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# Storm Water Management USEPA NPDES Phase 2 Permit Department of Conservation and Recreation

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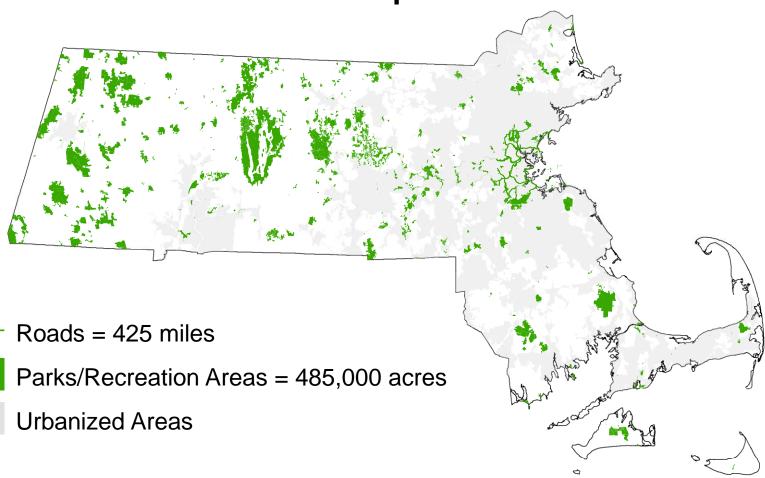
NPDES Reporting Year 15

for

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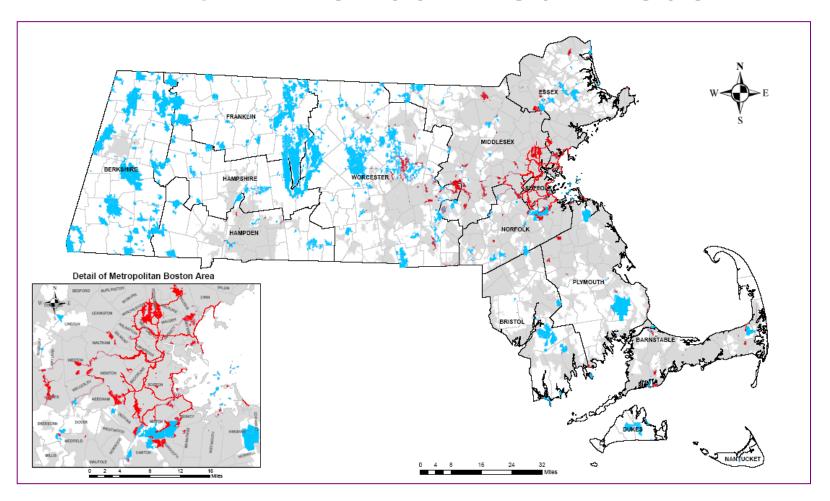
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# DCR Properties

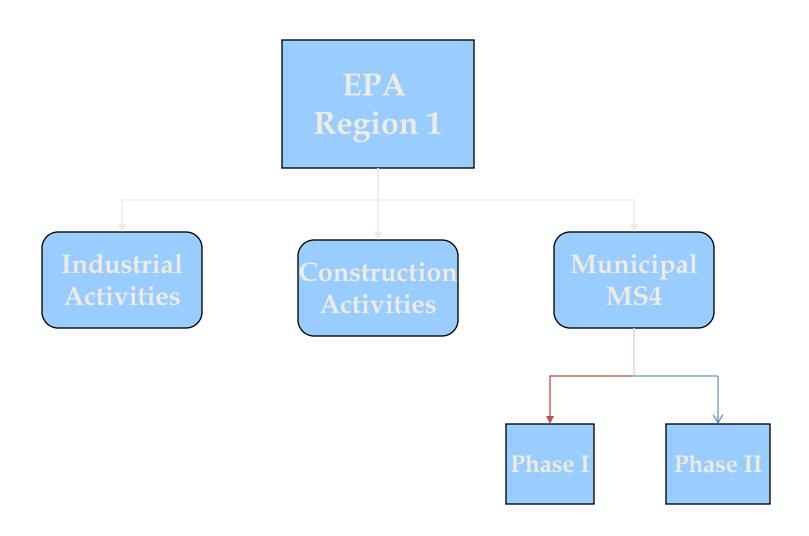




# DCR in Urbanized Areas



# **EPA NPDES Phase II**



# **Permitted DCR Properties**

- Beaches
- State Forests
- Labor Yards (New permit)
- Parkways
- State Parks & Reservations
- Water Supply Protection
- Historical Properties Assessment (Revise with newly acquired land)

# Minimum Control Measures

- Public Education & Outreach
- Public Involvement & Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Site Monitoring
- Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) for meeting Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Waste Load Allocations (WLAs)

# NPDES Phase 2

- New Notice of Intent (September 2018)
- Revise Stormwater Management Program (July 2019)
   DCR Accelerated Compliance Schedule
- Public Education and Outreach Plan (July 2019)
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Inventory (July 2019)
- Prepare draft Catchment Boundaries (July 2019)
- Nitrogen Source Identification Report (Sept 2020)
- Phosphorus Source Identification Report (Sept 2020)
- Phosphorus Control Plan Charles River (Sept 2020)
- Phosphorus Control Plan Lakes & Ponds (Sept 2020)



# MS4 Challenges

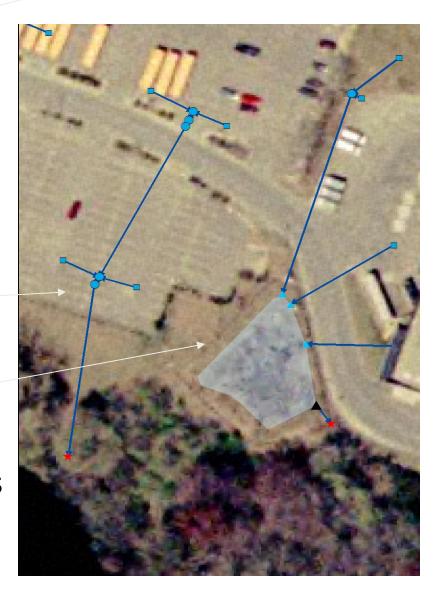
- Diverse Properties
  - Type
  - Size
  - Location
- Funding
- Range of existing knowledge and data
- Overlaps with other municipalities and state organizations





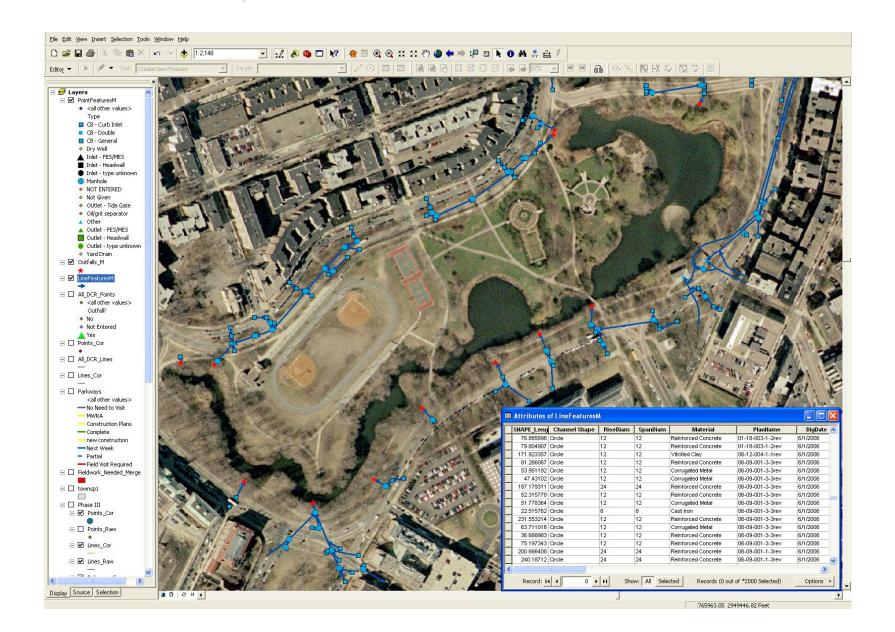
# Drainage Database

- Points
  - Catch Basins
  - Manholes
  - Oil/Grit Separators
  - Outlets/Outfalls
    - headwalls, flared ends, etc.
- Lines
  - Pipes
  - Swales
- Polygons
  - Detention/Retention Ponds
  - Infiltration Chambers





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# **Attributes**

#### Points

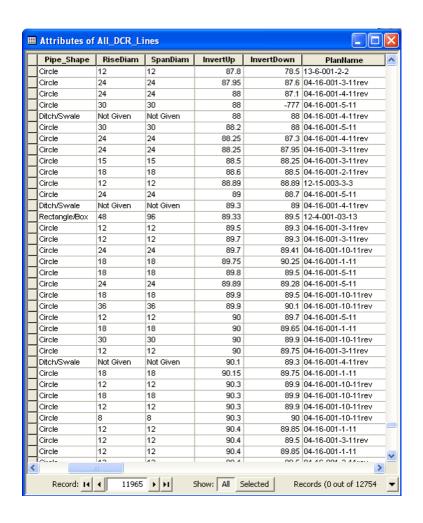
- Type (catch basin, manhole, outlet, etc)
- Material (concrete, brick, etc)
- Structural Condition
- Dry weather flow

#### Lines

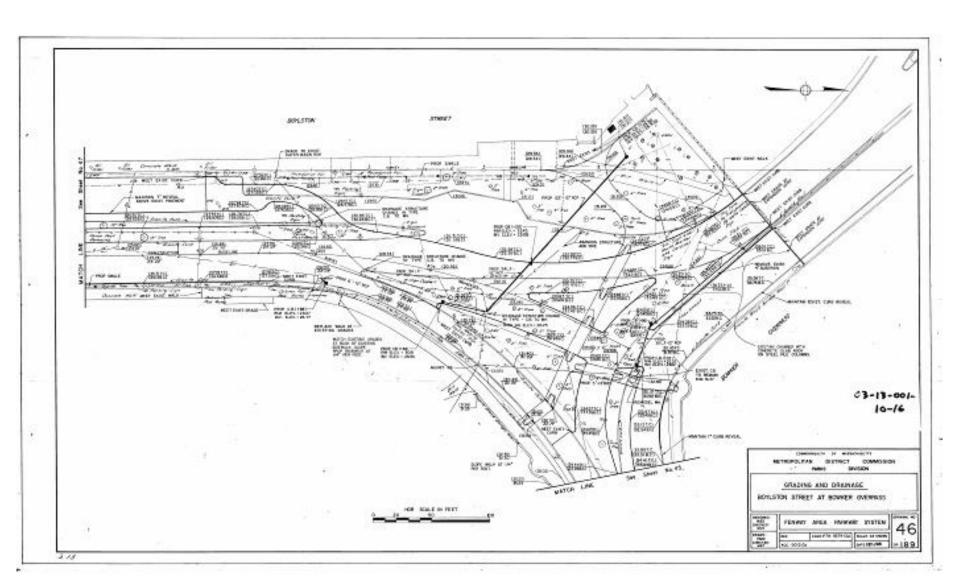
- Material (concrete, paved, grass, etc)
- Size (rise and span)
- Inverts
- Condition

#### Polygons

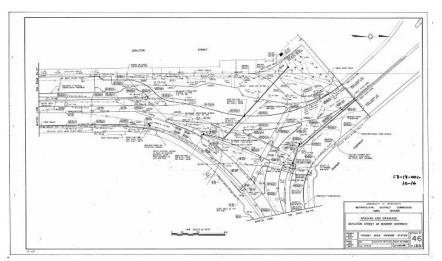
- Type (detention, retention, infiltration)
- Key Elevations (bottom, wet pool, etc)



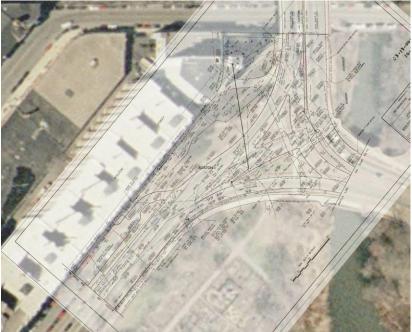
# Plans: Collect, Identify and Scan



# Plans: Georeference



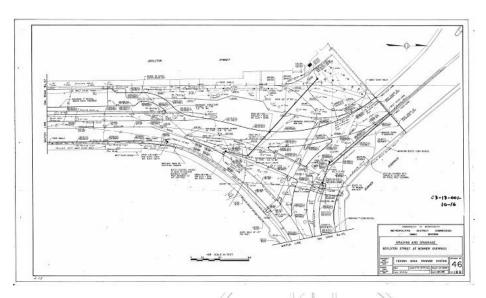




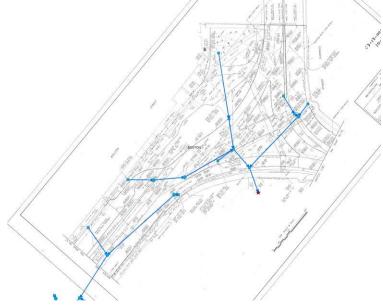


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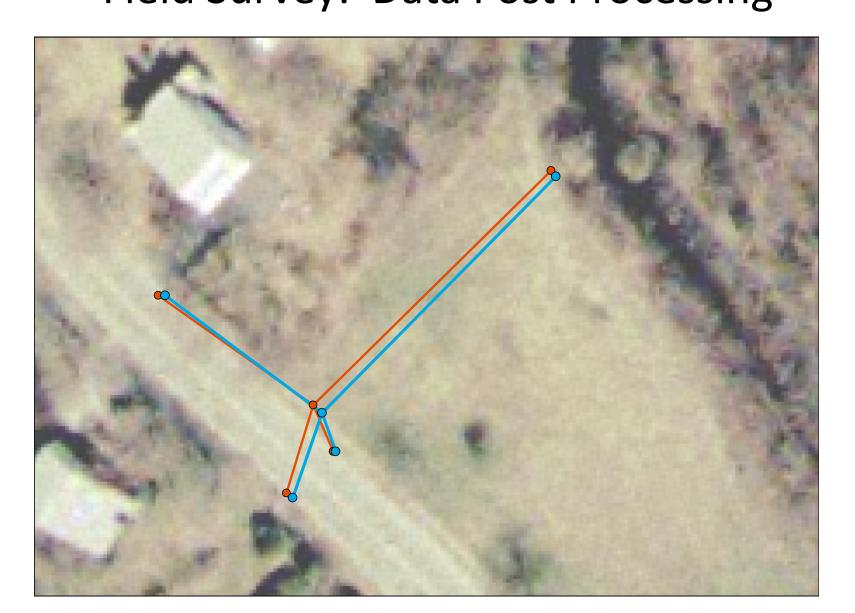
# **Data Collection**



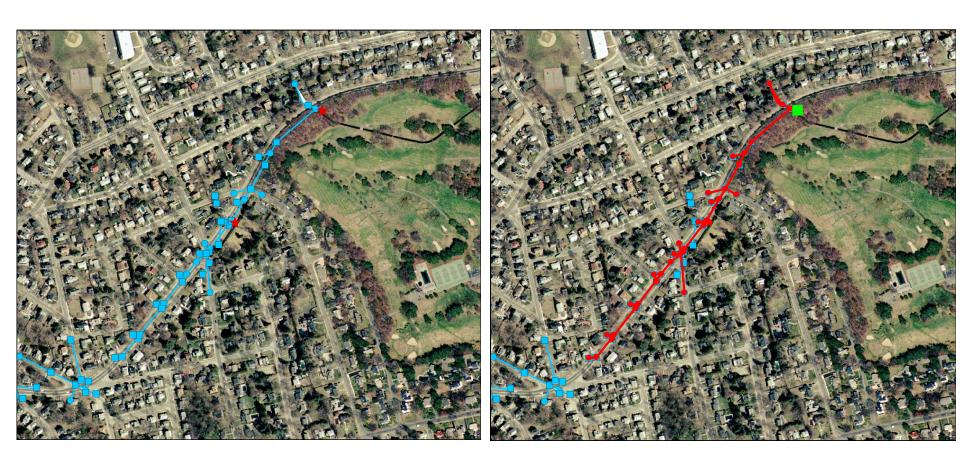






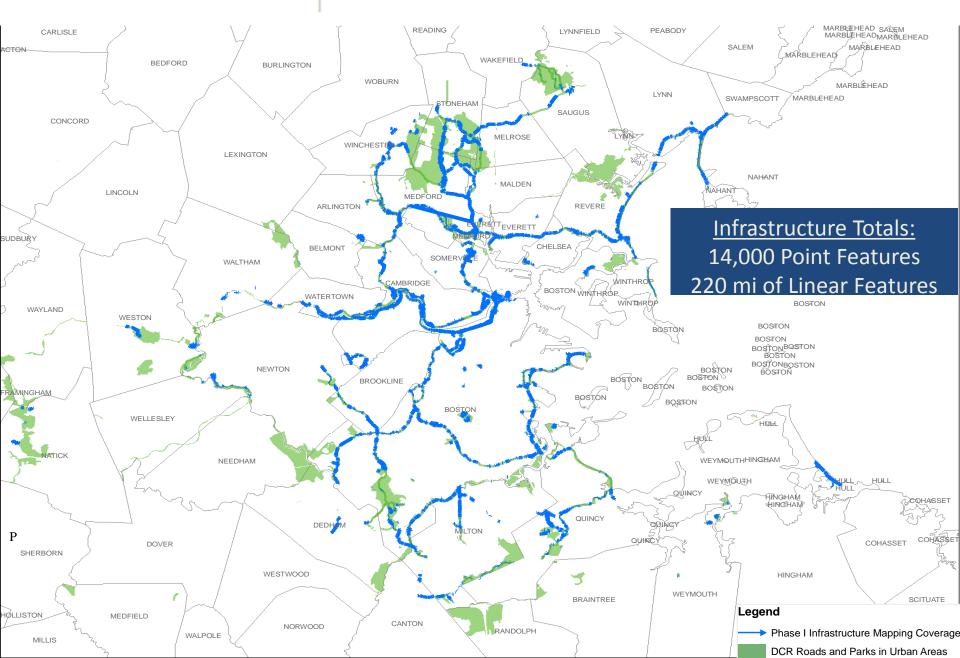


# Finalize Database – Network Connectivity



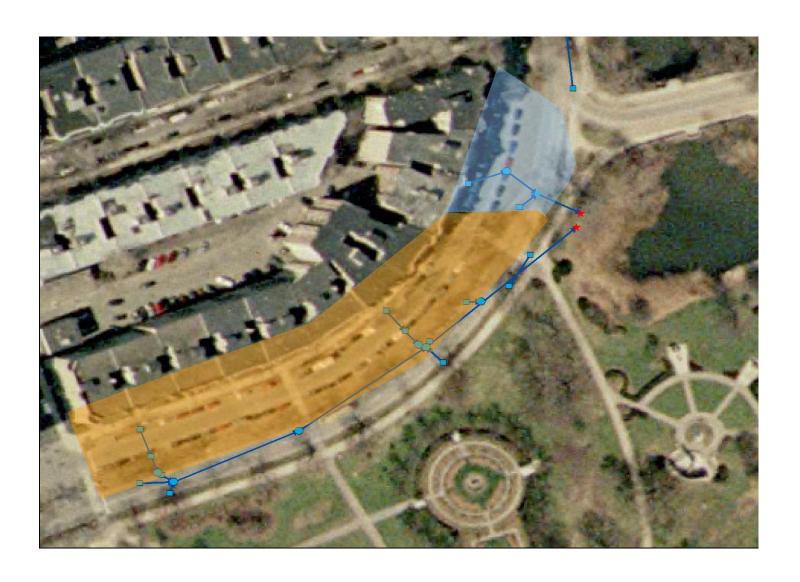


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# **Urban Watershed Delineation**



# **NPDES MS4 Year 15 Reporting**

- Public Education & Outreach
- Public Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE)
- Construction Site Storm Water Management (during & post-construction monitoring)
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) to meet Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) and Waste Load Allocations (WLA)



#### **Public Education**

# Unused & Expired Pharmaceuticals

Reduce water pollution and promote a healthy environment by properly disposing of unneeded or expired medications



- Household Stormwater Pollution Prevention Brochures
- Unused and Expired Pharmaceuticals
- Fertilizer Best Use Practices
- Pet Waste Management





# Pet & Animal Waste Management

- Mutt Mitt Stations & Waste Collection
   Programs
- Public Education
   Campaigns (pet waste management, advisory notices to not feed waterfowl, gulls, etc.)



#### DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 5,500 licensed dogs in the Wachusett Reservoir Watershed.



Each of these dogs produces about ¾ lb of solid waste and 7.8 billion bacteria per day!

# **Public Participation**

- Park Serve Volunteer Annual Clean-up
- Partnerships with Conservation Law Foundation and Charles River Watershed Association
- University of Massachusetts Water Quality Studies at Wachusett Reservoir
- Technical Assistance to Conservation Commissions
- DCR Storm Water Website



# **Public Participation**

 Partnerships with Charlesgate Alliance/ Muddy River Management and Oversight Committee (MMOC)

- Park Serve Volunteer Annual Clean-up (>700 people)
- Coincides with Earth Day last weekend in April
- In 2018: 35 parks; 216 bags of trash collected, 32 tons of vegetation composted

# Illicit Discharge, Detection & Elimination





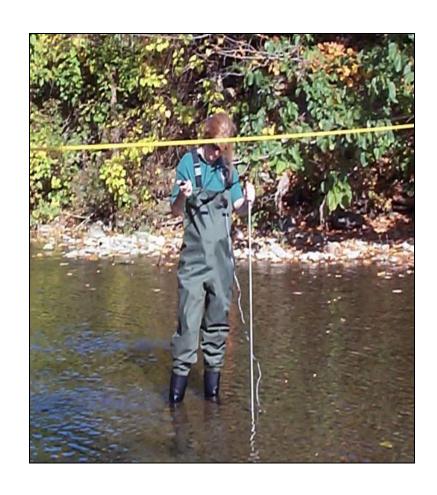




# Illicit Discharge Detection

#### **Storm Water Sampling – Dry Weather**

- Illicit discharge detection and elimination – 5 year cycle to sample all DCR permitted outfalls
- Samples screened using field tests (laboratory analysis for pathogens, if necessary)
- Photo Record of Feature
- Test for Surfactants,
   Fluoride
- 1,625 sample locations
- Identify suspected source





# **Catch Basin Cleaning**

- Drainage structures mapped on GPS
- DCR has over 15,000 catch basins/drainage manholes
- Dedicated staff hired to track and quantify required maintenance services
- Geo-referenced database created to identify drainage structures and to track maintenance activities

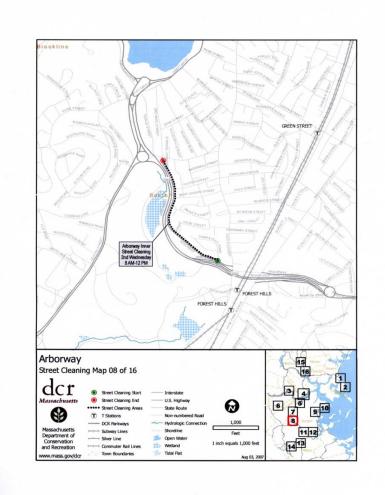
# **Street Sweeping**

- Street sweeping program targets roadways that drain to impaired water bodies
- High efficiency vacuum sweeper units
- Program April 1st to November 30th
- Currently, four sweeping cycles per year for most roadways; eight cycles per year in commercial/ residential zones (tag & tow)
- Sweeping residuals are composted/recycled
- 4,104 cubic yards in 2017



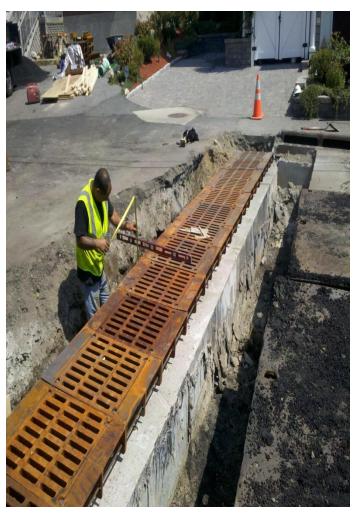
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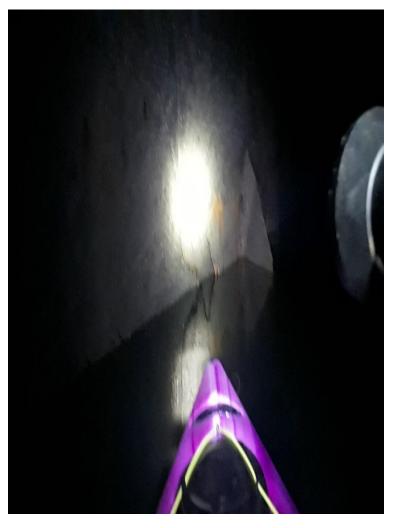
# **Drainage Repairs**



- Identified by CB inspection
- Drainage connection permit program
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE)
- Repairs recorded on GPS



# **Drainage Repairs**





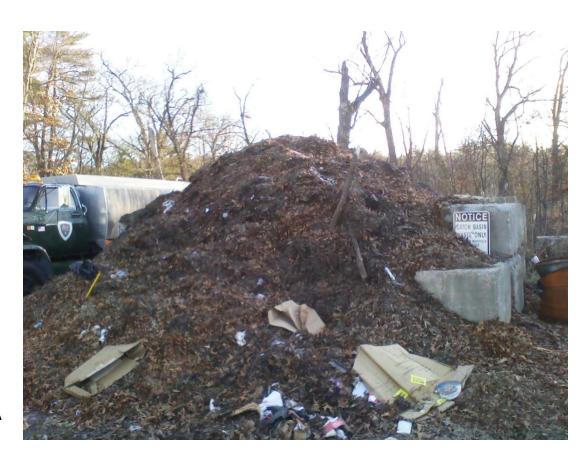


### **Waste Management**

Street Sweepings – 4,104 cubic yards sweepings removed

Catch Basin Residuals – 1,635 cubic yards to Solid Waste Landfill

Abandoned Materials –
15.47 tons hazardous
waste managed at DEP/EPA
permitted facilities





# **Planning using Low Impact Development**

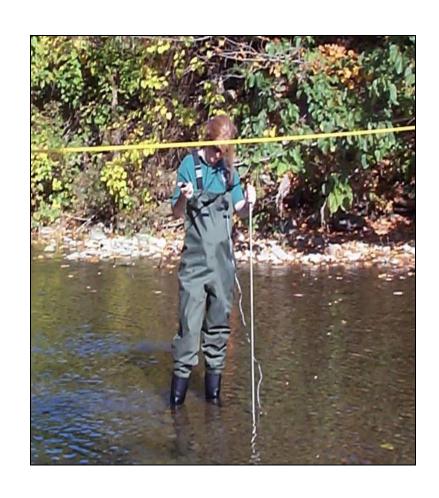






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# **Planning Using Low Impact Development**







# **Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)**

- Upper/Lower Charles River (Phosphorus, Pathogens)
- Blackstone River (Phosphorus)
- **Boston Harbor** (Pathogens)
- Cape Cod/Waquoit Bay **National Estuarine** Research Reserve (Nitrogen studies)





# Questions?