

# DCR's Stormwater Program

**DCR** Stewardship Meeting

December 10, 2020

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### MS4 Permit Background



## DCR Stormwater Team

#### **DCR Team**

- Robert Lowell—Deputy Chief Engineer
- Thomas Valton—Director Stormwater & Environmental
- Debra Berger—*Project Manager*
- Joe McCrann—Field Supervisor
- Robert Rose—*Heavy Equipment Operator*
- 6 long-term engineering aides from April 1-November 30

#### **Additional Support**

- VHB—Stormwater program consultant
- National Water Main Cleaning Co.— Street sweeping contractor
- Rapid Flow Inc.—
  Catch basin cleaning contractor
- Tasco Construction—Infrastructure maintenance
  and construction repair contractor



## Significant MS4 Program Achievements So Far

- Mapping drainage system statewide
  - >32,000 structures and pipes
- Illicit discharge sampling of 1,000+ outfalls
- Social media messaging
- Focused operation and maintenance of drainage system
- Comprehensive catch basin program
  - Approx. 2,000 tons of material removed from catch basins per year
- Daily & nightly street sweeping on urban parkways and parking lots
  - >1,200 cubic yards



### Statewide Infrastructure Achievements

- Underground water quality treatment units along Memorial Drive
- Inline tide gates at Morrissey Blvd to reduce coastal flooding and roadway closures
- Drainage redesign with stormwater recharge areas on Revere Beach Blvd and Winthrop Shore Drive
- Pervious pavement sidewalks in Cambridge
- Rain gardens, retention basins, deep sump catch basins at Wachusett Reservoir and other locations

Deferred Maintenance Repairs: **\$2.5 Million** 



## Stormwater Program Collaborations

#### **External Affairs**

- Stormwater Website
- Public Education
- Social Media

#### Office of Water Supply Management

- Wachusett Educational
  Programs
- Public Education
- Water Quality Protection





#### **Stormwater Engineering**

- Project Kickoff Mtgs, Public Review of SWMP
  - Catch Basin Cleaning, Street Sweeping



#### Park Friend Groups & Associations

**Operations** 

Field Services

Leaf Removal

- Volunteer Cleanups
- Public Participation



#### Commissioner's Office/Office of General Council

- Overall Program Support
- Drainage Tie In Regs and Policy



#### Municipalities & Other Agencies

- MS4 Coordination
- Maintenance MOUs (Boston)
- DEP Stormwater Advisory Committee

### **GIS** Database





## Fiscal Year 2021 Major Tasks

- Social media
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
  - Detects unpermitted connections to DCR drainage system
  - Completion of dry weather screening (~500 outfalls)
  - Progress catchment mapping and investigations of drainage system
  - Progress wet weather outfall screening
  - Potential illicit discharge follow up
  - Finalize regulation for drainage connections
- Labor Yard Pollution Prevention Plans and quarterly inspections
- Street sweeping and catch basin cleaning
- Stormwater Handbook for more stringent water quality treatment requirements

#### Total Budget for Fiscal Year: **\$5.5 Million**



#### Impaired Watershed Requirement Major Tasks

- Long-term land planning for water quality
- Develop Phosphorus Control Plans (PCPs) for up to 8 watersheds
  - Charles River Watershed has 116 DCR facilities
  - Lakes and ponds watersheds
- Nutrient Source Identification Reports (NSIR) for up to 13 impaired watersheds
  - Phosphorus or Nitrogen
- Identify pollutant sources/ develop load calculations
- Plan for and build retrofit structural controls to address TMDL requirements and make progress on water quality goals



### Annual Requirements

- EPA Annual Report
- Review of regulated facilities and impacted receiving waters
- Distribute public education messages
- Public involvement events
- Employee training
- Quarterly inspections of labor yards
- Catch basin cleaning and reporting
- Inspection of DCR-owned water quality units
- Street and parking lot sweeping
- Updating of Stormwater Management Plan and Operation & Maintenance Plan

Year 2 Annual Report Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit Reporting Period: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

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#### Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization: Department of Conservation and Recreation

P.P.A NPDES Permit Number: MAR043001

#### Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information

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#### Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (web address): https://www.mass.gov/service-details/der-stormwater-management Data/SWMP was Last Opdated: Jun 30, 2020 If the SWMP is not available on the web please provide the physical address: NA

## Longer Term Requirements

- Tracking and maintaining structural controls
- Dry weather outfall screening 2021
- Projects to include increased water quality requirements 2021
- Stormwater retrofit opportunities identified and construction scheduled 2022
- Construct controls to provide 20% pollutant reduction
  - Charles River 2028
  - Lakes and Ponds watersheds 2026
- Catchment investigations
  - ~50 problem outfalls 2025
  - Remaining +1,000 Outfalls 2028
- Stormwater system mapping of entire drainage system - 2028
- Wet weather outfall screening 2028



## Water Quality Benefits to DCR

- Public enjoyment and recreation
- Stormwater impacts surface water quality
  - Impacts beach closures
- Drinking Water
  - Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs
  - Most public water supply wells



#### Nahant Beach - DCR August 28 · 3 UPDATE: Closure has been lifted as of Saturday, August <u>29th, 2020 at 2pm</u>

WATER QUALITY CLOSURE

DCR announces a water quality closure at Nahant Beach, active as of 2:00pm on Friday, August 28th, 2020. ... See More



## Questions?

