	Pathogens, Nutrients			
	Preserve native vegetation			
☐ Infrastructure Maintenance				
	Refuse and Recycling, White goods and bulk items, leaves and yard waste			
☐ Smart Growth				
∨ Vehicle Washing	Nutrients, Surfactants			
☐ Storm Drain Marking				
☐ Green Infrastructure/Better Site Design/LID	Nutrients, TSS, Pathogens			
☐ Wetland Protection				
☐ Other:				
□ None				
Specific audiences targeted during this reporting period:   □ Public Employees  □ Residential  □ Businesses  □ Restaurants  □ Other:	<ul> <li>☑ Contractors</li> <li>☑ Developers</li> <li>☑ General Public</li> <li>☐ Industries</li> <li>☑ Agricultural</li> </ul>			
Additional Measurable Goals and Activities				
Please list all stormwater training attended by your staff during to position of all staff who attended the training.	he 2015 calendar year and list the name(s) and municipal			
Trainings:				
Mike Debroisse, superintendent-solid waste, engineering: Roundtable discussion on Municpal Stormwater Mangement 12/17/15Implementing a Stormwater Financing Program in the Narragansett Bay, 12/07/15				
Attending name of staff and title: Attending name of staff and title:				



# MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #2: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION (Part IV.B.2 General Permit)

SECTION I.	OVERALL EVALUA	HON:			
GENERAL SU	JMMARY, STATUS, AF	PROPRIATENES	S AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURABLE GOALS:		
engaged. Disci		out during the next re	asurable goal, such as types of activities and audiences/groups eporting cycle. If addressing TMDL requirements, please tant of concern.		
	parties responsible for a surable goals.)	achieving the meas	urable goals and reference any reliance on another entity for		
Responsible P	Party Contact Name:	Mike Debroisse			
Phone: <u>(40</u>	)1)767-9216	Email:	MDebroisse@woonsocketri.org		
	description of the groups addressing TMDL require concern. Name of person effectiveness of BMP and	engaged, and activiti ments indicate how t (s) and/or parties res I measurable goal.	argeted for the public involvement minimum measure, include a lies implemented and if a particular pollutant(s) was targeted. If the audience(s) and/or activity address the pollutant(s) of sponsible for implementation of activities identified. Assess the		
Two Earth Day Management of the collection of street they live the event. As C Scout project to collected debris In 2015, as in the projects that im ultimately lead to included continuinformation).	The City has several groups that are active in promoting clean water, including the schools and the Blackstone River Coalition. Two Earth Day cleanup events were held in 2015 at multiple locations within the City. Sponsored by the City and Waste Management of RI and open to the general public (see attached announcement and records), these successful events involved the collection of trash and debris along Main Street and Costa Park. Residents were also encouraged to pick up litter along the street they live on. The City and Waste Management of RI provided volunteers with trash bags, gloves, and trash pickers for the event. As City staff passed out the litter pickers, they stressed the importance of picking up litter. There was also an Eagle Scout project to clean up litter in 2015 at the Market Square parking lot. The City supported this project by disposing of the collected debris.  In 2015, as in the previous three years, the Blackstone River Coalition made up to \$20,000 of grant funding available to support projects that improve the management of stormwater on private and/or public property within the City of Woonsocket and ultimately lead to improvements in the water quality of the Blackstone River (see attached announcement). Projects in 2015 included continued water quality monitoring, a raingarden project and a tree filter box demonstration project (See attached				
Management P   ☑ Cleanup E  ☐ Comments  ☑ Communit  ☐ Communit  ☐ Other (des	Program (SWMP) Plan duri Events s on SWMP Received by Hotlines by Meetings scribe) asurable Goals and Act onsocket Solid Waste Divis	ng this reporting perions ivities sion is actively spons dening, lawn watering	□ Storm Drain Markings □ Stakeholder Meetings □ Volunteer Monitoring □ Plantings □ Stakeholder Meetings □ Volunteer Monitoring □ Plantings □ Plantings		

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION cont'd

SECTION II. Public Notice Information (Parts IV.G.2.h and IV.G.2.i) \*Note: attach copy of public notice

Was the availability of this Annual Report and the Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMPP) announced via public notice? ⊠ YES □ NO	If YES, Date of Public Notice: 3/8/16			
How was public notified:  List-Serve (Enter # of names in List:)  TV/Radio Notices  Enter Web Page URL:	<ul><li>✓ Newspaper Advertising</li><li>☐ Other:</li></ul>			
Was public meeting held? ☐ YES ☒ NO Date:	Where:			
Summary of public comments received:  No comments were received				
Planned responses or changes to the program:  Since there were no comments received there are no planned responses or changes to the program at this time.				



### **MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #3:** ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION (Part IV.B.3 General Permit)

#### SECTION I. OVERALL EVALUATION:

#### GENERAL SUMMARY. STATUS. APPROPRIATENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURABLE GOALS

Include information relevant to the implementation of each measurable goal, such as activities implemented (when reporting

tracked and eliminated illicit discharges, please explain the rationale for targeting the illicit discharge) to comply with on-going requirements, and illicit discharge public education activities, audiences and pollutants targeted. Discuss activities to be carried out during the next reporting cycle. If addressing TMDL requirements, please indicate rationale for the activities chosen to address the pollutant of concern. (Note: Identify parties responsible for achieving the measurable goals and reference any reliance on another entity for achieving measurable goals.) Responsible Party Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Debroisse\_ Email: **Phone:** (401)767-9216 MDebroisse@woonsocketri.org If the outfall map was not completed, use the space below to indicate reasons why, proposed schedule for completion of requirement and person(s)/ Department responsible for completion. (The Department recommends electronic submission of updated EXCEL Tables if this information has been amended.) IV.B.3.b.1: Number of Outfalls Mapped: \_\_\_\_280\_ Percent Complete: \_\_100\_\_ If 100% Complete, Provide Date of Completion: 2007 A complete outfall map was developed during the dry-weather survey conducted in Year 3. Outfalls were GPS located for incorporation into the GIS database by Fuss & O'Neill. A GIS shapefile of outfall locations was provided in electronic format in the CD included with the Year 5 Annual Report. The required outfall Excel tables were provided on the CD accompanying the Year 6 Annual Report. Indicate if your municipality chose to implement the tagging of outfalls activity under the IDDE minimum IV.B.3.b.2 measure, activities and actions undertaken under the 2015 calendar year. Outfalls were GPS located and tagging is not necessary. Use the space below to provide a summary of the implementation of recording of system additional elements (catch basins, manholes, and/or pipes). Indicate if the activity was implemented as a result of the tracing of illicit discharges, new MS4 construction projects, and inspection of catch basins required under the IDDE and IV.B.3.b.3 Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Minimum Measures, and/or as a result of TMDL related requirements and/or investigations. Assess effectiveness of the program minimizing water quality impacts. The entire storm water system has been comprehensively mapped and been incorporated into a GIS database. This effort was completed through a contract with Fuss & O'Neill. The City continually updates the storm water grids with any changes as they are encountered. This measure has been appropriate and effective in developing the City's mapping. The Engineering Department and hired consultant are responsible for this measure. No additional elements were recorded after the comprehensive mapping. Indicate if the IDDE ordinance was **not** developed, adopted, and submitted to RIDEM, explain reasons why, submit proposed schedule for completion and identify person(s) / Department and/or parties responsible for the IV.B.3.b.4 completion of this requirement. Date of Adoption: March 21, 2005 If the Ordinance was amended in 2015, please indicate why changes were necessary. The Woonsocket City Council formally adopted an "Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Ordinance" (Ordinance Chapter

7192) on March 21, 2005. A signed letter from the City's Solicitor attesting to this was provided to DEM in a letter dated February 19, 2007. No amendments to the Ordinance have been made to date.

#### ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION cont'd

IV.B.3.b.5.ii, iii, iv, & v

Use the space below to provide a summary of the implementation of procedures for receipt and consideration of complaints, tracing the source of an illicit discharge, removing the source of the illicit discharge and program evaluation and assessment as a result of removing sources of illicit discharges. Identify person(s) / Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement.

These measurable goals were completed during the SWMPP development process prior to Year 1. Details regarding this are listed in the executive summary of the SWMPP. In addition to the information in the SWMPP, a complaint form is available to the public on the City's storm water website. Complaints received by the City are directed to the Engineering Department. The City Engineer is responsible for the complaints. The procedure for removal of illicit discharges involves requiring the responsible party to cease discharging and address the situation within seven to ten days (depending on the type of discharge). If the illicit discharges are not addressed by the responsible party, the City has the authority to perform repairs and charge the responsible party for the cost and fines that they may have incurred. No complaints for illicit discharges were noted in 2015. The effectiveness of this measure is yet to be determined.

IV.B.3.b.5.vi

Use the space below to provide summary of implementation of catch basin and manhole inspections for illicit connections and non-stormwater discharges. If the required measurable goal of inspecting all catch basins and manholes for this purpose was not accomplished, please indicate reasons why, the proposed schedule of completion and identify person(s) / Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement. Evaluate effectiveness of the implementation of this requirement. The operator must keep records of all inspections and corrective actions required and completed.

**Number of Catch Basins and Manholes Inspected for illicit connections/IDDE:** ~2865 CBs exist in the City, approximately 420 CBs were cleaned and inspected in 2015

Percent Complete: <u>15 %</u>

Date of Completion: \_\_December 2015\_\_\_\_

Development of the procedure for this measurable goal was completed in the SWMPP development process. Catch basins are inspected and cleaned on a yearly basis in conjunction with street sweeping. Details regarding this are included in the executive summary of the SWMPP. City structures were inspected for illicit connections in Year 4, the findings of which were subsequently provided to DEM. The City inspects and cleans catch basins (CBs) on a rotating schedule as time, personnel and equipment allow. The City The Storm Water Committee, Engineering Department, and hired consultant were responsible for procedure development and the Engineering Department is responsible for inspections and recordkeeping.

IV.B.3.b.5.vii

If dry weather surveys including field screening for non-stormwater flows and field tests of selected parameters and bacteria were not completed, indicate reasons why, proposed schedule for the completion of this measurable goal and person(s) / Department and/or parties for the completion of this requirement. Evaluate effectiveness of the implementation of this requirement. The results of the dry weather survey investigations must be submitted to RIDEM electronically, if not already submitted or if revised since 2009, in the RIDEM-provided EXCEL Tables and should include visual observations for all outfalls during both the high and low water table timeframes, as well as sample results for those outfalls with flow. The EXCEL Tables must include a report of all outfalls and indicate the presence or absence of dry weather discharges.

Number of Outfalls Surveyed once: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Outfalls Surveyed twice: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent Complete: \_\_100 \_\_\_\_ %

Date of Completion: 2007

Two dry-weather surveys were completed by Year 4. The surveys were completed by the City's consultant, Fuss and O'Neill. A report was prepared that included the results of both dry weather surveys. Results of the two surveys were provided in electronic format (shapefile) and were provided on the CD included with the Year 5 annual report. This information was also included in the Excel tables provided on the CD accompanying the Year 6 Annual Report. This measure has been appropriate and effective. The Engineering Department and hired consultant were responsible for this measure.

IV.B.3.b.7

Use the space below to provide a description of efforts and actions taken as a result of for coordinating with other physically interconnected MS4s, including State and federal owned or operated MS4s, when illicit discharges were detected or reported. Identify person(s) / Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement. Evaluate effectiveness of the implementation of this requirement.

As no illicit discharges or connections have been detected in the vicinity of interconnections, the City has not needed to coordinate with interconnected MS4s, but has coordination procedures in place. The City has working relationships with neighboring MS4s; therefore, the procedures are appropriate and expected to be effective; however, the effectiveness has yet to be determined. The Engineering Department is responsible for this measure.

### ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION cont'd

IV.B.3.b.8	Use the space below to provide a description of efforts and actions taken for the referral to RIDEM of non-stormwater discharges not authorized in accordance to Part I.B.3 of this permit or another appropriate RIPDES permit, which the operator has deemed appropriate to continue discharging to the MS4, for consideration of an appropriate permit. Identify person(s) / Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement.				
During 2015 th Since no unau	Procedures for referral were developed during the SWMPP prior to Year 1, with the process being put in place during Year 3. During 2015 there were no unauthorized non-storm-water discharges that were deemed appropriate for referral to RIDEM. Since no unauthorized non-storm-water discharges have been deemed appropriate for referral to RIDEM, the appropriateness and effectiveness of this measure is yet to be determined. The Engineering Department is responsible for completion of this goal.				
IV.B.3.b.9	Use the space below to provide a description of efforts and actions taken to inform public employees, businesses, and the general public of hazards associated with illegal discharges and improper disposal of waste, as well as allowable non-stormwater discharges identified as significant contributors of pollutants. Include a description on how this activity was coordinated with the public education minimum measure and the pollution prevention/good housekeeping minimum measure programs. Identify person(s) / Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement. Evaluate effectiveness of the implementation of this requirement.				
	ds to continue to subscribe to the Storm Water Education and Outreach Program for this training (see responses ontrol Measure #1).				
Additional Me	easurable Goals and Activities				

## SECTION II.A Other Reporting Requirements - Illicit Discharge Investigation and System Mapping (Part IV.G.2.m)

# of Illicit Discharges Identified in 2015: 0	# of Illicit Discharges Tracked in 2015: 0			
# of Illicit Discharges Eliminated in 2015: 0	# of Complaints Received: 0			
# of Complaints Investigated: 0	# of Violations Issued: 0			
# of Violations Resolved: 0	# of Unresolved Violations Referred to RIDEM: 0			
Total # of Illicit Discharges Identified to Date (since 2003): 0	Total # of Illicit Discharges remaining unresolved at the end of 2015: 0			
Summary of Enforcement Actions:  No enforcement actions were required in 2015.				
Extent to which the MS4 system has been mapped: 100%				
Total # of Outfalls Identified and Mapped to date: 280				

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION cont'd SECTION II.B Interconnections (Parts IV.G.2.k and IV.G.2.l)					
Interconnection:	Date Found:	Location:	Name of Connectee:	Originating Source:	Planned and Coordinated Efforts and Activities with Connectee:
		State Roads	RIDOT		As required
			Town of Cumberland		As required
			Town of N. Smithfield		As required
			Blackstone, MA		As required
			Bellingham, MA		As required



### MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #4: CONSTRUCTION SITE STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL (Part IV.B.4 General Permit)

### **OVERALL EVALUATION:** SECTION I. GENERAL SUMMARY, STATUS, APPROPRIATENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURABLE GOALS: Include information relevant to the implementation of each measurable goal, such as activities implemented to support the review, issuance and tracking of permits, inspections and receipt of complaints. Discuss activities to be carried out during the next reporting cycle. If addressing TMDL requirements, please indicate rationale for the activities chosen to address the pollutant of concern. (Note: Identify parties responsible for achieving the measurable goals and reference any reliance on another entity for achieving measurable goals.) Responsible Party Contact Name: Mike Debroisse Phone: \_\_\_(401)767-9216\_ Email: MDebroisse@woonsocketri.org IV.B.4.b.1 Indicate if the Sediment and Erosion Control and Control of Other Wastes at Construction Sites ordinance was not developed, adopted, and submitted to RIDEM, explain reasons why, submit proposed schedule for completion and identify person(s) / Department and/or parties responsible for the completion of this requirement. Date of Adoption: \_ September 20, 1993, letter of authority to DEM 12/01/2010 If the Ordinance was amended in 2015, please indicate why changes were necessary. Please also indicate if amendments have been made based on the 2010 RI Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual, and provide references to the amended portions of the local codes/ordinances. The Woonsocket City Council formally adopted an "Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance" (Ordinance Chapter 5803) on September 20, 1993. A signed letter from the City's Solicitor attesting to this ordinance's authority to carry out the applicable requirements of the RIPDES General Permit was provided to DEM in a letter dated December 1, 2010 and was provided with the Year 7 report. IV.B.4.b.6 Use the space below to describe actions taken as a result of receipt and consideration of information submitted by the public. The procedures for this measure were established during SWMPP development prior to Year 1. Public comments are received by the City Engineer, or another appropriate department at the City. No comments were received in 2015. In previous years, this measure has been appropriate and effective in addressing public concerns about soil erosion and sedimentation control involving new development. The Engineering Department is responsible for this measure. IV.B.4.b.8 Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken as a result of referring to the State non-compliant construction site operators. The operator may rely on the Department for assistance in enforcing the provisions of the RIPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity to the MS4 if the operator of the construction site fails to comply with the local and State requirements of the permit and the non-compliance results or has the potential to result in significant adverse environmental impacts. The procedures for this measure were established during SWMPP development prior to Year 1. The Engineering Department can close down and retract issued permits for any construction site found to be non-complaint. The Engineering Department has a list of State personnel that can be contacted for assistance with any non-compliant construction site operators. The City did not need to refer any non-compliant construction site operators to RIDEM in Year 11. The Engineering Department is responsible for this goal. Additional Measurable Goals and Activities

**SECTION II. A - Plan and SWPPP/SESC Plan Reviews during Year 12 (2015), Part IV.B.4.b.2:** Issuance of permits and/or implementation of policies and procedures for all construction projects resulting in land disturbance of greater than 1 acre. **Part IV.B.4.b.4:** Review 100% of plans and SWPPPs/SESC Plans for construction projects resulting in land disturbance of 1-5 acres must be conducted by adequately trained personnel and incorporate consideration of potential water quality impacts.

# of Construction Reviews completed: _2 # of Permits/Authorizations issued:2 % of Total:100%
Summary of Reviews and Findings, include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement.
There were no issues concerning reviews completed in 2015. The Engineering Department is responsible for this measure. It is effective to conduct plan reviews for construction projects resulting in land disturbances greater than one acre.

### SECTION II.B - Erosion and Sediment Control Inspections during Year 12 (2015), Parts IV.G.2.n and IV.B.4.b.7:

Inspection of 100% of all construction projects within the regulated area that discharge or have the potential to discharge to the MS4 (the program must include two inspections of all construction sites, first inspection to be conducted during construction for compliance of the Erosion and Sediment controls at the site, the second to be conducted after the final stabilization of the site).

# of Site Inspections: 6 # of Complaints Recei	ived: 0
# of Violations Issued: 0 # of Unresolved Violations	tions Referred to RIDEM: 0

Summary of Enforcement Actions, include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement.

No enforcement actions were taken in 2015. It is appropriate and effective to conduct erosion and sediment control inspections. The City's Engineering Department is responsible for implementation of this requirement.



### **MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #5:** POST CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND **REVELOPMENT**

(Part IV.B.5 General Permit)

#### **SECTION I. OVERALL EVALUATION:**

### GENERAL SUMMARY, STATUS, APPROPRIATENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURABLE GOALS:

Include information relevant to the implementation of each measurable goal, such as activities implemented to support the

incorporated t	he use of Low Impact D	Development techniques	eipt of complaints, etc. Please indicate if any projects have  Discuss activities to be carried out during the next reporting conale for the activities chosen to address the pollutant of
	y parties responsible measurable goals.)	for achieving the meas	surable goals and reference any reliance on another entity
Responsible	Party Contact Name:	Mike Debroisse	<u></u>
Phone:(4	101)767-9216	Email:	MDebroisse@woonsocketri.org_
IV.B.5.b.5	requiring post-constru	uction stormwater mana	
the City does indicated on the redevelopment (the requirement It is appropriate	not plan to solely rely one City's Stormwater Matin the City of Woonso ents of which are consiste to determine how planen required has been one	n state approvals and w anagement website ( <a (ordinance="" 1,="" 2010="" a="" and="" attesting="" authority="" carry="" chapter="" citor="" dated="" december="" dem="" href="http://http:/&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;ore applications will be accepted and approved. Notwithstanding, ill continue to review plans for storm water management. As b://www.ci.woonsocket.ri.us/strm_wtr.htm), any development or edevelopment and submittal of a Stormwater Management Plandle Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual). It state program review. Reviewing plans and referring applicants ing Department is responsible for referring applicants for state&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;IV.B.5.b.6&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;associated with indus&lt;br&gt;procedures to identify&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;strial activity as defined in the contract of the contractivities that required the contract of the contract o&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;en for the referral to RIDEM of new discharges of stormwater in RIPDES Rule 31(b)(15) (the operator must implement ire permitting, notify RIDEM, and refer facilities with new trial activity to ensure that facilities will obtain the proper permits).&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;new applicant&lt;br&gt;executive sum&lt;br&gt;industrial discl&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;s to obtain state permits&lt;br&gt;nmary of the SWMPP. It&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;s prior to approving new&lt;br&gt;t is appropriate and effe&lt;br&gt;n 2015 and the effectiver&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;MPP development prior to Year 1. The City Engineer requires industrial discharges. Details regarding this are included in the citive to refer new industrial discharges to the state. No new ness is yet to be determined. The Storm Water Committee,&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;IV.B.5.b.9&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;developed, adopted,&lt;br&gt;and identify person(s&lt;br&gt;&lt;b&gt;Date of Adoption: M&lt;/b&gt;&lt;br&gt;If the Ordinance was&lt;br&gt;amendments have be&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;and submitted to RIDEN ) / Department and/or palarch 21, 2005 amended in 2015, pleaseen made based on the&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;New Development and Redevelopment Ordinance was &lt;u&gt;not&lt;/u&gt; M, explain reasons why, submit proposed schedule for completion arties responsible for the completion of this requirement. See indicate why changes were necessary. Please also indicate if 2010 RI Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual, ons of the local codes/ordinances.&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;7193) on Marc&lt;br&gt;applicable req&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;ch 21, 2005. A signed I&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;etter from the City's Soli&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;truction – Storm Water Control Ordinance" in="" letter="" ordinance's="" out="" provided="" td="" the="" this="" to="" was<=""></a>	
IV.B.5.b.12			d actions taken to identify existing stormwater structural BMPs g long term O&M of the BMPs.
	s have been identified,	and new BMPs are adde	ed to the inventory as the City issues occupancy certificates. No
			ed). This measure has been appropriate and effective. The
Engineering D	epartment is responsib	le for this measure.	

### POST CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

Additional Measurable Goals and Activities	
SECTION II.A Plan and SWPPP/SESC Plan Reviews during Year 12 (2015), Part IV.B.5.b.4: Review 1009	% of post-

**SECTION II.A. - Plan and SWPPP/SESC Plan Reviews during Year 12 (2015), Part IV.B.5.b.4:** Review 100% of post-construction BMPs for the control of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that result in discharges to the MS4 which incorporates consideration of potential water quality impacts (the program requires reviewing 100% of plans for development projects greater than 1 acre, not reviewed by other State programs).

# of Post-Construction Reviews completed: 2
# of Permits/Authorizations issued:2
% of Total:100

Summary of Reviews and Finding, include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement.

There were no issues observed resulting from post construction BMP reviews in 2015. The City is committed to review 100% of post-construction BMPs for the control of storm water runoff from new development and redevelopment projects. The City takes the opportunity during all plan reviews to recommend and encourage the applicant to utilize green infrastructure BMP's for their project such as: rain gardens, grassed swales, permeable paving. The Engineering Department is responsible for implementation of this requirement

SECTION II.B. - Post Construction Inspections during Year 12 (2015), Parts IV.G.2.o and IV.B.5.b.10 - Proper Installation of Structural BMPs: Inspection of BMPs, to ensure these are constructed in accordance with the approved plans (the program must include inspection of 100% of all development greater than one acre within the regulated areas that result in discharges to the MS4 regardless of whom performs the review).

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# of Active Construction Projects: 2	
# of Site Inspections for proper Installation of BMPs: 2	# of Complaints Received: 0
# of Violations Issued: 0	# of Unresolved Violations Referred to RIDEM: 0
Summary of Enforcement Actions:	
No enforcement actions were required in 2015.	

SECTION II.C. - Post Construction Inspections during Year 12 (2015), Parts IV.G.2.p and IV.B.5.b.11 - Proper Operation and Maintenance of Structural BMPs: Describe activities and actions taken to track required Operations and Maintenance (O&M) actions for site inspections and enforcement of the O&M of structural BMPs. Tracking of required O&M actions for site inspections and enforcement of the O&M of structural BMPs.

# of Site Inspections for proper O&M of BMPs:28 #	# of Complaints Received: 0	
# of Violations Issued: 0 #	# of Unresolved Violations Referred to RIDEM: 0	

Summary of Activities and Enforcement Actions. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Program in minimizing water quality impacts. Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement.

After the completion of a Post Construction inspection, a letter is sent by the City to the owner of record concerning suggested maintenance along with educational material. It is effective to conduct post-construction inspections for proper operation and maintenance of structural BMPs. The Engineering Department is responsible for this measure.

### POST CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT cont'd

Strategies being implemented to ensure long-term Operation and Maintena apply in your municipality/MS4:	ance (O&M) of priva	ately-owned BMPs, check all that
□ None		
☑ Ordinances or by-laws identify BMP inspection responsible party		
☑ Ordinances or by-laws identify BMP maintenance responsible party		
☑ Ordinances or by-laws identify BMP inspections and maintenance requ	uirements	
<ul> <li>☑ Ordinances or by-laws provide for easements or covenants for inspecti</li> </ul>		ce
<ul> <li>☑ Ordinances or by-laws require for every constructed BMP an inspection</li> </ul>		
☐ Ordinances or by-laws contain requirements for documenting and deta		
☐ Ordinances or by-laws contain requirements for documenting and deta	- ·	
☐ Ordinances or by-laws contain authority to enforce for lack of maintena	-	
☐ The MS4 is responsible for inspections of all privately-owned BMPs		
☐ The MS4 is responsible for maintenance of all privately-owned BMPs		
☐ Establishment of escrow account for use in case of failure of BMP		
☐ Other strategies to ensure long-term O&M of privately-owned BMPs, do	escribe:	
Do you have an inventory of privately owned BMPs?	⊠ YES	□ NO
Do you have a system for tracking:		
a. Agreements and arrangements to ensure O&M of BMPs?		□ NO
b. Inspections?	⊠ YES	□ NO
c. Maintenance plans and schedules of privately-owned BMPs?	⊠ YES	□ NO
d. Complaints? e. Non-Compliance?	⊠ YES ⊠ YES	□ NO □ NO
e. Non-Compliance? f. Enforcement actions?	⊠ YES	□ NO
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Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track po		
maintenance?	⊠ YES	□ NO
If yes, please elaborate on which tools are used:The City uses GIS and spreadsheets		
NOTE: BMP maintenance tasks can be a great way to involve and educate	e the community to	their purpose and function. BMPs
have the potential to create a highly interactive environment for community		



# MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #6: POLLUTION PREVENTION AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IN MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS (Part IV.B.6 General Permit)

### **SECTION I. OVERALL EVALUATION:**

GENERAL S	UMMARY, STATUS, APPROPRIATENESS AND EFFECTIVE	VENESS OF MEA	SURABLE GOALS:	
Include information relevant to the implementation of each measurable goal, such as activities and practices used to address on-going requirements, and personnel responsible. Discuss activities to be carried out during the next reporting cycle. If addressing TMDL requirements, please indicate rationale for the activities chosen to address the pollutant of concern.				
(Note: Identify parties responsible for achieving the measurable goals and reference any reliance on another entity for achieving measurable goals.)				
Responsible l	Party Contact Name:Mike Debroisse			
Phone: <u>(40</u>	01)767-9216 Email: <u>MDebroisse@wo</u>	oonsocketri.org _		
IV.B.6.b.1.i	Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken to ide the small MS4 operator (the program must include identification at description of all structural BMPs in the SWMPP and update the ir appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.	nd listing of the speci	fic location and a	
	Do you have an inventory of MS4-owned BMPs?	⊠ YES	□ NO	
were added to attachment to	identifies existing structural BMPs and adds new structural BMPs withe list in 2015. A list of structural BMPs within the City limits and this Annual Report. This measure is appropriate and effective. The and implementation of this goal.	heir respective owne	rs is provided as an	
IV.B.6.b.1.ii	Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken for in detention/retention basins, storm sewers and catch basins with ap of use in the catchment area. Evaluate appropriateness and effect Do you have a system for tracking:	propriate scheduling	given intensity and type	
	a. Inspection schedules of MS4-owned BMPs?	⊠ YES	□ NO	
	b. Maintenance/cleaning schedules of MS4-owned BMPs?		□ NO	
	c. Repairs, corrective actions needed?		□ NO	
	d. Complaints?	⊠ YES	□ NO	
	Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to maintenance?	⊠ YES	□ NO	
of the BMPs in After the inspe along with edu	to inspect and maintain BMPs annually or more frequently if determ the attached list in 2015. Both BMPs owned by the City and privat ction, the City then sends a letter to the BMP owner of record which cational material. The City plans to continue BMP inspections in the f the City's BMPs is appropriate and effective. The Engineering Dep	ely owned BMPs are n identifies any neces e upcoming year. Ins	e inspected by the City. ssary corrective actions spection and	

IV.B.6.b.1.iii	Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken to support the requirement of yearly inspection and cleaning of all catch basins (a lesser frequency of inspection based on at least two consecutive years of operational data indicating the system does not require annual cleaning might be acceptable). Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.
	Total # of CBs within regulated area (including SRPW and TMDL areas):2,852
	Total # of CBs inspected in 2015:420
	Total # of CBs cleaned in 2015:420 % of Total:15%
	Quantity of sand/debris collected by cleaning of catch basins: 1619 tons of debris for both catch basin cleaning and street sweeping.
	Location used for the disposal of debris: Rhode Island Resource Recovery
	Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track the inspections and cleaning of catch basins?
annual report. cleaned. Certa regularly. A ma Public Works I without clerica 40% of the Cit	The program consists of cleaning the catch basins using a grid system to track the catch basins that have been a portions of the City, specifically the low-lying areas of the developed portions of the City, are cleaned more ap showing catch basins inspected and cleaned is attached to this annual report. Due to turnover within the Department and a staff shortage in the Engineering Department (currently reduced to two staff members and I/administrative support), employees were not able to inspect and clean all catch basins in 2015 (approximately y area was inspected – see Map). A combined 1,619 tons of material was collected through the street sweeping in cleaning activities in 2015. The Engineering Department is responsible for the completion of this goal.  Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken to minimize erosion of road shoulders and
have sidewalk owner or muni municipal emp that are found	roadside ditches by requiring stabilization of those areas. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this ble goal was completed in the SWMPP development process. In the City, most of the roadways are curbed and s. Any roadway with a shoulder or ditch in need of repair is immediately addressed. It is usually a property cipal employee that notifies the Engineering Department of a problem. Inspections during road work by loyees are an appropriate way of observing any erosion of road side shoulders and ditches. Erosive conditions are treated with loam and seed. No repairs to road shoulders and roadside ditches were made in 2015. Erosive be corrected when discovered, which is effective in preventing further erosion. The DPW is responsible for the
IV.B.6.b.1.v	Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken to identify and report known discharges causing scouring at outfall pipes or outfalls with excessive sedimentation, for the Department to determine on a case-by-case basis if the scouring or sedimentation is a significant and continuous source of sediments. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.
	f scouring or excessive sedimentation was determined in 2015. The system mapping previously described tial inspection of outfalls to create a priority list for future years. The DPW is responsible for the completion of

IV.B.6.b.1.vi	Use the space below to indicate if all streets and roads within the urbanized area were swept annually and if not indicate reason(s). Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.		
	Total roadway miles within regulated area (including SRPW and TMDL areas):108		
	Total roadway miles that were swept in 2015: 108 % of Total: 100%		
	Type of sweeper used: ⊠ Rotary brush street sweeper □ Vacuum street sweeper		
	Quantity of sand/debris collected by sweeping of streets and roads:_ :1,619 tons of debris for both catch basin cleaning and street sweeping.		
	Location used for the disposal of debris: _Rhode Island Resource Recovery		
	Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track the annual sweeping of streets and roads?		
streets are cleatime catch bas press release) 1,619 tons of r is disposed of	The City committed to the measurable goal of sweeping all municipal streets in the submitted SWMPP. Presently, 100% of City streets are cleaned at least once a year based on the City's grid system. Street sweeping is typically conducted at the same time catch basin cleaning and inspections occur. In 2015, street sweeping occurred from April until September (see attached press release). All streets in the City were sweept at least once, with the downtown area swept more frequently. A combined 1,619 tons of material was collected through the street sweeping and catch basin cleaning activities in 2015. All waste material is disposed of by the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation. The DPW is responsible for the completion of this goal.		
IV.B.6.b.1.vii	Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken for controls to reduce floatables and other pollutants from the MS4. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.		
evaluates the recatch basins a and street swe Patrol setup by	ntly requires that all new and redevelopment projects include installation of catch basin hoods. The City need for retrofits as funds become available and targets priority areas. Catch basin inlet grates are cleaned when are inspected or when municipal employees report a need for cleaning. The annual catch basin cleaning program reping program includes removal of floatables. Floatables are also collected by Woonsocket's Routine Litter by the Highway Department during daily litter pickup activities. Trash cans are provided at frequented pedestrian g Main Street and the RIPTA bus stops. The DPW is responsible for the completion of this goal.		
IV.B.6.b.1.viii	Use the space below to describe the method for disposal of waste removed from MS4s and waste from other municipal operations, including accumulated sediments, floatables and other debris and methods for record-keeping and tracking of this information.		
	Do you have a system for tracking actions to remove and dispose of waste?  ☐ NO		
	nues to dispose of waste in accordance with applicable state requirements. Additionally, the City runs a citywide ram. Information on citywide recycling is available on the City's website.		
IV.B.6.b.4 and IV.B.6.b.5	Use the space below to describe and indicate activities and corrective actions for the evaluation of compliance. This evaluation must include visual quarterly monitoring; routine visual inspections of designated equipment, processes, and material handling areas for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system or point source discharges to a waters of the State; and inspection of the entire facility at least once a year for evidence of pollution, evaluation of BMPs that have been implemented, and inspection of equipment. A Compliance Evaluation report summarizing the scope of the inspection, personnel making the inspection, major observations related to the implementation of the Stormwater Management Plan (formerly known as a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan), and any actions taken to amend the Plan must be kept for record-keeping purposes.		
implement a si one municipall Garage. Regu effective meas DPW is respon	ermit requires that municipally owned facilities with storm water discharges associated with industrial activity, ite specific Stormwater Management Plan (formerly known as a storm water pollution prevention plan). There is ly owned industrial facility with a site specific Stormwater Management Plan in Woonsocket, which is the Highway ular inspections of this facility are performed by members of the Highway Department. This is an appropriate and sure for ensuring that municipally owned industrial facilities are not polluting the City's storm water system. The naible for this measurable goal. No significant corrective actions were recorded in 2015, although minor naintenance was performed.		

IV.B.6.b.6	Use the space below to describe all employee training programs used to prevent and reduce stormwater pollution from activities such as park and open space maintenance, fleet and building maintenance, new construction and land disturbances, and stormwater system maintenance for the past calendar year, including staff municipal participation in the URI NEMO stormwater public education and outreach program and all inhouse training conducted by municipality or other parties. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.	
	How many stormwater management trainings have been provided to <i>municipal employees</i> during this reporting period?2	
	What was the date of the last training? <u>12 / 7 / 2015</u>	
	How many <i>municipal employe</i> es have been trained in this reporting period? <u>3</u>	
	What percent of <i>municipal employees</i> in relevant positions and departments receive stormwater management training? <u>25</u> %	
program was e SWMPP and the which offers free	to rely on the Storm Water Education and Outreach program for training needs in future years. The current evaluated as part of the SWMPP development process. Details regarding this are included in Section 9.0 of the he Response to Comments. Additionally, the City is a member of the Rhode Island Public Works Association, see training to DPW employees on various issues. The City plans to utilize this Association for training in future retunities arise. It is appropriate and effective to train municipal employees. The DPW is responsible for this goal.	
IV.B.6.b.7	Use the space below to describe actions taken to ensure that new flow management projects undertaken by the operator are assessed for potential water quality impacts and existing projects are assessed for incorporation of additional water quality protection devices or practices. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.	
management process as par	valuate and formalize the current procedures and develop new procedures as necessary to assess flow projects for potential water quality impacts. Currently, flow management is addressed during the site plan review at of the drainage review for proposed projects. It is appropriate and effective to assess flow management planning stages of municipal projects. The DPW is responsible for the completion of this goal.	
Additional Mea	asurable Goals and Activities	
The City is currently performing multi-million dollar upgrades at our Regional Wastewater Plant to further reduce pollutant concentrations from the effluent.		
The City is also	o in the process of building a new Water treatment Plant.	
	o exploring the feasibility of issuing a RFP for the maintenance of our storm water system including catch basin era investigations, and discovery of any cross connections.	

### SECTION II.A - Structural BMPs (Part IV.B.6.b.1.i)

BMP ID:	Location:	Name of BMP Owner/Operator:	Description of BMP:
	See Attachment		

Outfall ID:	Location:	Description of Problem:	Description of Remediation Taken, include dates:	Receiving Water Body Name/Description:
SECTION II.C - Note any planned municipal construction projects/opportunities to incorporate water quality BMPs, low impact development, or activities to promote infiltration and recharge (Part IV.G.2.j).  The City anticipates that its upcoming road paving/reconstruction projects will incorporate BMPs to the best extent practicable,				
including storm water infiltration practices.				
SECTION II.D - Please include a summary of results of any other information that has been collected and				
analyzed. This i	ncludes any type o	f data (Part IV.G.2.e).		



## **TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) or other Water Quality Determination REQUIREMENTS**

SECTION I. If you have been notified that discharges from your MS4 require non-structural or structural stormwater controls based on an approved TMDL or other water quality determination, please provide an assessment of the progress towards meeting the requirements for the control of stormwater identified in the approved TMDL (Part IV.G.2.d). Please indicate rationale for the activities chosen to address the pollutant of concern.

The Blackstone River (identification numbers RI0001003R-01A), Cherry Brook (identification number RI0001003R-02), Mill River
(identification number RI0001003R-03), and Peters River (identification number RI0001003R-04) are the waterbodies in the City
with an approved TMDL. The TMDL encompassing all of the aforementioned waterbodies went into effect on April 22, 2013. The
TMDL for the Woonsocket section of the Blackstone River is for pathogens, cadmium, and lead. The TMDL for Cherry Brook and
Peters Pond is for pathogens and copper. The TMDL for Mill River is for pathogens only. A TMDL IP has been drafted and is
attached to this Annual Report.
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### SPECIAL RESOURCE PROTECTION WATERS (SRPWs)

SECTION I. In accordance with Rule 31(a)(5)(i)G of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES Regs), on or after March 10, 2008, any discharge from a small municipal separate storm sewer system to any Special Resource Protection Waters (SRPWs) or impaired water bodies within its jurisdiction must obtain permits if a waiver has not been granted in accordance to Rule 31(g)(5)(iii). A list of SRPWs can be found in Appendix D of the RIDEM Water Quality Regulations at this link:

http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/water/h20q09a.pdf

The 2008 303(d) Impaired Waters list can be found in Appendix G of the 2008 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report at this link: http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/quality/pdf/iwgmon08.pdf

If you have discharges from your MS4 (regardless of its location) to any of the listed SRPWs or impaired waters (including impaired waters when a TMDL has not been approved), please provide an assessment of the progress towards expanding the MS4 Phase II Stormwater Program to include the discharges to the aforementioned

waters and adapting the Six Minimum Control Measures to include the control of stormwater in these areas. Please indicate a rationale for the activities chosen to protect these waters. Please note that all of the measurable goals and BMPs required by the 2003 MS4 General Permit may not be applicable to these discharges. As depicted on the map provided in Appendix J of the DEM Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the entire limits of the City of Woonsocket are designated as an Urbanized Area. There are no Special Resource Protection Waters (SRPWs) located within the City of Woonsocket to which the City's MS4s discharge (Appendix D, RIDEM Water Quality Regulations). The Woonsocket Reservoir #1 and #3 waterbodies are included in the SRPW list; however, these are indicated as being located in North Smithfield. The City is working with CDM Smith to design and install a storm quality improvement/sedimentation basin as part of a road reclamation project on Winthrop/St. Leon St. It is anticipated that this project will be installed in 2016.



### RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Office of Water Resources



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RI POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES)
SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY AT ELIGIBLE FACILITIES OPERATED
BY REGULATED SMALL MS4s
ANNUAL REPORT FORM

### WHO MUST SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT:

Owners/Operators of regulated small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and industrial activities authorized to discharge stormwater under the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Stormwater General Permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems and Industrial Activity at Eligible Facilities Operated by Regulated Small MS4s (hereafter referred to as "the General Permit"), must submit an Annual Report, outlined in Part IV.G of the permit, The Report must be submitted each year after permit issuance by March 10<sup>th</sup> to track progress of compliance. If you have questions regarding this Annual Report Form contact Margarita Chatterton of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), Office of Water Resources, Permitting Section at (401) 222-4700 ext. 7605.

The Annual Report must be submitted to:
RIDEM
Office of Water Resources
RIPDES Program
Permitting Section
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908
ATTN: Jennifer Stout

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION:**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION PAGE:**

"RIPDES Permit #"
Include your permit ID # to ensure proper tracking.

### "Operator of MS4"

Give the legal name of the person, firm, public (municipal) organization, or any other entity that is responsible for day-to-day operations of the MS4 described in this application (RIPDES Rules 3 & 12). Enter the complete address and telephone number of the operator. Circle the appropriate choice to indicate the legal status of the operator of the MS4.

#### "Owner of MS4"

If the owner is the same as the operator do not complete this section. Give the legal name of the person, firm, public (municipal) organization, or any other entity that owns the MS4 described in this application (RIPDES Rules 3 & 12). Do not use a colloquial name. Enter the complete address and telephone number of the owner.

#### "Certification"

State and federal statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. State and federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows (RIPDES Rule 12);

For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer, which means: (i) president, secretary, treasurer, or vice president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information or permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documentation has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor;

For a Municipality, State, Federal or other public site: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

### SECTION I- OVERALL EVALUATION OF BMPS AND MEASURABLE GOALS:

One or more pages, front and back, are provided to report on the status of measurable goals which have been developed to aid in the implementation of strategies, procedures, and programs used to achieve each of the six minimum control measures in Part IV.B of the General Permit. This section provides narrative space for a descriptive explanation and evaluation of the actions taken to satisfy each of the minimum control measures for the 2015 calendar year. Please type or print. If additional space is needed, modify as necessary. Please submit attachments to the appropriate minimum control measure following the format provided.

A Permit ID # has been provided, which refers to the part of the permit where you can find a listing or description of the required measurable goal.

Please provide a general summary of actions taken (implementation of BMPs, development of procedures, events, etc.) to meet the measurable goals of the minimum measure. Be sure to identify parties responsible for achieving each measurable goal and reference any reliance on another entity for achieving any measurable goal.

Describe whether each measurable goal was completed within the time proposed in the General Permit or your Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMPP). Why or why not? Provide a progress report and discussion of activities that will be carried out during the next reporting cycle to satisfy the requirements of the minimum measures. If applicable, assess the appropriateness of the actions taken to meet the requirements of the minimum measure. In determining appropriateness, you may want to consider at a minimum the local population targeted, pollution sources addressed, receiving water concerns, integration with local management procedures, and available resources and violations or environmental impacts eliminated or minimized.

Also, discuss the effectiveness of the implementation of BMPs to meet the requirements of the minimum measure and the overall effectiveness of the minimum measure. Describe your progress towards achieving the overall goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants. Please include assessment parameters/indicators used to measure the success of the minimum measure. Also include a discussion of any proposed changes to BMPs or measurable goals.

After evaluation, it may be necessary to make changes or modifications to your Implementation Schedule if the time frame, appropriateness or effectiveness cannot be assured. If so, please include descriptions of changes or modifications, and detailed justification in the appropriate sections.

### SECTION II- ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Section II refers to additional reporting requirements that the General Permit requires to be submitted to the Department as part of the Annual Report. Section II requirements apply to Minimum Control Measures 2 through 6.

#### Minimum Control Measure #2: Section II:

Specify the date of and how the annual report was public noticed. If a public meeting was needed, provide the date and place. Include a summary of public comments received in the public comment period of the draft annual report and planned responses or changes to the program (new or revised BMP's and measurable goals, partnerships, etc.). Be sure to attach a copy of your public notice (Parts IV.G.2.h and IV.G.2.i) to the Annual Report.

#### Minimum Control Measure #3: Section II.A:

Provide the number of illicit discharges identified in 2015, number of illicit discharges tracked in 2015, number of illicit discharges eliminated in 2015, complaints received, complaints investigated, violations issued and resolved with a summary of enforcement actions, number of unresolved violations that have been referred to RIDEM, the total number of illicit discharges identified to date, and the total number of illicit discharges remaining unresolved at the end of 2015. Include a short narrative describing the extent to which your system has been mapped (Part IV.G.2.m), and the total number of outfalls identified to date.

#### Minimum Control Measure #3: Section II.B:

List identified MS4 interconnections, including location, date found, operator of the physically interconnected MS4, and originating source of newly identified physical interconnections with other small MS4s. Also note any planned or coordinated activities with the physically interconnected MS4 (Part IV.G.2.k and IV.G.2.l).

Minimum Control Measures #4 & 5: Section II.A: Identify the number of construction and post-construction plan and SWPPP/SESC Plan reviews completed during Year 12 (2015) and any additional information. This includes, but is not limited to a summary of the reviews, responsible parties, and types of projects reviewed.

### Minimum Control Measure #4: Section II.B:

Construction inspection information for erosion and sediment control should be submitted annually as stated in Part IV.G.2.n. Provide a summary of the number of site inspections conducted, inspections that have resulted in enforcement actions, violations that have been resolved and of those unresolved, referred to RIDEM.

#### Minimum Control Measure #5: Section II.B:

Post-construction inspection information for proper installation of post-construction structural BMPs should be submitted annually as stated in Part IV.G.2.o. This should provide a summary of the number of site inspections conducted, inspections that have resulted in enforcement actions, violations that have been resolved and of those unresolved, referred to RIDEM.

### Minimum Control Measure #5: Section II.C:

Inspection information for proper operation and maintenance of post-construction structural BMPs should be submitted annually as stated in Part IV.G.2.p. This should provide a summary of the number of site inspections conducted, inspections that have resulted in enforcement actions, violations that have been resolved and of those unresolved, referred to RIDEM.

Minimum Control Measure #6: Section II.A:

As prescribed in Part IV.B.6.b.1.i of the General Permit, the MS4 operator must identify and list the specific location and description of all structural BMPs in the SWMPP at the time of application and update the information in the annual report.

#### Minimum Control Measure #6: Section II.B:

Part IV.B.6.b.1.v of the General Permit states to identify and report annually, as part of the annual report, known discharges causing scouring at outfall pipes or outfalls with excessive sedimentation. Include Outfall ID #, location, description of the problem, any remediation taken, and the ultimate receiving water body.

#### Minimum Control Measure #6: Section II.C:

As noted in Part IV.G.2.j of the General Permit, specify any planned municipal construction projects or opportunities to include water quality BMPs, low impact development, or seek to promote infiltration and recharge.

#### Minimum Control Measure #6: Section II.D:

Please include a summary of results of any other information that has been collected and analyzed. This includes any type of data, including, but not limited to, dry weather survey data (Part IV.G.2.e).

### TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) or other Water Quality Determination REQUIREMENTS

#### Section I:

Complete this section only if your MS4 is subject to an approved TMDL. TMDL requirements may require the implementation of the six minimum control measures to address the pollutants of concern, and/or additional structural stormwater controls or measures that are necessary to meet the provisions of the approved TMDL. Be sure to identify the approved TMDL and assess the progress towards meeting the requirements for the control of stormwater (Part IV.G.2.d).

Provide a progress report on the present status and discussion of activities that have been accomplished or will be carried out during the next reporting cycle to satisfy the requirements of the TMDL. If applicable, assess the appropriateness of the BMPs selected under each of the six minimum control measures to meet the requirements of the TMDL. In determining appropriateness, you may want to consider violations or environmental impacts eliminated or minimized.

Please include assessment parameters/indicators that will be used to measure the success of the selected BMPs. Also include a discussion of any proposed changes to BMPs or measurable goals.

### SPECIAL RESOURCE PROTECTION WATERS (SRPWs)

#### Section I:

Complete this section only if your MS4, located outside Urbanized Areas or Densely Populated Areas, discharges to:

a SRPW as listed in Appendix D of the *RIDEM Water* Quality Regulations at this link:

http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/water/h20q09a.pdf

an impaired water body including water bodies with no approved TMDL as listed in Appendix G of the 2008 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report at this link:

http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/quality/pdf/iwqmon08.pdf.

In accordance with Rule 31(a)(5)(i)G in the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES Regulations), MS4s were required to incorporate any discharges to these water bodies into their MS4 Program on or after March 10, 2008 unless a waiver has been granted in accordance with Rule 31(g)(5)(iii).

Provide a progress report on the present status and discussion of activities that have been accomplished or will be carried out during the next reporting cycle to incorporate these areas into the MS4's Phase II Stormwater Program.



### Attachment 1

**Outreach and Education** 







Saturday, November 14, 2015

10am to 2pm

City of Woonsocket

Material Recycle Facility - 943 River St.

Do the "Green Thing" and RECYCLE for America Recycles Day 2015!

FREE recycling (also offered to non-Woonsocket residents):

All Electronics · Styrofoam · Propane Tanks · Metals · Books

Clothes/Shoes · Rigid Plastic · Commingle · Paper/Cardboard



Free Litter Pickers (while supplies last/ Woonsocket residents)

Touch-a-Truck with Waste Management and Department of Public Works

Enter to Win a Compost Bin ( Woonsocket residents)

Coat Drive & Sleeping Bag Drive to benefit WHAM (Woonsocket Homeless Awareness Movement)

Eyeglass Recycling with Woonsocket Lions Club

Bicycle Recycling to benefit Recycle-a-Bike & The Red Shed





### Brought To You By:









### 2015 Privately Organized Earth Day Cleanup Tip Fee Waiver Authorization Form

Organization:	Beacon Chine School for the Art
	Michael Skoldon
	320 Main 57
	Wary jacker TI 02895

This form confirms that the above mentioned organization is authorized to deliver this load of solid waste generated from an Earth Day cleanup(s), to the Central Landfill at no charge for up to 5 tons, no later than one week from the date of the last cleanup listed. Any tons over 5 tons will carry a charge of \$75/ton, and will be billed to the organization listed above. Bulky waste items still carry their normal charge as listed in the FY15 RIRRC Accepted Materials and Rates sheet.

- The private organizer's signature below certifies that the cleanup(s) listed here did take place between April 1st and May 17th, 2015; that they did not cover areas that normally fall under a municipality's or the state's reasonability to keep clean; that none of this debris is the result of a special waste collection; that this organization is not normally charged with and does not have funding for litter-cleanup.
- The driver's signature below certifies that the content of this load is the same material and only that material generated from the Earth Day cleanup(s) listed here or, if mixed, an attachment has been included showing an estimate of the weight of the cleanup debris.

RIRRC reserves the right to bill the organization for an entire load if any of the listed cleanups from that load are found to be
non-compliant with the above confified statements.
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Private Organizer's Signature

### Hauler/Driver's Signature

Cleanup Date	Cleanup Location	Organization	On-the-ground Contact* Name	On-the-ground Contact Email/Phone
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<sup>\*</sup>An "on-the-ground contact" is defined as any organizer/participant that is present at the cleanup site for the event.

\*\*You may attach a separate sheet of cleanups if needed.

### Let's Give a Little Love to



### **Woonsocket 2015 Earth Day Celebration**

Please join Riverzedge Arts and NeighborWorks
Blackstone River Valley for a day of greening and
cleaning our beloved but dirty Costa Park. We
imagine a welcoming and safe icon for the Fairmount
Neighborhood! We chose Costa Park for this year's
Earth Day to clear the way for good things to come.

We will pick up litter and clear debris from the park and the river front, fix infrastructure and remove brush. Teens from the Riverzedge Green Design Lab will lead eco-activities for kids of all ages, and share ways to keep the Blackstone River clean and green.

Earth Day efforts will clear the way for new signage and art along along the river fence, a nature viewing station, plant habitats and your ideas that come up as we tend to and reimagine the park together.

We have the rakes, you bring the vision!



Let us know you are coming: info@riverzedgearts.org or 401.767.2100

Meet us at Costa Park, Fairmount St. and 1st Ave. entrance.



## 2015-16 Blackstone River Coalition SEP Rain Garden Grant Budget by Task

### Rain Garden 1

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<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	Plants, stones, gravel, mulch	\$1,000	
<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	Staff time; incidental expenses	\$250	
>>	Labor	\$750	
	SUBTOTAL	\$2	2,000

Rain	Garden 2		
>>	Plants, stones, gravel, mulch	\$1,000	
<b>»</b>	Staff time; incidental expenses	\$250	
<b>»</b>	Labor	\$750	
	SUBTOTAL		\$2,000

### **Instructional Video**

	SUBTOTAL	\$1,000	)
<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	Labor/filming/editing	\$750	
>>	Staff time; incidental expenses	\$250	

**Total** \$5,000

### **Detention Basin Maintenance**

Homeowners' Associations and Business

### Why be concerned?

Homeowners' Associations and business owners are entirely responsible for maintaining their detention basins. Detention basins require maintenance to ensure that they function properly. Poorly maintained basins, regardless of their design, lose their ability both to control flooding on private property and prevent pollution like sediments, fertilizers and pesticides from entering the creeks and streams near homes and businesses.

Detention basins are typically located where new residential. commercial, and industrial centers are developed. New development replaces open land and forest with impervious surfaces such as parking lots, roads, and roof tops. As stormwater runs off these impervious surfaces it enters streams and rivers at a much faster rate, causing streambank erosion and possible flooding downstream. Detention basins help control potential flooding and improve water quality.



# Are There Different Types of Detention Basins?

Yes, in general there are three types of detention basins:

- Dry Detention Basins
- Wet Detention Basins
- Stormwater Marsh Basins



Dry detention basins are typically dry depressions except after a major rain storm when they temporarily fill with stormwater. These basins slow the rate at which stormwater from a new development enters stream and rivers and thus help prevent flooding; however,

dry detention basins are not very effective at removing pollutants because the stormwater from smaller storms passes through more quickly. Smaller storms (with less rain) contain higher amounts of pollutants than larger storms. The side slopes of these basins are generally vegetated with short, turf grass.



Like dry detention basins, wet detention basins also help control flooding, but they are more effective at removing pollutants from stormwater. Wet detention basins typically have a permanent pool of water and more wetland plant life. The permanent pool

of water allows pollutants such as sediments to settle to the bottom of the basin. In addition, the wetland vegetation helps filter out pollutants and uses others up as fertilizers as the stormwater passes through the basin.

Stormwater marsh basins are similar to wet detention basins, but contain more wetland plants such as cattails, bulrush, and sedges. The wetland vegetation absorbs fertilizers that run off neighboring lawns and filters out other pollutants, which otherwise might enter nearby creeks and streams. They also provide fish and wildlife habitat.

The ideal detention basin provides the greatest number of benefits including flood control and water quality improvements. This typically consists of wet detention basin combined with a stormwater marsh basin.

# What Type of Maintenance is required?

Detention basins require inspection and maintenance to ensure that they are functioning properly to protect private property and improve water quality. At a minimum, the Homeowners' Association or business owner should conduct an annual inspection and an inspection after major storms.

### Obtain a Copy of Your Detention Basin Plan

Obtain a copy of the detention basin plan from the Engineering Division to determine what type of detention basin is in your development.

### **Inspect Inlet and Outlet Pipes**

Inlet Pipes direct stormwater from developments into detention basins, including stormwater from residential yards, driveways and roads. Typically there are two to three inlet pipes in a detention basin

Oulet Pipes direct stromwater from a detention basin to a nearby creek or stream. Typically there is only one outlet associated with a basin. The outlet may consist of a single pipe, a riser pipe or structure.

### Check the following:

Structural integrity – Inspect the pipe to make sure it isn't crumbling or broken.

Rip Rap – Rip Rap (typically pieces of stone) is placed around the pipe where it enters the basin to prevent erosion. Check for erosion around the pipe or missing rip rap.

Obstructions – Inspect the pipe end to determine if sediment, dirt, or debris is obstructing the flow of water from the pipe into the basin. Minor amounts of sediment around pipe openings can be removed with a shovel and wheelbarrow, spread evenly on upland areas and seeded with turf grass.



Inlet pipe

If any problems are occurring or if you have questions, contact the Engineering Division for assistance.

(401) 767-9216

### **Inspect for Litter and Debris**

Twice each year (spring and fall) and after a major storm, check for debris near the inlets and in the basin. Remove and dispose of debris or litter with household trash.



Outlet Pipe choked with debris and trash

### **Examine the Side Slopes for Erosion**

Twice a year (spring and fall) and after a major storm, check for gullies or sloughing of the banks and other disturbances for animals or vehicles. Any damage observed should be repaired immediately by filling any eroded areas with topsoil and seeding with turf grass. It is also important to place mulch or straw over the seed to prevent it from being washed into the basin.

### **Inspect Vegetation**

In the spring and fall, inspect the vegetation on the banks and in the basin. Maintenance activities will vary depending on the type of basin.

Repair bare spots, from vegetation control, along bank with turf grass seed, meadow grass or wildflowers.

Meadow grasses and wildflowers grown along banks of the detention basin will reduce long-term landscape maintenance.



Thick vegetation

### **Mowing**

The amount of mowing required depends on the type of detention basin and the desired appearance. Typically, basins with turf grass only need to be mowed once or twice a year. Basins with native grass or wildflowers should be mowed only once a year in late fall or early spring.



### Record Keeping

Keep records of all inspections including date, name of inspector, what was observed, and maintenance activities performed.

Keep records of all cost for inspections, such as consulting with professional engineers, and repair cost. Good records will help you make adjustments to the maintenance program as needed

### **Adding Vegetation to the Banks**

You can add more color and visual interest, as well as improve bird habitat by planting a variety of shrubs and wildflowers along the banks of detention basins. Shrubs such as redosier dogwood, silky dogwood, meadowsweet, common elder, buttonbush and highbrush-cranberry typically grow well where the ground is damp. Wildflowers like swamp milkweed, joe-pye-weed, cardinal flower, beggertick, marsh blazing star, aster and goldenrod are good choices for damp areas.





May 18, 2015

**Blackstone River Coalition** Mr. Peter Coffin P.O. Box 70477 Worcester, MA 01607

Dear Mr. Coffin,

Please accept this Letter of Interest through which Save The Bay respectfully requests a grant of \$5,000 from The Blackstone River Coalition for our continued water quality monitoring efforts at Cass Pond with students from Woonsocket High School for the 2015-2016 academic year. This work is part of our ongoing partnership with Woonsocket High School and our Narragansett Bay Field Studies Program.

Founded in 1970 by members of our community who wanted to protect our most precious resource – Narragansett Bay - our mission is lean and clear: "To protect and improve Narragansett Bay." Today, we protect, restore, and improve the ecological health of Narragansett Bay, its watershed and adjacent coastal waters. We defend the right of the public to use and enjoy the Bay and its surrounding waters, and foster an ethic of environmental stewardship among people who live in or visit the Narragansett Bay region. In defense of Narragansett Bay we:

- Educate key decision makers and the general public about actions which may degrade the environmental quality of the Bay and watershed.
- Provide quality environmental education programs for people of all ages and abilities.
- Initiate volunteer and educational programs and activities which increase environmental awareness and knowledge of the public and active use of the Bay and coast.
- Initiate action that will directly clean up the Bay.

Save The Bay respectfully requests support to continue and expand upon the Narragansett Bay Field Studies (NBFS) program at Woonsocket High School. This year-long, field-based program introduces students to the scientific method and inquiry-based, hands-on fieldwork, all while studying their local ecosystem (Cass Pond). The open and participatory approach encourages students to develop their own thoughts, investigate their own assumptions, identify, and solve problems. NBFS is an important component of the science curriculum at Woonsocket High School, providing critical science curricula to students, many of whom struggle with traditional in-class learning.

The program provides a unique, hands-on learning experience not otherwise offered to these students. The program helps connect students to the natural environment in their community and develop and foster a sense of stewardship for the Bay/Watershed. Our goal is to empower students with skills to make good decisions, instill an appreciation for field based science learning, and have them assisting in the ongoing monitoring and restoration of a local habitat.

stream are showing significant signs of recovery with improved water quality and vegetation at the site.

Students from Woonsocket High School monitor changes in Cass Pond and its connecting stream, researching water quality, biological diversity, and human impacts on the area. Data collected from site visits help students monitor changes and hypothesize how the community can maintain this vital habitat. Monitoring of Cass Pond with the NBFS program over the past two years has shown that Cass Pond and the connecting

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SOUTH COUNTY **COAST OFFICE Riverside Building** 12 Broad Street, Suite 6 Westerly, RI 02891 phone/fax: 401-315-2709

savebay@savebay.org www.savebay.org

During the 2015-2016 academic year, your support will allow students to directly impact the management of stormwater in the local community by: conducing regular water quality monitoring of Cass Pond and its connecting stream, monitoring biological diversity and human impacts in the community, performing regular maintenance of the rain garden at Woonsocket High School (monitoring for invasive species, removing debris, indicating maintenance needs), conducting regular community cleanups, and conducting storm drain marking projects in the neighborhoods surrounding the High School and/or the local neighborhoods of students participating in the Field Studies program.

The NBFS program is a high impact program, providing students with multiple hands-on, field-based learning opportunities with staff from Save The Bay's education and advocacy departments. Students who have participated in the NBFS program at Woonsocket High School have shown a 23% growth in the understanding of estuaries and a 25% growth in the understanding of invasive species, as well as a more profound understanding of careers in the STEM fields.

A grant from The Blackstone River Coalition will be used to meet our goals of enhancing our impact on individual students by working with students on multiple, hands-on, experiential field experiences during the year, monitoring a local habitat, and participating in on-going activities which will not only improve a local habitat but will instill in students a sense of environmental stewardship for Narragansett Bay and its surrounding watershed.

We respectfully ask for your support and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Stone, Executive Director

Project Expenses:	Request to BRC	Paid by Save The Bay	Total
Salaries and Wages (break down by position and indicate % time to be spent on project)			
STB Education Staff (111 Hours)		\$2,065	\$2,065
STB Education Staff (111 Hours)		\$2,237	\$2,237
STB Education Boat Captain (20 Hours)		\$605	\$605
Fringe Benefits and Payroll Taxes		\$2,329	\$2,329
Consultant and Professional Fees			
			\$0
			\$0
Other Expenses (please specify below)			
Woonsocket High School NBFS Programming (20)	\$4,800	\$7,000	\$12,000
Woonsocket High School marine science cruise (2)		\$1,500	\$1,500
Transportation to boat trips (2)		\$176	\$176
Storm Drain Marking Tags/Adhesive	\$200	\$0	\$200
Supplies for NBFS WHS		\$1,500	\$1,500
Wrap Around Summer Program WHS Summer 2016		*Pending Funding	\$5,000
Total Project Expenses	\$5,000	\$12,412	\$27,612

#### Debroisse, Mike

From: Gerlisa Garrett [ggarrett@savebay.org]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 3:31 PM

To: Debroisse, Mike Cc: July Lewis

**Subject:** Re: Storm Drain Stencils

Attachments: Storm Drain Schematics Marked.pdf; image (1).jpg; image (4).jpg; image (5).jpg; image

(6).jpg; image (7).jpg; image (8).jpg

Dear Mike,

I wanted to send you an update on our storm drain marking progress with the Woonsocket Chillin' and Skillin' camp group this summer. We were able to take 3 of the 4 groups out (one day was cancelled due to rain) and in total we marked 49 storm drains. I have attached maps highlighting the drains we marked.

I am also attaching some photos of the campers during the process. Connecting for Children and Families, the organization behind Chillin' and Skillin' camp requests that if you post any of these photographs publicly, you mention CCF along with them.

Thank you so much for your help, this was a great culminating project for our campers and they got a lot out of it. They were very excited to tell their families all about the process during the camp showcase this morning!

Best, Gerlisa

On Tue, Jul 14, 2015 at 1:29 PM, July Lewis < <u>ilewis@savebay.org</u>> wrote:

Wonderful, thank you! We will certainly give you marked up maps once the project is done. Just to clarify, we were planning on doing the round storm drain curb markers with adhesive, not stencilling. Does that still work?

I'm copying Gerlisa Garrett, who is the lead educator for this project. She will look into getting copies of waivers/permission forms from the school. The exact dates (early August) are still not settled, but we will let you know when they are confirmed. Thanks!

July Lewis, Volunteer Manager Save The Bay 100 Save The Bay Dr. Providence, RI 02905

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On Tue, Jul 14, 2015 at 12:34 PM, Debroisse, Mike < <u>MDebroisse@woonsocketri.org</u>> wrote:

Greeting July,

You have permission from the Woonsocket DPW to install the storm drain stencils.

To review few housekeeping issues:
-You stated that anyone working on this project have provided a parental permission slip to your organization. I'd like to see a copy if you have one available.
-Anyone working on this project will wear a safety vest while working within the public right-of-ways.
When the project is completed we request marked up drawings showing the areas and how many storm drains were marked.
I've attached some of our storm water plans in the Harris School area.
If you need anything please feel free to contact me on my cell at 641-8205
Thank you,
Michael Debroisse
Superintendent of Solid Waste/Engineering
The information contained in this email and any attachments is confidential and may be subject to copyright or other intellectual property protection. If you are not the intended recipient, you are not authorized to use or disclose this information, and we request that you notify us by reply mail or telephone and delete the original message from your mail system.

City of Woonsocket, RI (401) 762-6400

Gerlisa Garrett, Environmental Educator Save The Bay 100 Save The Bay Dr. Providence, RI 02905 T: (401) 272-3540E: ggarrett@savebay.org

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#### Thundermist Task Force

#### **Annual Report**

#### 2015

As in previous years, a press release announcing this year's Request for Proposals was issued the week of Earth Day, April 20, 2015. The Thundermist Task Force met on June 22 at City Hall to review the applications. Each of the three applications had several questions that needed to be answered and clarified. The Thundermist Task Force met again on July 15 at City Hall to make a final review of projects and vote on the funding. The Task Force recommended:

- \$6,500 to StormTree to work with the City of Woonsocket to provide and install a demonstration StormTree tree filter system.
- \$5,000 to RiverzEdge Arts to design and install 2 rain gardens and produce an instructional video documenting the value of rain gardens.
- \$5,000 to Save the Bay to continue for another year and expand upon the Narragansett Bay Field Studies program conducted at Woonsocket HS.

All three projects funded in the 2014 round completed their projects and submitted reports this past Summer:

- ASRI designed & planted a rain garden at St Charles Borromeo Church, N. Main Street.
- Save the Bay performed riparian buffer planting at Cass Pond near the High School.
- RiverzEdge designed and planted Rain Gardens at the Police Station and the Second Avenue Schoolhouse in the Fairmount section.

As of November 1, 2015 The Thundermist Task Force has received \$95,268 from the City of Woonsocket. We have spent \$67,029 on projects finished to-date. We reserve \$16,500 for Grants recommended by the Task Force pending final RIDEM approval, and \$1,000 for this year's Management fee due to the Blackstone River Coalition. This leaves \$10,739 in unobligated funds. We expect to receive another \$16,756 from the City of Woonsocket, leaving \$27,495 for next years program.



May 19, 2015

Peter Coffin Blackstone River Coalition PO Box 70477 Worcester, MA 01607

Dear Mr. Coffin:

I am responding to your request for proposals to provide a water quality/stormwater management asset to improve Woonsocket water quality. StormTree designs tree filter systems that integrate common street trees with stormwater management. Our systems are used in public and private land use development including parking lots, urban streetscapes, and watershed protection applications. Locally, we have completed grant-funded project work for the Charles River Watershed Association and Massachusetts Watershed Coalition; we anticipate working with the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council on a project this summer.

I am proposing to provide all materials, engineering, and project management for a StormTree system to be installed at a site specific location where a stormwater management system could provide a nonpoint source pollution remediation benefit. Materials to be provided include an approximately 7' X 5' precast concrete frame, engineered media, piping, ADA compliant fiberglass grate, and select deciduous tree. The City or other authority would need to provide excavation/installation services and some washed stone to support the system. The system would be designed to service between 0.25-0.50 acres, depending upon the percentage of impervious catchment area.

Although the aforementioned system is typically invoiced for between \$8,800-\$10,000.00, StormTree would collaborate with the Blackstone River Coalition a similar system for \$6,500.00; the difference would conceivably represent a substantial in-kind services match.

StormTree systems are currently undergoing testing at URI and UCONN for pollutant removal performance efficacy. Should a public participation component be of interest, StormTree could also install a monitoring well at no additional charge, which would allow for sample collection and/or testing.

StormTree would be prepared to complete a prospective project in 2015.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information or references. Being a Pawtucket-based Company, Stormtree would look forward to working with the Blackstone River Coalition.

Sincerely

Sandra Tremblay, President

StormTree

stremblay@storm-tree.com



## Attachment 2

Trainings

# Implementing a Stormwater Financing Program in the Narragansett Bay – Part 2

## **Workshop Agenda**

Through funding from US EPA, we are pleased to offer the second in a series of three workshops being sponsored by the New England Environmental Finance Center and in collaboration with the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland, Save the Bay, and ESS Group, Inc. The purpose of this second workshop is to learn from your peers on how to be successful in reducing stormwater costs over time, leveraging innovative financing approaches such as regionalization efforts and public-private partnerships and partnering for success to build political will and gain community acceptance for long-term stormwater financing.

Date & Time

Monday, December 7, 2015 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location
Save the Bay Center
100 Save the Bay Dr.
Providence, RI 02905

8:00-8:30 AM

Registration and Coffee

8:30-8:40 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Jack Kartez, New England Environmental Finance Center

8:40 - 8:50 AM

Briefing: Stormwater Policies and Impacts to Rhode Island

Topher Hamblett and Jonathan Stone, Save The Bay Narragansett

Quick overview of relevant stormwater policies and impacts affecting Rhode Island setting the stage for long-term sustainable stormwater management and financing.

8:50 - 9:50 AM

Case Study and Peer-to-Peer Exchange: City of Lancaster, PA

Charlotte Katzenmoyer, Director of Public Works, City of Lancaster

Overview of the City of Lancaster's comprehensive stormwater management program highlighting their effort to build political will, education and outreach campaigns, implementation barriers and program successes. Additional time for Q&A.

9:50 - 10:00 AM

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### 10:00 – 11:00 AM Panel: Regionalization and Partnering for Success

Regionalization and partnering with others is one of several ways to reduce costs over time and share resources among similar communities to address stormwater management. Hear about regionalization efforts underway in RI and opportunities to gain support for your projects.

- Upper Narragansett Bay Regional Stormwater Management District Feasibility Study, Sheila Dormody, Director of Policy for the City of Providence
- Save the Bay Narragansett, Topher Hamblett, Director of Advocacy and Policy
- > Clean Water Action, Meg Kerr, RI Director

11:00 - 11:50 AM Innovative Financing Approaches

John DiBari, CEO, NextPath Financial LLC

Dan Nees, Director, Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland

11:50 - 12:00 PM Wrap up and Overview of Workshop: Part 3

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# ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON MUNICIPAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

## Thursday, December 17 9 – 11 am

## RIDOT Maintenance Facility, Training Room 360 Lincoln Avenue, Warwick

Share your experiences with stormwater regulations in your municipality.

### Topics will include:

- RIPDES Stormwater Program
- MS4 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems
- RIDEM Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
- Program and Stormwater Utility (Enterprise Fund)
- Retention Ponds
- Dealing with Residents and Builders
- Record Keeping
- Reporting

You are encouraged to include attendance at this meeting in your annual report to RIDEM. The roundtable meeting has been discussed with the RIDEM Office of Water Resources and they are supportive, especially with regard to stormwater utility discussions.

Any photos taken during the training will be used for marketing purposes by the RI T2 Center.



Stormwater Management Roundtable Registration Form, Dec.					
Name:					
Municipality:					
Department:		_ Job Title:			
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**To Register:** E-mail Tory Perrotta at **toryp@uri.edu**, fax this form to (401) 874-2297, or mail it to the URI Transportation Center, 75 Lower College Road, Kingston, RI 02881.



## Attachment 3

Street Sweeping



#### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

### PRESS RELEASE

#### **Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt**

April 14, 2015

Contact: Director of DPW Steven D'Agostino

767-1413

## **Mayor Announces 2015 Street Sweeping Program**

**WOONSOCKET, RI:** Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt announced the following schedule for the citywide street sweeping program, which will commence the week of April 20, 2015, and will be completed by July 1, 2015. The following areas will be swept in this sequence:

East Woonsocket District	04/20
North End District	05/04
Fairmount District	05/11
Globe District	05/25
Bernon District	06/01

Please note that start dates are subject to change.

Director D'Agostino will be utilizing both City equipment and a private vendor; Express Sweeping of West Warwick, Rhode Island. The City has already started addressing primary streets using its sweeper and the new SWB-480 Sidewalk Rotary Brooms as well.

The Mayor stated that "It is my priority that this work be completed prior to the start of the summer season." Director D'Agostino commented that "A combination of City and private equipment plus the new sidewalk sweepers as well as conservative use of materials this winter will be beneficial to the process.

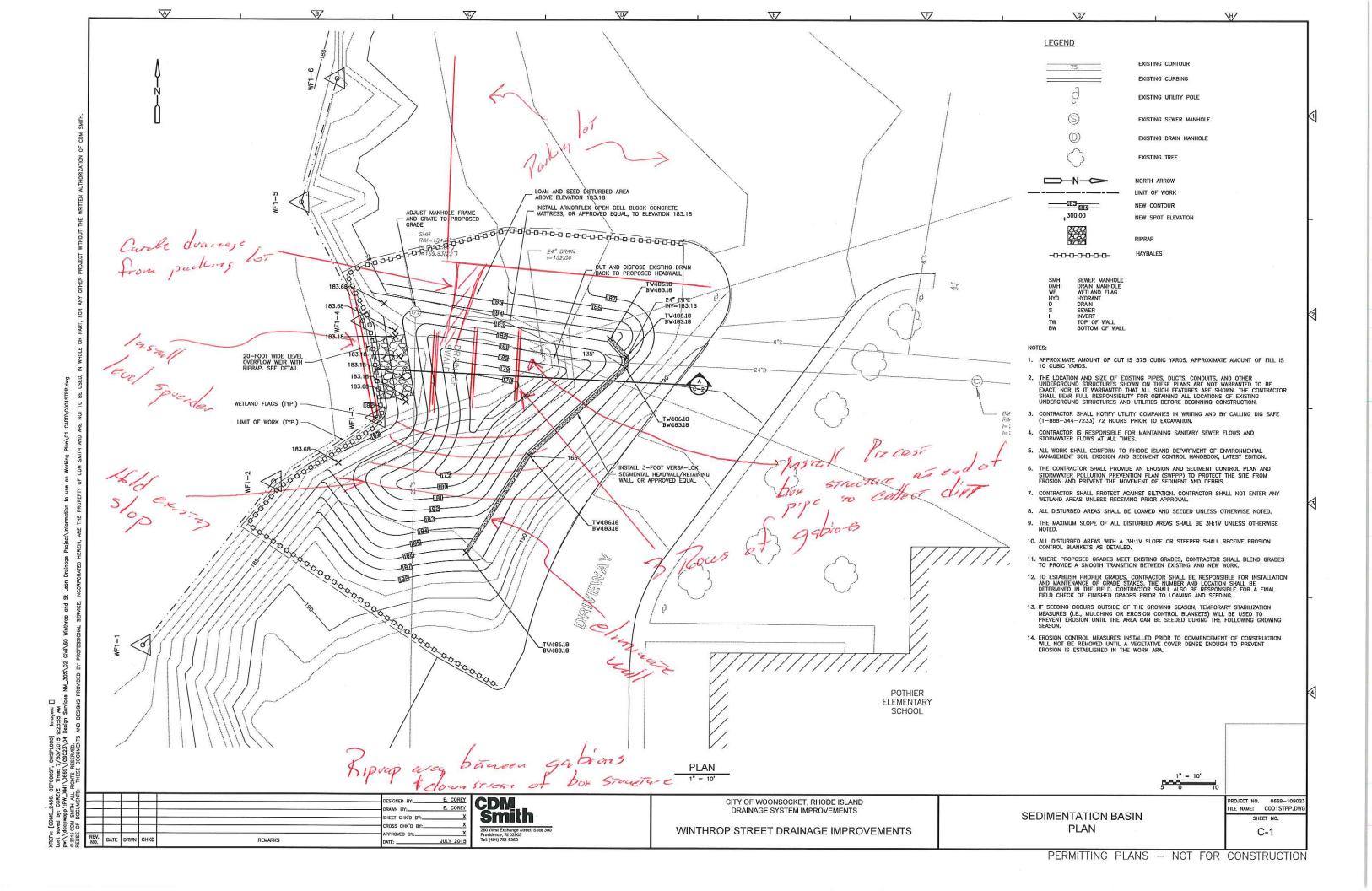
In closing, the Mayor encouraged residents to sweep their properties into the curb area prior to street sweeping. The removal of this sand makes for a cleaner, safer community. Environmentally, such sand and contaminant control is a desired outcome in order to protect our cities' waterways.

#### ###END###



## Attachment 4

BMPs and Inspection Form





## City of Woonsocket

## **Maintenance Inspection Checklist**

Infiltration Basins and Trenches

	Project/Location:					
	"As Built" Plans Available?					
	Date/Time:					
	Da	ys Since Previous Rainfall and Rainfall A	mounts:			
	Ins	spector:				-
Mai	intenance l	Items	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Comments	
1.	Debris C		,	,		
	•	Basin bottom or trench surface clear of debris				
	•	Inlet/Inflow pipes clear of debris				
	•	Overflow spillway clear of debris				
	•	Outlet clear of debris				
2.	Sedimen	t Traps or Forebays				
	•	Sedimentation noted				
	•	Greater than 50% of storage volume remaining				
3.	Vegetatio	on (Basins)				
	•	Mowing performed as necessary				
	•	No evidence of erosion				
4.	Dewater	ing				
	•	Basin/Trench dewaters between storms				
	•	Drawdown time does not exceed 36 to 48 hours				
5.		t Accumulation				
	• A	Approximate depth of accumulated sediment				
6.	Inlets					
	•	Good Condition				
	•	No evidence of erosion				
7.	Outlet/O	verflow Spillway	1	1		
	•	Good condition, no need for repair				
	•	No evidence of erosion				
8.	Aggrega	te Repairs (Trench)	1	1		
	•	Surface of aggregate clean				
	•	Top layer of stone does not need replacement				
	•	Trench does not need rehabilitation				
9.	Structur	al Repairs	1	1		
	•	Embankment in good repair				
	•	Site slopes are stable				
40	•	No evidence of erosion				
10.		access Repairs				
	•	Fences in good condition				
	•	No damages which would allow undesired entry				
	•	Access point in good condition				
A 41	ons to Be	Locks and gates function properly				
To l		eted By (Date):				

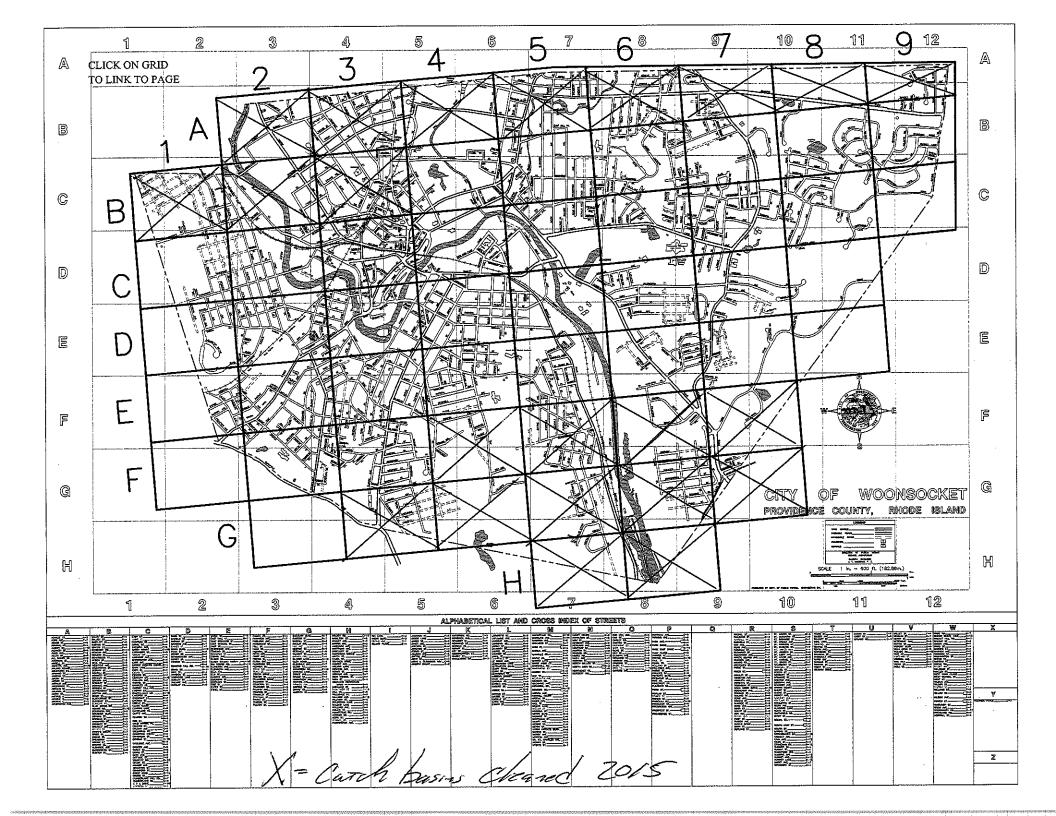
<u>LOCATION</u>	OWNER	MAP	<u>LOT</u>	
PARK EAST DR / CVS DRIVE	CITY OF WOONSOCKET	F7	56-15	Detention Pond
WALMART (woonsocket) (2 one in front one in back) 1919 Diamond Hill Rd	WALMART STORES 702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET BENTONVILLE AR 72716	В7	52-6	Grassed Detention Basins
LOWES (Woonsocket) 2010 Diamond Hill Rd	SFFGA Rhode Island LLC PO Box 1000 Dept 2ETA Mooresville NC, 28115	В7	52-20	Grassed Detention Basin
BROOKHAVEN POND (2)	STERLING SERVICES 589 CONCORD ST HOLLISTON, MA 01746	C8	58-31	Grassed Detention Basin
TARA LANE/ LEDGEWOOD DR.	CITY OF WOONSOCKET	C7	58-37	Grassed Detention Basin
EAST WOONSOCKET	CITY OF WOONSOCKET	В7	57-88	Detention Pond
HOLLEY SPRINGS (POND) (Naturally occurring)	H S Realty Corporation PO BOX 3107 ATTLEBORO, MA 02703	D7	55-1	Detention Pond
HOLLEY SPRINGS (BASIN)	PAM DISALVO 304 HOLLY LANE WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	D7	55-203	Grassed Detention Basin
OREGON AVE	CITY OF WOONSOCKET	D7	59-2	Grassed Detention Basin
DIAMOND HILL RD (Darling Pond)	CITY OF WOONSOCKET	В7	53-5	Detention Pond
ROBINSON STREET POTHIER SCHOOL	CITY OF WOONSOCKET	C5	36-136	Grassed Detention Basin
PARK DRIVE & HARTFORD AVE	OAKLAND GROVE ASSOCATES 560 CUMBERLAND HILL RD WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	E6	41-29	Grassed Detention Basin
1026 PARK EAST DRIVE	CVS Pharmacy Inc One CVS Dr. WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	D7	59-13	Grassed Detention Basin
300 PARK EAST DRIVE	TECHNIC, INC 300 PARK EAST DRIVE WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	E6	50-51	Grassed Detention Basin
500 PARK EAST DRIVE	CARPENTER POWDER PRODUCTS 500 PARK EAST DRIVE WOONSOCKET RI 02895-6148	E7	50-211	Grassed Detention Basin
1 CVS DRIVE	CVS 1 CVS DRIVE WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	F7	51-2	Grassed Detention Basin

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	MAP	LOT	
811 PARK EAST DRIVE	RETAIL GRAPHICS 811 PARK EAST DRIVE WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	E7	56-6	Grassed Detention Basin
475 PARK EAST DRIVE	CVS 1 CVS DRIVE WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	E7	56-23	Grassed Detention Basin
117 CENTURY	JM & KM REALTY LLC 1775 SNAKE HILL ROAD CHEPACHET, RI 02814	E7	59-21	Grassed Detention Basin
GAUTHIER DRIVE (2)	CITY OF WOONSOCKET	G5	33-54	Grassed Detention Basin
222 GOLDSTEIN DRIVE	IMPREGLON INC 220 FAIRBURN INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY FAIRBURN, GA 30213 (also services 100 Goldstein Dr stormwater)	E7	50-233	Grassed Detention Basin
88 CENTURY DRIVE	CITY OF WOONSOCKET (by easement)	E7	55-20	Grassed Detention Basin
	ACW REALTY LLC (property owner) 88 CENTURY DRIVE WOONSOCKET, RI 02895			
88 CENTURY DRIVE	ACW INC. 88 CENTURY DRIVE WOOSOCKET RI 02895	E7	56-20	Grassed Detention Basin
841 PARK EAST DRIVE	T.E.A.M. 841 PARK EAST DRIVE WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	E7	56-101	Grassed Detention Basin
77 FULTON STREET	H & R CONSTRUCTION 1204 WASHINGTON STREET STOUGHTON, MA 02072	A5	35-36	Grassed Detention Basin
100 GOLDSTEIN DRIVE	PARKINSON TECHNOLOGIES 100 GOLDSTEIN DRIVE WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	E6 & E7	50-5	Grassed Detention Basin
1044 MENDON ROAD	WYNDEMERE WOODS LLC 63 KENDRICK STREET NEEDHAM, MA 02494	D7	55-167	Grassed Detention Basin
115 FRONT STREET Behind 175 Front St	MCU COMMERCIAL SERVICES LLC 50 MAIN STREET MILLBURY, MA 01527	D3	15-16	Detention Basin



## Attachment 5

Catch Basin Cleaning Map





## Attachment 6

**SWMPP Blackstone TMDL Amendment** 

Storm Water Management Program Plan
Amendment No. 1 and Implementation
Plan for the
Blackstone River Watershed
Pathogen and Trace Metals Impairments
Total Maximum Daily Loads

City of Woonsocket

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## 1 Introduction

On December 8, 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) promulgated Phase II of its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water regulations. Phase I of the USEPA storm water program established regulations for storm water discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) in municipalities with populations of 100,000 or greater, construction activities disturbing five or more acres of land, and ten categories of industrial facilities.

The Phase II Final Rule expands the Phase I program by requiring smaller communities with MS4s in urbanized areas to implement programs and practices to control polluted storm water runoff through the use of NPDES permits. Urbanized areas are based on the 2000 census. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has been delegated the authority to implement the EPA's NPDES program, which includes Phase II storm water requirements in the February 5, 2003 amended version of the RIPDES Regulations.

The City of Woonsocket (City) developed its Phase II storm water management plan in March 2004, entitled *Phase II Storm Water Management Program Plan and Implementation Plan for the City of Woonsocket* (Fuss & O'Neill, 2004) (hereinafter SWMPP). The documentation contained in this plan constitutes the first amendment to the City's SWMPP and is intended to address the *Blackstone River Watershed Pathogen and Trace Metals Impairments Total Maximum Daily Loads* (Blackstone River Watershed TMDL) issued by DEM in February 2013.

## 1.1 General Requirements for MS4 Operators under Storm Water Phase II

As part of the permitting process, regulated municipalities are required to prepare and submit storm water management program plans that address compliance with six minimum control measures. These six minimum measures include:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Participation/Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Runoff Control
- Good Housekeeping/Pollution Prevention

MS4 operators are also required to meet provisions of approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) studies within 180 days of notification by DEM in areas where a TMDL indicates significant contribution by storm water.

In 2004, the City developed a program plan to address the six minimum measures throughout the Town as a whole. This document, *Storm Water Management Program Plan and Implementation Plan Amendment No. 1* for the Blackstone River Watershed Pathogen and Trace Metals Impairments Total Maximum Daily Loads





(hereinafter Amendment No. 1), is the first amendment to the original SWMPP and addresses the requirements of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL.

## 1.2 Requirements for Impaired Waters with Finalized TMDLs

Under Storm Water Phase II Rule IV.D, DEM may designate an MS4 operator as regulated and require "nonstructural or structural controls based on an approved TMDL or other water quality determination that identifies provision for discharges that contribute to a violation of water quality standards or are significant contributors of pollutants to waters of the State." Rule IV.D.8 indicates that an MS4 operator designated under Rule IV.D must submit a SWMPP which addresses the six minimum measures and provisions of approved TMDLs within 180 days of notification. The purpose of this plan amendment is to satisfy that requirement.

#### 1.3 Structure of Amendment No. 1

The remainder of this plan provides detail for the purposes of addressing the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL. Other aspects of Woonsocket's Storm Water Management Program should be considered to remain as described in the 2004 SWMPP and other program plan documents, including RIPDES MS4 annual reports.

The remainder of this plan includes the following general sections:

- Review of the TMDLs (Section 2.0) This section provides a discussion on the Blackstone River
  Watershed TMDL and efforts that led to its development, covering impairments to the
  waterbodies as discussed in the TMDLs, likely sources of impairment identified by TMDL staff
  during the course of TMDLs development, and TMDLs recommendations for improving water
  quality in these areas.
- Structural BMPs proposed to address the TMDLs (Section 3.0) This section discusses a process for planning and designing storm water best management practices (BMPs).
- Revisions to the six minimum measures (Section 4.0) This section discusses revisions proposed to Woonsocket's existing SWMPP.
- Measurable goals for implementation (Section 5.0) This section discusses the general timeline and process for implementation of the measures to improve storm water management in the Blackstone River.
- Program evaluation (Section 6.0) This section describes anticipated annual reporting in accordance with the TMDL.





## 2 Review of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL

## 2.1 Waterbody Description

This section of the amendment provides waterbody descriptions and has been adapted from the *Total Maximum Daily Load Analysis for Blackstone River Watershed Pathogen and Trace Metals Impairments* (DEM, 2013).

#### 2.1.1 Blackstone River

The Blackstone River Watershed (see *Figure 1*), which is located in south-central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island, has a length of about 48 miles and an average width of 12 miles. The total drainage of the watershed is 454 square miles, with 335 square miles in Massachusetts and 140 square miles in Rhode Island. The river flows south from Worcester, MA to the Main Street Dam in Pawtucket, RI. At this point, it becomes the headwater for the Seekonk River, which is a tidal estuary that flows for approximately seven miles before combining with the Providence River. The Blackstone River is the second largest source of freshwater to Narragansett Bay.

The Massachusetts portion of the watershed encompasses Worcester County and small sections of Middlesex, Norfolk, and Bristol Counties. It encompasses a total of thirty cities and towns including Worcester and Attleboro. In Rhode Island, the watershed encompasses a portion of the following cities and towns: Burrillville, Glocester, North Smithfield, Smithfield, Woonsocket, Cumberland, Lincoln, Central Falls, and Pawtucket.

Primary tributaries to the Blackstone River in Rhode Island are the Branch River, Mill River, Peters River, and Abbot Run Brook. The Mill River has a drainage area of approximately 35 square miles, located primarily in Massachusetts. The drainage area is characterized by open land and low-density residential development, with limited areas of high-density urban development. The headwater of the Mill River is North Pond, located in Hopkinton, MA. The Peters River has a smaller drainage area of 13 square miles which is less than half of the Mill River. Its headwaters are located in Bellingham, Massachusetts. The river flows for approximately 3.5 miles to the State line and continues for an additional 0.94 miles where it combines with the Blackstone River. Abbott Run Brook has a drainage area of 29 square miles, with approximately 30% of its watershed located in Massachusetts, and its headwaters at Arnold Mills Reservoir. The Branch River has a drainage area of 93 square miles with approximately 95% of its watershed within the State of Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island section of the Blackstone River is separated into two reaches. The Upper reach is characterized by medium to medium-high density residential areas with high density urban development in the City of Woonsocket. The lower reach is characterized by high-density urban development in the City of Pawtucket.





The river has had a significant historical role in the industrialization of the northeast and an equally significant role in the environmental health of the Seekonk River and Narragansett Bay. The river is a major source of suspended solids, nitrogen, metals, and organics to these waters, resulting in impacts to fishing, shell fishing, tourism, and recreation. Resuspension and movement of contaminated sediments, headwaters defined by drainage from Worcester and its wastewater treatment facility, multiple other wastewater treatment facility discharges, stormwater contributions from CSO facilities and urban centers, and fluctuations in water levels due to hydropower operations, create a river system with problems characteristic of many others in the United States.

#### 2.1.2 Mill River

As mentioned previously, the Mill River has a drainage area of approximately 88 35 square miles with most of the area in Massachusetts. The drainage area is characterized by open land and low-density residential development with limited areas of high-density urban development. North Pond in Hopkinton, MA is the headwater for the river. The river flows into Harris Pond at the Massachusetts-Rhode Island state line, and serves as a water supply for the City of Woonsocket. After Harris Pond, the river flows for approximately 3,200 feet before being conveyed underground to the Blackstone River. This underground passage is 1,150 feet long through two 10-foot wide by 12-foot high concrete conduits that were built in 1963 by the Army Corps of Engineers as part of a city-wide flood control project. Tributaries to the Mill River are Hop Brook, Quick River, Spring Brook, and Muddy Brook, all of which are located in Massachusetts.

### 2.1.3 Peters River

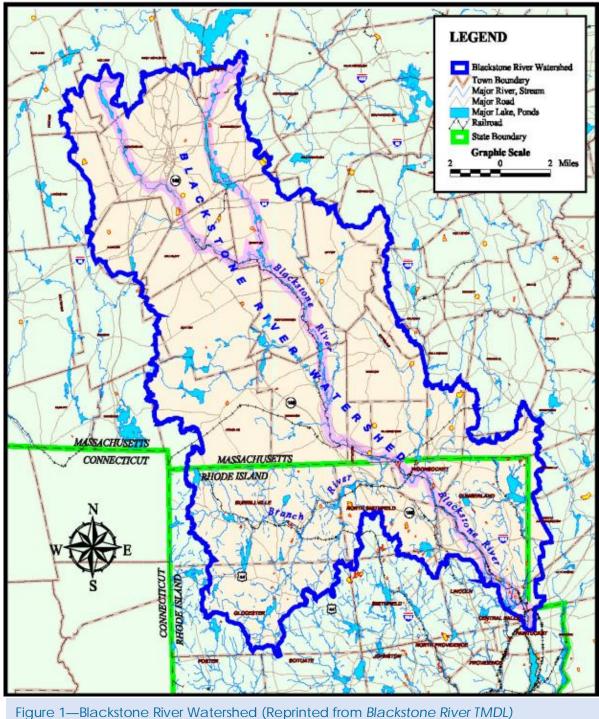
The headwaters for the Peters River are located in Bellingham, MA, with a total drainage area of 13 square miles. The river flows south for approximately 3.5 miles to the state line and continues for another mile through Rhode Island before it joins with the Blackstone River in Woonsocket. The drainage area is characterized by medium to medium-high residential development with high-density urban development in Woonsocket. Peters River flows for approximately 5,000 feet before being conveyed underground through a 10-foot by 10-foot concrete conduit at Elm Street. The river travels another 1,180 feet before its confluence with the Blackstone River. As with the Mill, the Corps of Engineers built this conduit in 1963 for flood control. The tributaries to the River are Bungay Brook, Arnold Brook, and unnamed streams that originate in Franklin State Forest.

## 2.1.4 Cherry Brook

The headwaters for Cherry Brook are Cedar Swamp Brook, a large wetland area located in North Smithfield, RI, at a low point between Woonsocket Hill and Whortleberry Hill Roads. The drainage area is approximately 33 square miles. The main stem of the brook is approximately 3.8 miles long and flows in a northwest direction until it crosses under Route 146A, where it bends to the southeast and eventually joins the Blackstone River adjacent to the Providence and Worcester (P&W) railroad easement at Olo Street. The area is characterized by rural and low-density residential development at the headwater, with medium-density residential and urban development as it travels through Woonsocket, RI. Tributaries to the brook are several unnamed first order streams that join Cherry Brook at various points along its mainstem.







#### 2.2 Impairments of Concern

The DEM Office of Water Resources has prepared a list of impaired waters in Rhode Island in compliance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). In accordance with Section





305(b) of the CWA, states are required to survey their water quality for attainment of the fishable/swimmable goals of the CWA, and to report the water quality assessments biennially (every two years). The attainment of CWA goals is based on whether waters support their designated uses (defined as the most sensitive; and therefore, governing water uses that the class is intended to protect). For the purposes of water quality assessments, seven designated uses are evaluated fish and wildlife habitat (aquatic life use), drinking water supply, shellfish consumption, shellfish controlled relay and depuration, fish consumption, primary contact recreation and secondary contact recreation. In the assessments, use-support status is determined by comparing available water quality information to the water quality standards established in the *Rhode Island Water Quality Regulations*. The methodology for this assessment process is outlined in RI's Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM), June 2009.<sup>1</sup> Available water quality information may come from a variety of sources, including but not limited to, studies conducted by DEM, the federal government, and municipal studies.

Impaired waters are defined as those that do not meet *Rhode Island Water Quality Regulations*, and DEM develops TMDLs for each of these waters. The purpose of a TMDL is to identify the capacity of a surface water to assimilate pollutants without limiting designated uses (e.g., fishable, swimmable) or violating the *Rhode Island Water Quality Regulations*.

Until fairly recently, TMDLs commonly focused on large point sources of pollution such as wastewater treatment facilities. These sources are relatively easy to track and abate as they tend to be centrally located and managed. Other TMDLs (and most TMDLs that will be developed in the foreseeable future) focus on storm water outfalls and diffuse nonpoint sources of pollution. These sources are numerous, decentralized, and less easily located; may have uncertain ownership, and were unregulated prior to Phase II.

The surface waters within Woonsocket identified on the State's 303(d) list for 2012 are presented in *Table 1*, which also includes pollutants causing impairment, TMDL development priority, and the target year for TMDL development for these waters.

http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/quality/pdf/finlcalm.pdf





Table 1
Impaired and Delisted Waters – City of Woonsocket

Waterbody Name (Identification #)	Cause	Calendar Year Target for TMDL <sup>a</sup>	Control Action b
	Benthic- Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments	2018	Determine need for TMDL post wastewater treatment facility upgrades
	Cadmium	2012	Not Developed
	Eurasian Water Milfoil, Myriophyllum spicatum		No TMDL required. Impairment is not a pollutant.
	Lead	2012	Not Developed
Blackstone River	Non-Native Aquatic Plants		No TMDL required. Impairment is not a pollutant
(RI0001003R-01A)	Oxygen, dissolved	2018	Determine need for TMDL post wastewater treatment facility upgrades.
	Phosphorus (Total)	2018	Determine need for TMDL post wastewater treatment facility upgrades.
	Mercury in Fish Tissue	2022	Not Developed
	PCB in Fish Tissue	2022	Not Developed
	Enterococcus	2012	Not Developed
	Fecal Coliform	2012	Not Developed
	Benthic- Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments	2018	Determine need for TMDL post wastewater treatment facility upgrades.
Blackstone River	Cadmium	2012	Not Developed
(RI0001003R-01B)	Lead	2012	Not Developed
	Oxygen, dissolved	2018	Determine need for TMDL post wastewater treatment facility upgrades.



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	PCB in Fish Tissue	2022	Not Developed
	Enterococcus	2022	Compliance with Consent Agreement for CSO abatement expected to negate need for TMDL
	Fecal Coliform	2022	Compliance with Consent Agreement for CSO abatement expected to negate need for TMDL
	Copper	2012	Not Developed
Cherry Brook & Tributaries (RI0001003R-02)	Enterococcus	2012	Not Developed
(KI0001003K-02)	Fecal Coliform	2012	Not Developed
Mill River	Enterococcus	2012	Not Developed
(RI001003R-03)	Fecal Coliform	2012	Not Developed
D 1 D'	Copper	2012	Not Developed
Peters River (RI0001003R-04)	Enterococcus	2012	Not Developed
Notes:	Fecal Coliform	2012	Not Developed

#### Notes:

a. The target year as stated in the Final 2012 303(d) list.

In accordance with Table 5.1 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL, the Blackstone River segment (RI001003R-01A) (including sampling stations W-21, W-22, W-17, W-02, W-03, W-04, P-04 and W-25) must achieve a 88 percent (with a 10 percent margin of safety) reduction in fecal coliform and a 28 percent (with a 10 percent margin of safety) reduction in enterococci to meet the TMDL. Other segments of the river and its tributaries must meet even higher percent reductions (see *Table 2*.)



b. Control Action does not currently include TMDL, other actions are to be taken before re-evaluating the impairment.



Table 2
Required Percent Reductions for Bacteria to Meet TMDL

Section	Sampling Stations	% Reduction for Fecal Coliform	% Reduction for Enterococci	
Blackstone River at	W-01	93 32		
Massachusetts- Rhode				
Island State Line				
Blackstone River	W-21, W-22. W-17, W-	88	28	
	02, W-03, W-04, P-04,			
	W-25			
Mill River at	W-11	-		
Massachusetts				
Mill River	W-12, W-13	97	94	
Peters River at	W-14	98	95	
Massachusetts-Rhode				
Island State Line				
Peters River	W-15, W-16	98	98	
Cherry Brook	W-31	98	91	

Note: Values include a 10% margin of safety

Table 6.4 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states that the Blackstone River segment (RI001003R-01A) must achieve a 0.57-37.1 lb/day load reduction for lead and a 0.06-13.1 lb/day load reduction for cadmium to meet the chronic TMDL criteria (no data is available for copper load reduction requirements.) *Table* 3 provides a summary of the required load reductions for each segment of the river for each constituent.

Table 3
Required Percent Reductions for Trace Metals to Meet TMDL

Parameter	Blackstone River at Massachusetts- Rhode Island State Line	Blackstone River (RI0001003R- 01A)	Blackstone River (RI0001003R- 01B)	Peters River at Massachusetts- Rhode Island State Line	Peters River	Cherry Brook
Copper (lbs/day)	NA	NA	NA	0.08	0.16	0.03
Lead (lbs/day)	1.12 - 30.1	0.57 - 37.1	0.97 - 14.6	NA	NA	NA
Cadmium (lbs/day)	0.01 - 19.3	0.06 - 13.1	0.04 - 10.0	NA	NA	NA

Notes: NA is used to indicate that either there was not an impairment requiring a TMDL for this waterbody, or sampling was not conducted for this constituent)





## 2.3 Sources of Impairment Described in the TMDLs

The TMDLs discusses water quality monitoring and analysis, which led to the development of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL. The TMDL indicates the most prevalent source of fecal coliform bacteria to the waterbody is stormwater runoff. Other possible sources include RIPDES permitted discharges (illegal and "legal" dry weather discharges from stormwater outfalls, dry and wet weather CSO discharges, failing septic systems, animal waste and sediment resuspension. Actual and potential sources to the entire Blackstone River are summarized in *Table 4* (adapted from the *Total Maximum Daily Load Analysis for Blackstone River Watershed Pathogen and Trace Metals Impairments* (DEM, 2013)) and are discussed below.

Table 4
Actual and Potential Sources of Pollution to the Blackstone River

Source	Location / Explanation		
Stormwater Runoff	<u>Throughout watershed particularly in more urban areas.</u> Runoff from parking lots, streets, roofs, and runoff contaminated with pet, feral, animal wastes, and heavy metals (Cu, Pb, and Cd)		
Urban Runoff from Dry Weather	<u>Watershed-wide.U</u> Overland flows from various land use practices enter storm drains, which including lawn irrigation runoff, car washing, sidewalk washing and commercial pavement washing. These urban flows can contain bacteria and metals.		
RIPDES sanitary and industrial wastewater discharges	There is one major RIPDES permittee, Woonsocket WWTF, and two minor RIPDES permittees, Okonite Company and OSRAM Sylvia discharging effluent containing the TMDL's pollutants of concern into the Blackstone River. Watershed-wide there are several MSGP holders that discharge stormwater from areas where metal contamination may be present.		
Wet and Dry Weather CSO Discharges	CSOs discharge into the lower Blackstone River reach between Whipple Bridge and Slater Mill Dam. CSOs carry sanitary waste and stormwater runoff. Their discharges contain floating debris, pathogens, stormwater runoff and raw sewage. Dry-weather CSO discharges can occur when the conduits are blocked with debris, garbage, and structure failures.		
Animal Waste	Watershed-wide. Pet waste left on pavement, thrown into catch basins or left on lawns can be washed into storm drains by rain or melting snow. Farm animals also may contribute to elevated bacteria levels due to contaminated runoff and/or unrestricted access of farm animals to wetlands and surface waters. Feral animals attracted by garbage and other litter can congregate, resulting in their waste being transported through runoff into the river.		
Illegal Waste	<u>Watershed-wide.</u> Illegal sources include illicit connections of sanitary wastewater to storm drains, as was discovered in the area of Broad and Blackstone Streets in Cumberland.		
Septic System Failures	<u>Watershed-wide</u> . Failing or improperly designed or installed on-site septic tanks and/or drain fields that allow discharge of partially treated or untreated effluent.		



Source	Location / Explanation		
Sediment Resuspension/ Sloughing	Watershed-wide. Metals such as Cd, Cu, and Pb have an affinity for sediments. Previous studies have identified impoundments in the Massachusetts portion of the Blackstone River where sediments have become entrenched behind dams. Flow fluctuations due to precipitation, runoff, and hydropower operations may increase bank scouring, sloughing, and re-suspension of bottom sediment. This re-suspended contaminated material moves into the water column and can be transported and redeposited several miles downstream.		
Waste Sources	<u>Watershed-Wide.</u> Waste sources include waste cleanup such as superfund sites, federal facilities, brownfields, underground storage tank system releases and waste lagoons.		
From Massachusetts segments of river. The Blackstone River Watershed TM showed significant pollutant loads coming across the state line for both bacte metals. Historically, NPDES permitted facilities in MA were issued permits w winter bacteria limits that were documented to cause exceedances in the RI p the river, where no seasonal bacteria criteria are applied. More recent NPDES have resolved this issue. CSO discharges in Worcester may also contribute to pollutant concentrations in the RI portion of the Blackstone.			
Branch River	<u>Branch River.</u> Results of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL field study show that the Branch River is a consistent and significant source of lead to the Blackstone during dry weather. Wet-weather contributions of lead from the Branch River are relatively low and not a concern.		

The Blackstone River Watershed TMDL also provides a description of potential sources. *Section 2.3.1 – Section 2.3.10* (below) summarize this description. Discussion of this information and selection of appropriate BMPs are discussed in *Section 3.0* of this plan. Note that some of the potential sources identified do not apply to the City of Woonsocket. This plan discusses each potential source to the Blackstone River, inclusive of those outside the City of Woonsocket, but only provides the TMDL recommendations for the sources identified as potential issues for the City of Woonsocket.

#### 2.3.1 Storm Water

The Blackstone River Watershed TMDL discusses storm water as a potential source.

Pages 43 – 46 of the Blackstone Watershed TMDL:

Stormwater runoff is a significant source of pollution to the Blackstone River and its tributaries, particularly in the more urbanized areas of Woonsocket, Lincoln, and Cumberland. The majority of stormwater in the watershed's other two urban centers, Pawtucket and Central Falls is discharged into Combined Sewer Overflows and is discussed separately below. Throughout the non-CSO portion of the watershed, storm drainage systems collect, concentrate and route polluted runoff from streets and highways directly to the river. Stormwater from privately owned property, such as parking lots, and commercial and industrial areas may be discharged into these municipal or state owned drainage systems or may be conveyed directly to the Blackstone River via overland flow, stormwater pipes, or other conveyances...

Urban/suburban land uses dramatically change watershed hydrology by affecting the quantity and quality of runoff. Urban development results in increases in stormwater runoff peaks and volumes and increased frequency of runoff from smaller storms. With increasing impervious





cover within a watershed, the greater quantities of stormwater runoff wreak havoc with the physical structure and stability of streams and the habitat for aquatic life, and less base flow is available to aquatic life in streams during low flow periods. Typically, water quality also deteriorates with increasing imperviousness...

#### 2.3.2 RIPDES Sources

Page 46 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

The Woonsocket WWTF, RIPDES permit number RI0100111, discharges municipal wastewater to the upper reach of the Blackstone River (Segment 1A). There are a number of other industrial facilities that discharge into the Blackstone River that are operating under RIPDES permits. Of these, three (Okonite Company, OSRAM Sylvania Products, and Woonsocket Water Treatment Facility) are considered minor dischargers, and only OSRAM Sylvania Products, located on the lower reach (Segment 1B) historically discharged lead, a pollutant of concern relative to this TMDL. This facility discharges both contact and noncontact cooling water which is defined as water that is used to reduce temperature and which does not come into direct contact with any raw materials or intermediate, final or waste product (other than heat).

## 2.3.3 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)

Pages 50-51 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL state:

A combined sewer system is a wastewater collection system owned by a municipality (as defined by Section 502(4) of the Clean Water Act) that conveys domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater and stormwater runoff through a single pipe system to a publicly owned treatment works (POTW). A CSO is defined as a discharge from a point prior to the POTW treatment plant. CSOs generally occur in response to wet weather events. During wet weather periods, the hydraulic capacity of the combined system may become overloaded, causing overflows to receiving waters at the discharge points.

Thirteen CSOs discharge into the Blackstone River between Whipple Bridge (W-04) and Slater Mill Dam (W-05). The operation and maintenance of these CSOs is the responsibility of the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC), a POTW which is responsible for the combined sanitary and storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and the wastewater treatment plants at Fields Point in Providence and Bucklin Point in East Providence. CSO discharges include a mix of domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater and stormwater runoff. As such, CSO discharges contain human, commercial, and industrial wastes as well as pollutants washed from streets, parking lots, and other surfaces.





#### Pages 111-113 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL state:

The combined sewer overflows into Narragansett Bay are a violation of the Federal Clean Water Act. In July of 1994, DEM approved a comprehensive Combined Sewer Overflow Control Facilities Program prepared by the Narragansett Bay Commission. The Program proposed the construction of six underground storage facilities and three deep rock tunnel segments at a cost of \$467 million (1992 dollars). The underground storage tanks and tunnels would contain the sewage overflows during rain events so that the stored flows could be returned to the system for treatment after the storm. Subsequently, NBC reevaluated their CSO abatement plan and prepared an amended CSO Control Facilities Program that was approved by DEM in July of 1999. The amended Program replaced the underground storage facilities with a combination of CSO interceptors and sewer separation projects, and refined the sizing of the deep rock tunnels, with a total cost of \$390 million (1998 dollars)... The entire CSO abatement project is being undertaken in three phases over the course of approximately 20 years.

There are currently 15 active combined sewer overflows discharging to the Blackstone River between River Street and Slater Mill Dam. Of these 15, twelve are monitored for flows (six in Central Falls and 6 in Pawtucket). At these sites, flow meters monitor either volume of overflow or activity of the overflow. The flow monitoring results are used to determine if and when an overflow to the Blackstone occurs, monitor surcharging in the interceptor, and to develop a history of the flow data to better identify problem situations and improve efficiency.

The NBC Interceptor Maintenance Report on the CSO for the first half of 2012 indicated that there were no dry weather discharges observed at any of the Central Falls or Pawtucket CSOs that discharge to the Blackstone mainstem. Additionally, NBC maintains two sampling locations on the Blackstone mainstem, one at the Mendon Road/ Lonsdale Avenue bridge crossing of the Blackstone and one adjacent to the Slater Mill Museum Site.

As noted above, none of the CSOs that enter the Blackstone are from the City of Woonsocket.

## 2.3.4 Domestic Animal and Vermin Waste

Pages 51-52 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

Pet waste left to decay on streets, sidewalks, or on grass near the street may be washed into storm sewers by rain or melting snow. Dogs in particular are likely a major source of fecal coliform bacteria in urban runoff, given their population density and daily defecation rate. DNA fingerprinting techniques have clearly shown pet waste to be a major contributor of bacte ria in urban and suburban watersheds. A study by Lim and Oliveri (1982) found that dog feces were the single greatest source contributing fecal coliform and fecal strep bacteria in highly urban Baltimore catchments. RIDEM staff observed significant amounts of pet waste in areas frequented by people walking their dogs in municipal parks and around apartment and condominium complexes that are located adjacent to the mainstem of the Blackstone River and its tributaries.





Livestock and dairy operations are another potential source of bacteria in the watershed. Further investigation narrowed the area of concern primarily to the headwaters of Cherry Brook in the vicinity of Pound Hill Road (Stations CB04, CB05, and CB06). Pathogen sampling conducted in August 2009 by RIDEM staff documented that rising levels of fecal coliform also occur at the furthest downstream sampling location at Olo Street (W-31) as compared to upstream concentrations (CB01 and CB02) indicate that sources in the lower reach in Woonsocket are contributing to elevated bacteria levels.

During the field portion of the [Blcakstone River Watershed TMDL] study, runoff from a small family farm located at the intersection of Carrington Street and Lonsdale Avenue in Lincoln was observed to be flowing off the far side of the farm field into a catch basin at the corner of Lonsdale Avenue and Cook Street, near the Whipple Bridge.

#### 2.3.5 Illicit Sources

Page 52 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

One of the pollution hot spots identified in the [Blackstone River Watershed TMDL] Field Study was a channel that discharges into the Blackstone River adjacent to the Ann & Hope Warehouse parking lot (located at the intersection of Ann and Hope Way and Broad Street) and drains a fairly extensive mixed urban area of Cumberland. RIDEM Office of Compliance and Inspection staff sampled up gradient of the outfall identified in the report as W-35 (OF-317), pulling manhole covers to sample these locations in order to isolate the source of the bacterial pollution to the river. The Office of Compliance and Inspection also dye tested the sewage lines of many of the homes and discovered five residences and a church that were directly connected to the stormwater lines rather than to the sewer lines. Two of the residences were multi-family homes such that a total of 13 sources were found to be discharging sewage directly to the Blackstone River via the storm drain. Since the surveys were completed, all locations have been properly connected to the sewers and the fecal coliform levels have been reduced to 9 MPN/100ml from a high of greater than 16,000 MPN/100ml that was reported during a dry weather survey taken during the [Blackstone River Watershed TMDL] field work.

[There are many] outfalls that flow directly into the Blackstone Watershed that are potential sources of pathogens. Observed elevations of bacteria in the lower reach of Cherry Brook during dry weather suggest possible illicit discharges. The high bacteria levels observed during the dry weather surveys on Mill River also suggest illicit discharges. [*Table 5* below] lists those outfalls that were sampled during the [Blackstone River Watershed TMDL] study and which were observed to be flowing during dry weather [or were identified as priority outfalls in the City of Woonsocket.]

Table 5 below summarizes the results of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL outfall sampling as well as the illicit discharge detection and elimination studies completed by Fuss & O'Neill. The sampling results used for analysis in the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL came from a study conducted by RIDEM and the Louis Berger Group, Inc. for which samples were taken in the fall of 2005. The study is entitled *Water Quality—Blackstone River Final Report 2: Field Investigations. Table 5* also presents data from





the Woonsocket illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) program for which samples were taken in 2006 and 2007. The IDDE report was produced by Fuss & O'Neill and is entitled *Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Plan: Dry Weather Sampling.* Because no discrete geolocations are provided for the outfalls in the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL exact comparisons to the outfalls in the IDDE program could not be made. The outfalls were compared via maps that are available of each set of outfalls. If it was unclear which outfalls were compared due to areas with many outfalls in close proximity, all the potential outfalls that could be the same outfall were listed. Some outfalls in the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL were not in the IDDE program and vice versa. The comparison was the best possible given the available data.

Table 5
Outfall Bacteria Sampling Results

1					
					Highest Observed
					Dry Weather
			Highest Observed		Bacteria
Blackstone	Potential		Fecal Coliform	IDDE	concentration in
TMDL	DOT	Dry Flow	concentration in	Program	2006-2007
Outfall ID	Ownership?1	(cfs)	2005 (MPN/100mL) <sup>2</sup>	Outfall ID	(MPN/100mL)
201	Yes	0.14	110	Not Detected	-
214	No	0.14	0	Not Detected	-
219	Yes	0.75	300	610-611	No Flow
231	No	2	16,000	543	1,800
242	Yes	0.2	3,000	444	1,600
			1,700		
243	Yes	-	(wet weather)	447	1,600
247	Yes		>16,000 (wet weather)	485-491	No Flow
247	1 62	-	>16,000	400-491	INO FIOW
258	No	-	(wet weather)	383	No Flow
263	Yes	0.15	>16,000	554	No Flow
266	Yes	0.5	220	370	130
703	Yes	-	Not Sampled	615	0
704	No	-	2,400	395	No Flow
802	Yes	1.5	NA	404-409	No Flow
804	Yes	-	Not Sampled	Not Detected	-
815	No	0.1	NA	Not Detected	-

#### Notes:

- 1) The Blackstone River Watershed TMDL identifies outfalls that may be DOT owned based on the road closest to the outfall. All outfalls that are not owned by DOT are owned by the City of Woonsocket
- 2) MPN is the "Most Probable Number" and is a statistically derived number that represents the actual number of colonies in a sample.





### 2.3.6 Failing Septic Systems

Pages 54-55 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

Although the City of Woonsocket is sewered, as is Pawtucket and Central Falls, portions of Lincoln and Cumberland, a significant portion of the watershed is more rural and dependent upon on-site septic systems. Proper maintenance and upkeep of septic systems are critical to both public health and ecological health. A failing system can release untreated or inadequately treated wastewater containing pathogens into the groundwater, and directly or indirectly to surface waters. Storm drains may serve as conduits for inadequately treated wastewater to be discharged into surface waters, in both dry weather via cracked storm drains intercepting the contaminated plumes or in wet weather through the mixing of "surfaced" wastewater and stormwater runoff. Through these pathways, even failing septic systems located away from the direct vicinity of the river may impair water quality. Since 2005, a total of 47 septic system infractions in the watershed of the Blackstone River were identified by RIDEM. It should be noted that DEM does not have evidence that these were directly contributing to observed bacteria elevations, though they represent a significant potential source.

Figure 2 below shows septic system-related infractions in the Blackstone Watershed between 2005 and 2009 including Notices of Violation (NOVs) and permit applications. It should be noted that permit applications are not associated with failing OWTS and are not potential sources. The vast majority of the NOVs shown in Figure 2 are associated with septic system failures. NOVs may also include illegal tie-ins to storm drain systems, illegal direct discharges and System Suitability Determination Infractions (issued when owners make significant upgrades to residences without submitting an application to the Office of Water Resources to determine if existing system is adequate to service additional demands.)

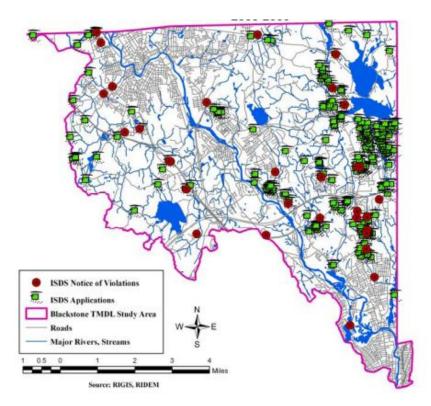


Figure 2—ISDS[i.e., OWTS] Applications and Notice of Violations (NOVs) in Blackstone River Watershed TMDL Study Area 2005-2009 (Reprinted from Blackstone Watershed TMDL)





It should be noted that this plan is intended to address the MS4 and not wastewater.

## 2.3.7 Sediment Resuspension and Embankment Sloughing

Page 56 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

In previous studies, sediment resuspension and sloughing of river embankments have been observed in the impoundments along the Massachusetts portion of the Blackstone River. Toxic sediments tend to build on the upstream side of impoundments and these can be transported downstream during periods of high flows. Fisherville Pond and Rice City Pond in Massachusetts are two of the more notable impoundments along the Blackstone due to the large areas of exposed sediments that are present. In the study conducted on these impoundments for the Army Corps of Engineers (Wright, et al, 2004), re-suspension and sloughing was a significant source sediments in the downstream river reaches. It was also noted in the BRI (Wright, et al, 2001) that Rice City Pond was a significant source of re-suspended sediments during wet weather events. This impoundment is approximately 8.2 miles upstream of W-01. Other impoundments between Fisherville and the MA/RI border that may be potential sinks for toxic sediments include Farnumsville, Riverdale, and the Blackstone Gorge.

The Blackstone River Watershed TMDL does not identify embankment sloughing as a source from Woonsocket riverbank areas.

#### 2.3.8 Waste Sources

Page 56 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

There are numerous waste cleanup sites located within the Blackstone River watershed. Waste cleanup sites include Superfund sites, federal facilities, brownfields, underground storage tank system releases, treatment, storage and disposal facility accidental releases, and oil spills. EPA New England's Office of Site Remediation and Restoration (OSRR) administers the region's waste site cleanup and reuse programs and provides a web site to locate hazardous waste sites in New England...

In the portion of the Blackstone River watershed addressed in this TMDL, there are approximately 166 Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST), 128 Waste Management Sites, with 17 of these on the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) which indicates further investigation may be necessary to determine if these sites should be included on the National Priorities List as a superfund site. Additionally, there are 6 waste lagoons in the watershed, one of which is inactive, three are closed, and two still active at the Riverview Quarry in Cumberland and Wrights Dairy Farm in North Smithfield.

It should be noted that although LUSTs are present in the watershed, they are likely not sources of metals or pathogens.





#### 2.3.9 Massachusetts

Pages 57-59 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

As part of the [Blackstone River Watershed TMDL] study, field investigations included collection of samples under both dry and wet weather conditions at stations located just north of the state line on each of the Blackstone, Mill and Peters Rivers to evaluate contributions of pollutants from the Massachusetts portion of the respective watersheds. As documented in the [Blackstone River Watershed TMDL] report with the exception of fecal coliform, more than 50% of the dry weather annual loads of individual constituents observed at Station W-02 at Manville Dam were contributed by Massachusetts' sources. For fecal coliform, 41% of the annual dry weather fecal coliform load measured at Station W-02 was contributed by Massachusetts' sources (without consideration for bacterial decay). Water quality at Station W-01 in Millville, MA exceeded 200 MPN/100 coliform criteria for seven of the eighteen surveys. Prior to 2008, MA treatment facilities did not have a fecal coliform limit from November 1 to March 30. [Blackstone River Watershed TMDL] data showed a geomean of 1056 MPN/100ml for this period of dry weather sampling. A revised NPDES permit issued for Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District by the USEPA effective on October 1, 2008 limits the maximum daily value at 1,429 MPN/100ml. Massachusetts sources as measured at Station W-01 accounted for 129% of the average wet weather percent load measured at Station W-02 at Manville Dam (not accounting for bacterial decay). By comparison, the Branch, Mill and Peters Rivers' contribution averaged 14%, 11% and 13% respectively over the three storms. For dissolved lead, 67% of the annual dry weather load measured at Station W-02 was contributed by Massachusetts' sources as measured at Station W-01. For wet weather, approximately 97% of the total average wet weather lead load to the reach was accounted for at Station W-02, with Massachusetts sources accounting for 84% of the average wet weather percent load observed at Station W-02.

On the Peters River, unlike the Mill River, sources above the State line are important and do represent a significant portion of the fecal coliform load in the lower stations (W-15 and W-16)... Dissolved copper and lead samples collected as part of the [Blackstone River Watershed TMDL] field surveys showed that significant sources of these elements are located in the Massachusetts portion of the watersheds for the Mill and Peters Rivers.

This source affects the waters of the Blackstone River in the City of Woonsocket, but is not caused by sources entering the river from the City of Woonsocket.

#### 2.3.10 Branch River

Page 60 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

The Branch River is a significant contributor of fecal coliform to the Blackstone in the RI portion of the river between the state line and Manville Dam (W-02). The Branch River exceeded the State's 200 MPN/100ml limit for three of the four times that it was sampled during the dry weather surveys. A mass balance for surveys 7, 9, and 11 where all stations were





sampled showed that an average of 301% of the fecal load at Station W-02 was accounted for. Of this109% was contributed by the Branch, followed by 108% at W-01, and the Mill in third at 71% of the load... The Branch River was the largest [Rhode Island] contributor at 28% of the dissolved lead load at Manville Dam (W-02) during the dry weather surveys...

RIDEM will further evaluate the sources of lead and pathogens to the Branch River, and needed reductions to meet both Branch River and Blackstone River water quality standards as part of the Branch River TMDL investigation [are] scheduled to be completed by 2020.

## 2.4 Waterbody-Specific TMDL Recommendations

This section of the plan summarizes the DEM recommendations presented in the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL. Each of the sections in *Section 2.3* are addressed individually, although some were determined to not need action based on the findings described in *Section 2.3*. Outfalls discussed in this section can be found on the map in *Appendix A*.

#### 2.4.1 Storm Water

Pages 92-93 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

The watershed of the Blackstone River contains a mix of high density and rural areas. When possible, efforts by municipalities, land trusts and others to preserve open space should continue. As land is developed, it is critical that significant natural features be protected to maintain the area's unique characteristics and to prevent further degradation of water quality – as can be achieved through use of conservation development and LID techniques. Redevelopment projects represent opportunities to reduce the water quality impacts from the watershed's urban uses by reducing impervious cover and/or attenuating runoff on-site. As described below, municipal ordinances must be reviewed and revised to make sure that future development projects do not add to water quality problems and that redevelopment projects reduce contributions to the water quality problems in the Blackstone River Watershed.

Pages 103-105 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states specifically for the City of Woonsocket:

Woonsocket must... assess and prioritize drainage systems listed in [*Table 6*] for the design and construction of BMPs that reduce the pollutants of concern and stormwater volumes to the maximum extent feasible...





## Table 6 Priority Outfalls

BTMDL Data Report ID	Outfall Size (inches)	Dry Flow (cfs)	Wet Flow Estimated (cfs)	Highest Observed Fecal Coliform (MPN/100ml)	Highest Observed Dissolved Copper (µg/L)	Highest Observed Dissolved Lead (µg/L)	Drains 2 or more Impervious Acres	Presumed Ownership*
-				Woonsock	et			
				Blackstone F	liver			
201	48	0.14	5.0	110	1.8	0.19	<b>√</b>	Woonsocket/ DOT
205	60	-	0.20	270	5.3	5.7		Woonsocket/ DOT
213	36							Woonsocket
214	48	0.14					<b>√</b>	Woonsocket
215	36							Woonsocket
218	30						V	Woonsocket
219	72	0.75		300	4.2	0.23	V	Woonsocket/ DOT
222	36							Woonsocket
225	42							Woonsocket
231	48	2.0	5.0	16,000	3.1	1.5	V	Woonsocket
233	30						V	Woonsocket
234	36 x 36							Woonsocket
235	15		0.10	2,200	8.5	2.0		Woonsocket
242	30	0.08	0.20	3,000	12.0	3.7	Ţ.	Woonsocket/ DOT
243	48		0.40	1,700	17.0	8.1	V	Woonsocket/ DOT
244	18		0.2	130	5.4	3.4	-	Woonsocket
245	36 x 48						V	Woonsocket/ DOT
247	72		3.5	>16,000	8.9	4.6	V	Woonsocket/ DOT
251	24						Į.	Woonsocket
252	24							Woonsocket
255	27						√	Woonsocket
258	60		0.25	>16,000	12.0	3.3	V	Woonsocket
260	24				1001002			Woonsocket/ DOT
263	36	0.15	2.5	>16,000	7.1	3,5	V	Woonsocket/ DOT
266	48	0.50	6.0	220	4.8	0.7	1	Woonsocket/ DOT
2200000		Lastes.	10000	Mill Rive		2750		
703	24							Woonsocket/ DOT
704	36		0.5	2,400	5.7	7.2	V	Woonsocket
07,775				Peters Riv	er		))	
802	24	1.5	5		2.5	1.1	V	Woonsocket/ DOT
804	72	V7777.0				310/	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Woonsocket/ DOT
806	18-24							Woonsocket
815	24	0.10			1.7		V	Woonsocket

(Reprinted from Blackstone River Watershed TMDL)

[Table 6] lists thirty-one priority outfalls located in Woonsocket of which, the City of Woonsocket is the presumed owner of eighteen, and either RIDOT or Woonsocket the presumed owner of thirteen. As a preliminary step, Woonsocket must work with RIDOT to confirm ownership, to identify interconnections among the drainage systems to the priority outfalls, and to prioritize those with high pathogen levels and/or trace metals in their discharges based upon available information. Woonsocket should begin this assessment process by reviewing available information for priority outfalls listen [sic] in [Table 6], as well as any other monitoring data collected by the City or others.

The outfalls [listed] below are a subset of the priority outfalls listed in [Table 6] [and were selected due to their high pollutant concentrations and the amount of impervious surface in





their catchments]...These should be considered a starting point for further investigations by Woonsocket. (List adapted from Blackstone River Watershed TMDL)

- Outfall 219- located at the mouth of Cherry Brook as it enters the Blackstone River
- Outfall 231- had dry weather flow and high pathogen and lead concentrations
- Outfall 242- had dry weather flow and high pathogen and dissolved metals concentrations
- Outfall 243- had a wet weather fecal coliform concentration of 1,700 MPN/100mL and high lead concentrations
- Outfall 247- had a wet weather pathogen concentration of 16,000 MPN/100mL and high lead concentrations
- Outfall 258- area draining to outfall has experienced significant redevelopment and had high pathogen and trace metals concentrations
- Outfall 263- had dry weather flow and is located across from the Woonsocket WWTF and had high pathogen and trace metal concentrations
- Outfall 704- had high wet weather pathogen and lead concentrations
- Outfall 703- not originally sampled but was identified as a possible source due to an auto parts yard in the outfall's catchment
- Outfall 802- catchment contains impervious surfaces and samples contained trace metals
- Outfall 804- is partially submerged and was determined to potentially have a low dry weather flow
- Outfall 815- had a dry weather flow and high dissolved metals concentrations; white foam was observed, suggesting the potential presence of domestic wastewater containing detergents

The IDDE Program completed sampling of many of the same outfalls as identified in the list above. The results from this study are presented in *Table 5*. *Table 7* below describes the recommended action for each of the outfalls listed above. Those outfalls for which it is recommended that further action be taken are highlighted in orange.

Table 7
Recommendations for Priority Outfalls

Blackstone	IDDE	
TMDL Outfall	Program	
ID	Outfall ID	Recommendation
		This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling and a very low
		bacteria concentration during the TMDL sampling. Because the
219	610-611	IDDE sampling was completed most recently, it is recommended that this outfall be removed from the priority outfall list.
	3.3 3.1	This outfall should be kept on the priority outfall list. Dry weather
		flows with high bacteria concentrations were noted during each
231	543	sampling program.
		This outfall should be kept on the priority outfall list. Dry weather
		flows with high bacteria concentrations were noted during each
242	444	sampling program.





	I	
Blackstone TMDL Outfall ID	IDDE Program Outfall ID	Recommendation
		This outfall should be kept on the priority outfall list. Dry weather
		flows with high bacteria concentrations were noted during the IDDE
		program. However, wet weather flows with high bacteria concentrations alone from the TMDL study would not warrant
243	447	identification as a priority outfall.
2.10		This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling and no flow
		during dry weather for the TMDL sampling. It is recommended that
247	485-491	this outfall be removed from the priority outfall list.
		This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling and no flow
		during dry weather for the TMDL sampling. There was a wet weather sample with a high bacteria concentration. It is
		recommended that the watershed draining to this outfall is
258	383	investigated.
		This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling which was
		completed more recently than the TMDL sampling. It is
2/2	FF4	recommended that this outfall be removed from the priority outfall
263	554	list. This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling and no flow
		during dry weather for the TMDL sampling. Location near an auto
		parts yard does not warrant identification as a priority outfall if
		sampling proves the outfall is not a source of bacteria during dry
		weather. It is recommended that this outfall be removed from the
703	615	priority outfall list.
		This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling and no flow during dry weather for the TMDL sampling. There was a wet
		weather sample with a high bacteria concentration. It is
		recommended that the watershed draining to this outfall is
704	395	investigated.
		This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling and no flow
		during dry weather for the TMDL sampling. There was no bacteria
		detected during wet weather sampling during the TMDL study. It is recommended that the watershed draining to this outfall is
802	404-409	investigated.
		This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling and no flow
		during dry weather for the TMDL sampling. Partial submersion
		does not warrant identification as a priority outfall. It is
804	Not Detected	recommended that the watershed draining to this outfall is
004	NOT DETECTED	investigated.  This outfall had no flow during the IDDE sampling and no flow
		during dry weather for the TMDL sampling. There was no bacteria
		detected during wet weather sampling during the TMDL study. It is
0:-		recommended that the watershed draining to this outfall is
815	Not Detected	investigated.

For the outfalls that remain on the priority list (outfalls #231, 242, 243, 258, and 704) the following next steps should be taken as described in *The City of Woonsocket Storm Water Management Plan*:

1. Delineate the drainage area of each outfall with a dry-weather flow component to determine the extent of potential sources. This could be done by two methods.





- Utilize TV inspection to identify sources of the dry-weather flows. This inspection could
  identify the extent of the system where there is a dry-weather flow component and identify
  connections to the storm sewer that are contributing dry-weather flow.
- Inspect the drainage system, structure by structure, to determine the extent of the system
  where there is a dry-weather flow component. At this time, the system and its connections
  where a dry-weather flow component was observed, should be mapped, or sketched a
  minimum. This should be the first task completed as it will limit the extent of the
  investigation.
- 2. Inventory the drainage area of each outfall of concern to evaluate the locations of potential pollutant sources. This will consist of reviewing the City's GIS database, land use and street maps to identify potential pollutant sources in the drainage area. In addition, water quality data from the outfall of concern should be reviewed to determine what the potential sources may be.
- 3. Conduct additional "targeted" wet or dry-weather sampling at selected locations down-gradient of suspected pollutant sources to "bracket" sources of pollutants in the system. Based on experience with past projects, this effort will be able to specifically identify portions of the storm sewer system where illicit discharges enter the system.
- 4. Conduct detailed field inventory. Field inventories should be performed on foot and via windshield surveys, beginning at the point discharge, and following the bracketed drainage system up-gradient. The purpose of the field inventories is to further define what the potential source(s) may be.

Conduct Dye testing to pinpoint a specific discharge. This would require access into buildings and inserting dye at all potential illicit discharges which will require the field staff to be thorough. Permission would be required to enter businesses.

- 5. Eliminate the illicit discharge once found.
- 6. Confirm elimination of illicit discharges by collecting appropriate confirmation samples. This could either be done at the outfall or just downstream of the eliminated discharge.

#### 2.4.2 RIPDES Sources

Regarding "RIPDES sources," Section 5.8.1.1 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

The allocations for the Woonsocket WWTF are the same in dry or wet weather and, consistent with EPA policy, are set to meet the bacteria standards at the point of discharge. Since Rhode Island adopted recreational enterococci criteria in 2009, the Woonsocket WWTF RIPDES permit (which expires in October 2013) will be revised consistent with this wasteload allocation when it is reissued. The Class B/B1 enterococci criterion is a geometric mean concentration of 54 colonies per 100 mL...While the re-issued permit will not include limits for fecal coliform, the plant will be required to continue its monitoring of fecal coliform.





## 2.4.3 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)

As noted in *Section 2.3.3* none of the known CSOs mentioned in the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL are discharging from the City of Woonsocket, therefore no action is required.

## 2.4.4 Domestic Animal and Vermin Waste

Page 114 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states:

Municipalities' education and outreach programs should highlight the importance of picking up after pets and not feeding birds. Pet wastes should be disposed of away from any waterway or stormwater system that discharges to the study area. The cities and towns in the Blackstone Watershed should work with volunteers to map locations where pet waste is a significant and a chronic problem. This work should be incorporated into the municipalities' Phase II plans and should result in an evaluation of strategies to reduce the impact of pet waste on water quality. This may include installing signage, providing pet waste receptacles or pet waste digester systems in high-use areas, enacting ordinances requiring clean-up of pet waste, and focusing educational and outreach programs in problem areas.

Towns and residents can take several measures to minimize bird-related impacts. They can allow tall, coarse vegetation to grow in areas along the shores of the Blackstone River that are frequented by waterfowl. Waterfowl, especially grazers like geese, prefer easy access to the water. Maintaining an uncut vegetated buffer along the shore will make the habitat less desirable to geese and encourage migration. With few exceptions, Part XIV, Section 14.13 of Rhode Island's Hunting Regulations prohibits feeding wild waterfowl at any time in the state of Rhode Island (2009a). Educational programs should emphasize that feeding waterfowl, such as ducks, geese, and swans, contributes to water quality impairments in the Blackstone Watershed and can harm human health and the environment.

### 2.4.5 Illicit Sources

As mentioned in *Section 2.3.5* a few stormwater discharges were the only noted illicit source in the City of Woonsocket. Recommendations for monitoring these discharges can be found in *Section 2.4.1*.

### 2.4.6 Failing Septic Systems

As noted in *Section 2.3.6* the City of Woonsocket is sewered; although, there were a few ISDS applications and ISDS notice of violations between 2005 and 2009 in the City of Woonsocket.

Page 98 of the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL states: "An educational campaign targeted to residential land uses should include activities that residents can take to minimize water quality and water





quantity impacts. Measures that can reduce bacteria contamination include proper septic system maintenance..."

### 2.4.7 Sediment Resuspension and Embankment Sloughing

As noted in *Section 2.3.7* sediment resuspension and embankment sloughing is not a source of concern after the river crosses through the City of Woonsocket.

#### 2.4.8 Waste Sources

As stated in *Section 2.3.8* there are many cleanup sites in all portions of the Blackstone River. Continuing cleanup efforts to address waste management should be made to reduce the potential of contaminating the Blackstone River. Voluntary river cleanups should be organized to promote community recognition of the issue and healthy waste disposal practices. Additionally enforcing the existing dumping prohibitions will likely reduce potential contamination due to waste sources.

#### 2.4.9 Massachusetts

This potential source is not a source that can be managed by the City of Woonsocket.

#### 2.4.10 Branch River

As stated in *Section 2.3.10* the Branch River is a known source of lead and pathogens to the Blackstone River. RIDEM is evaluating the sources and needs for reducing these loads. The TMDL is scheduled to be completed by 2020. It is suggested that the area downstream of the Branch River is paid less attention until more is known about the sources contributing from the Branch River. Sources on the Branch River can be paid more attention immediately.

## 2.5 Identifying Pollution Sources to Waters with Finalized TMDLs

The Blackstone River Watershed TMDL points to stormwater as the most likely source of fecal coliform and dissolved metals to the waterbody within the City of Woonsocket. It is noted, however, that the general level of investigations conducted to this point do not support determination of relative level of contribution from municipal, State (RIDOT) and private sources; or even whether sources have been definitively identified. Prior to the planning and implementation of BMPs and expenditure of significant money and effort, it is recommended that the current understanding of the sources contributing to Woonsocket reaches of the Blackstone River be further refined. *Table 8*, below, provides a breakdown of available methods to determine the nature and extent of pollution contribution by suspected source.





# Table 8 Suspected Sources and Methods to Determine Level of Contribution

Source	Method <sup>a</sup>
Stormwater	<ul><li>Wet-weather sampling</li><li>Modeling calibrated with limited sampling</li></ul>
Wastewater	<ul> <li>IDDE (e.g., dry-weather surveys)</li> <li>Presence of signature pollutants (e.g., bacteria, surfactants, ammonia, DNA)</li> <li>OWTS permit/violation locations</li> <li>Groundwater studies (to identify areas where exfiltrating wastewater from leaky sewer pipes may be contaminating storm drains)</li> </ul>
Domestic Animal and Vermin Waste	<ul> <li>Direct observation</li> <li>Limited DNA sampling for presence of nonhuman sources</li> <li>Presence of signature pollutants (e.g., fecal coliform, ammonia, and surfactants) to differentiate human/nonhuman sources</li> </ul>

#### Notes:

#### Storm Water

To better ascertain the nature and extent of storm water impacts on water quality within the Blackstone River, the City of Woonsocket anticipates continuing monitoring the outfalls listed as potential outfalls of concern in *Section 2.4.1* of this document. . It is envisioned that such an approach will refine the City's strategy regarding storm water sources of contamination, allowing for more targeted selection and siting of BMPs.

#### Wastewater

It has been determined that in the City of Woonsocket, wastewater is not a source of concern due to the permitting requirements of the Woonsocket WWTF and presence of a municipal sewer system. No further source identification is proposed under this plan.

#### Domestic Animal and Vermin Waste

Although waste from waterfowl and domestic pets is a very tangible source of pollution to the Blackstone River, no specific reaches, ponds or riverfront areas within the City of Woonsocket are cited in the TMDL as locations where animal waste is deemed to be a concern. The Town will continue in to comply with the six minimum measures (i.e., education/outreach and signage) to encourage proper pet waste management and discourage the feeding of waterfowl (see *Section 4* below).



a The methods in this column are general methods, some of which have already been used to narrow down sources in the subject areas.



# 3 Selection of Structural BMPs to Address the TMDL

### 3.1 Identify Remaining Discharges

As previously noted, the City of Woonsocket has completed the outfall mapping requirement as part of the RIPDES Phase II Program for Small MS4s. The City expects that all municipally owned storm water outfalls have been identified; however, it is possible that unidentified discharges exist. As needed the City will work to identify, survey, and document any previously unidentified outfalls discharging to the Blackstone River (including source and ownership).

### 3.2 Process for Defining Catchments

The City has already mapped its outfalls and catch basins. A copy of the City of Woonsocket outfall map that was developed for the Dry Weather Sampling program in 2006 is in *Appendix A*. If needed, the City will define the drainage areas of outfalls of concern using available topographical information (including USGS maps). The Blackstone Rivers will be the focus of the SWMPP for future implementation of BMPs.

## 3.3 Process for Identifying Interconnections

The City of Woonsocket has geolocated its catch basins and mapped its stormwater outfalls. The City cleans and inspects its catch basins annually. To date, no interconnections have been identified; however, if future investigatory work (e.g., catch basin inspections) reveals previously unidentified interconnections, the City will add such connections to its drainage system data.

### 3.4 Identify Potential Structural BMPs

This section of the plan discusses a process for tailoring types and locations of structural BMPs. Although the IDDE program was completed, it is recommended that more sampling occur at those outfalls identified as priority outfalls in *Section 2.4.1* occur before implementation of structural BMPs. This is to allow for more targeted and successful BMP implementation.

- Pollutants of concern.
  - o The pollutant of concern in the Woonsocket reach of the Blackstone River has been identified in the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL as bacteria and dissolved metals.
- Locations
  - o BMP locations should be identified pursuant to the results of any future modeling and water quality data as appropriate. It is suspected that BMPs will be sited in the catchments draining to the priority outfalls.
- BMPs
  - o Structural BMPs that target bacteria include:





- Gravel wet vegetated treatment systems
- Infiltration practices (infiltration trenches, sub-surface chambers and dry wells)
- Permeable pavement
- Filtration practices (sand filters, organic filters, and bioretention basins)
- o Structural BMPs that target dissolved metals include:
  - Infiltration practices (infiltration trenches, sub-surface chambers and dry wells)
  - Permeable pavement
  - Filtration practices (sand filters, organic filters, and bioretention basins)
  - Open channel systems (dry swales and wet swales)

### 4 Revisions to the Six Minimum Measures in North Providence's SWMPP

#### 4.1 Public Education and Outreach

Certain actions by the general public may have a direct and adverse effect on water quality (e.g., illicit dumping, illicit discharging, improper management of pet feces, etc.). This SWMPP revision includes implementation of several general measures to address the pollutants of concern for the Blackstone River.

The City's 2004 SWMPP provides detailed information on the public education and outreach measures that the City will implement. As recommended in the TMDL, the City will focus its efforts on proper septic system maintenance, proper pet waste management, discouragement of feeding waterfowl and waste management. The City will continue to work with the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension, Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) as well as neighborhood associations and other local groups to incorporate public education and outreach materials into the City's storm water program. To help address illegal dumping, these efforts will include continuing to sponsor and assist with Earth Day Cleanups (distributing flyers, providing trash removal, etc.) The City will also continue to disseminate fact sheets to inform residents of recycling, electronic waste disposal, and best management practices for storm water runoff quality (pet waste clean-up, use of fertilizers, car washing, low-impact development), employing NEMO-developed materials as appropriate.

### 4.2 Public Involvement/Participation

Studies show that stewardship messages alter behavior most effectively when delivered by peers. Public participation (i.e., volunteerism) will encourage behavior that will lead to better water quality in the City's waterbodies. Individuals who help to deliver these messages tend to internalize them, which also results in behavior change.

The City intends to maintain public involvement through the Engineering, Planning, and Public Works Departments. Through coordination with local civic groups and the Mayor's office the town will continue to maintain public participation on stormwater management activities related to public participation, education and outreach.





Several examples of public participation activities are listed in the City's 2004 SWMPP. DEM, RIDOT, and URI are developing watershed protection programs through the Storm Water Outreach Program. Implementation of these programs will be tailored for use by the City.

## 4.3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

As previously noted, the City has recently completed the required dry-weather IDDE surveys and has reported the results to the RIPDES permitting program. Through dry-weather surveys, each outfall is inspected, and if flowing, sampled for the presence of bacteria, ammonia, and surfactants. Of the 285 outfalls located, 42 were found to be discharging and only 40 had sufficient flow for collection of a sample. These outfalls are not necessary illicit but were identified as potentially illicit.

The City included seven next steps to investigate the potential illicit discharges found. These are listed below.

- 1) Delineate the drainage area of each outfall with a dry-weather flow component
- 2) Inventory the drainage area of each outfall of concern to evaluate the locations of potential pollutant sources
- Conduct additional targeted wet and dry-weather sampling at selected locations downstream of outfalls of concern
- 4) Conduct detailed field inventories to further define the potential sources.
- 5) Conduct site investigations at each suspected source.
- 6) Eliminate the illicit discharge once found.
- 7) Confirm elimination of illicit discharges by collecting appropriate samples.

### 4.4 Construction and Post Construction Control

The City has completed the required elements pursuant to the Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control measure, and the 2004 SWMPP describes the Town's implementation strategy.

The following section has been adapted from the Blackstone River Watershed TMDL pages 100-101.

New land development and redevelopment projects in the City will employ stormwater controls to prevent any net increase in bacteria and trace metals pollution to the waterbodies in the Blackstone River. Waterbodies of specific importance within the watershed include the Blackstone River mainstem (RI0001003R-01A) for pathogens, cadmium and lead; the Blackstone River mainstem (RI0001003R-01B) for pathogens, cadmium and lead; the Cherry Brook (RI0001003R-02) for pathogens and copper; the Mill River (RI0001003R-03) for pathogens and Peters River (RI0001003R-04) for pathogens and copper.

Woonsocket will consider expanding existing ordinances to include projects that disturb less than one acre (as the existing ordinance only requires establishing post construction stormwater controls for sites disturbing one or more acres.)





## 4.5 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

The City of Woonsocket has completed the elements required pursuant to the pollution prevention/good housekeeping minimum measure. This includes annual catch basin inspection and cleaning. Any required repairs or modifications to storm water collection and conveyance systems identified through these inspections are undertaken by the City DPW, which will continue to perform such corrective measures as required. Inspections of facilities owned and operated by the City are conducted on a regular basis; to date these inspections have been appropriate and effective in preventing pollution from potential sources from entering the municipal drainage systems.

### 5 Measureable Goals for Implementation

The City will complete the measures identified in *Section 4.3* as part of their IDDE program in order to determine the locations of potential sources within the watershed. Further testing should also be done at those outfalls identified in *Section 2.4.1*. After additional sampling efforts have been completed, structural BMPs that treat the known pollutants at each source should be designed and constructed. Suggested BMPs are listed in *Section 3.4*.

The City also intends to introduce a post-construction storm water management ordinance. The post-construction storm water management ordinance includes a land-disturbance threshold of 1,000 square feet and addresses both low-impact development and redevelopment projects. Adoption of the ordinance is contingent upon acceptance by City Council.

It is expected that the City can apply for a 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement grant application to DEM to address the feasibility of conducting low-impact development retrofits in the Blackstone River.

## 6 Program Evaluation

### 6.1 Revisions to the Storm Water Management Program

Regulated municipalities must annually evaluate the compliance of its storm water management program with the conditions of the general permit. The evaluation must consider the appropriateness of the selected BMPs in efforts towards achieving the defined measurable goals. The Town will report on its efforts to achieve measurable goals discussed in *Section 5.0* of this SWMPP revision as part of its annual report.





### 6.2 Ongoing Projects

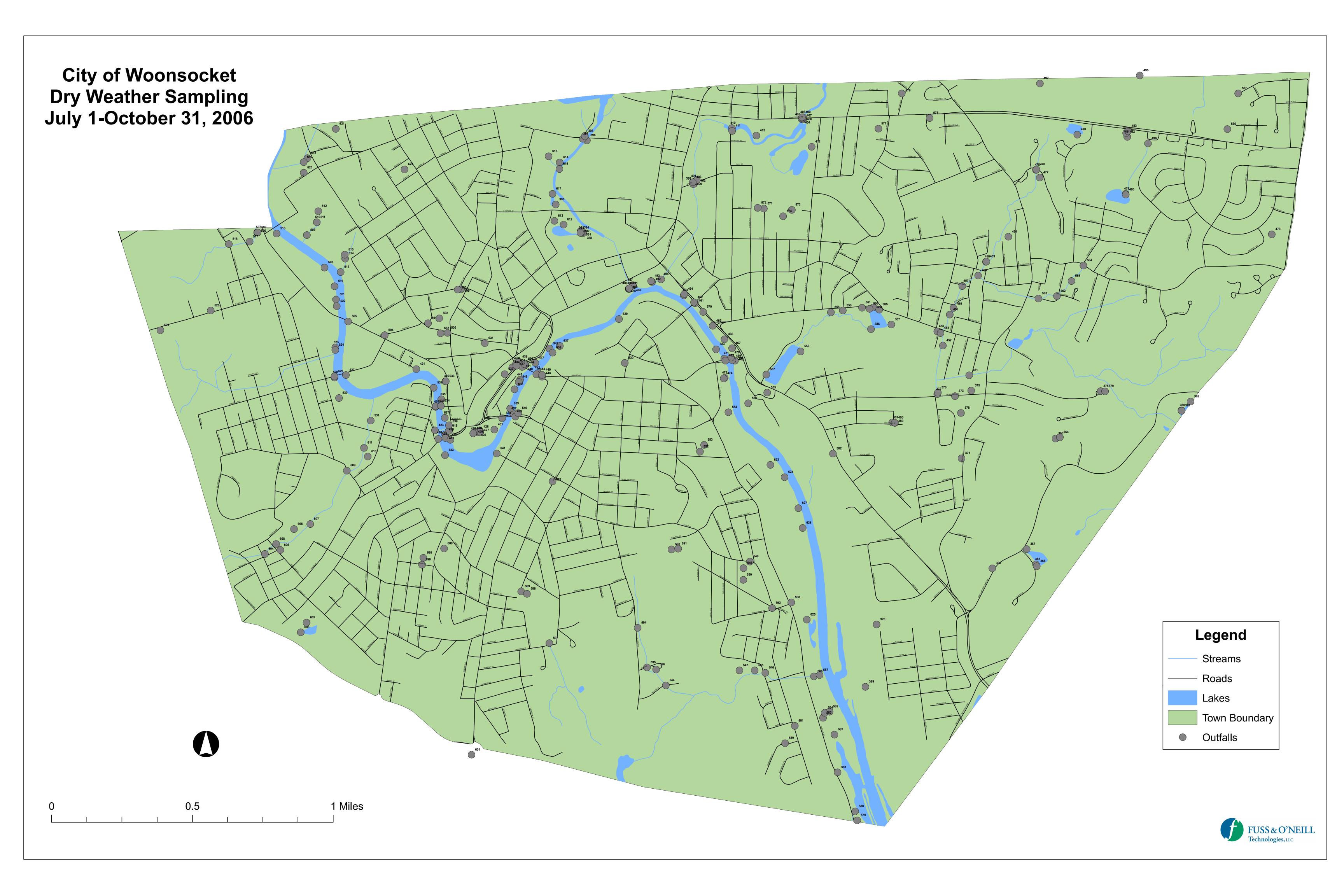
Currently, the City of Woonsocket is working on developing project plans to dredge accumulated sediment from a recreational pond. The sediment is understood to have been deposited into the pond via storm drains that deposit directly into the pond. Part of the project plan is to determine where the water carrying the sediment is coming from. Additional goals of this project include upgrading the amenities of the park surrounding the waterbody.



## Appendix A

Outfall Map







## Attachment 7

Phase II Year 12 Public Notice

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