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Ms. Rachel C. Madden, Undersecretary

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, EOAF

24 Beacon Street, Room# 373

Boston, MA 02133

Dear Madame Secretary,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with public officials and residents regarding affairs of State. Having worked in Massachusetts and New York as a City Manager, it was good to see the Commonwealth is still atuned to local inputs.

The area of which we spoke regards implementation of the Clean Water Act. Few would disagree with the wisdom of actions that have resulted in much of the clean water we now enjoy. Intelligently dealing with and minimizing the cost of the Act is the true challenge.

A Capstone project supervised at Worcester Polytechnic this past year may not be a definitive document on its own, but it can be instructive. \* A Comprehensive Cost Analysis of the 2014

MASS MS4 Permit, dated 12/18/14, is a commendable starting point.

Impacts to local budgets were more than could reasonably be supported. However, if steps can be taken on an incremental basis, each of the communities might blend a modest revenue stream with sustainable practices that could place the cities and towns (and Commonwealth}

in a much more advantageous position.

It would be an honor to help work on this matter. Small steps now could save big ones later. Thank you for conducting your session.

Sincerely,

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**C: Hon. Comm. Judith Judson**

***\*Worcester Polvtechnic Institute Capstone Proiect- Eric Correia, Michael Giroux, Cameron Peterson 12/18/14***

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