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REPORTING PERIOD: **YEAR 22**
Jan 2025-Dec 2025

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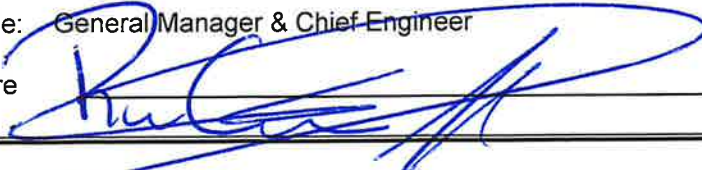
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Print Title: General Manager & Chief Engineer

Signature 

Date 3/3/2026



**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. Mark with an asterisk (*) if this person/entity is different from last year.)

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| IV.B.1.b.1 | Use the space below to provide a General Summary of activities implemented to educate your community on 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. |
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The Department of Utilities, Water Pollution Control Division (WPC) maintains educational information relating to storm drainage on the City's website, including applicable reports, links to informational websites, and calendars of upcoming meetings and activities.

A brochure titled "Make Your Home the Solution to Stormwater Pollution" is available and distributed to residents. Topics include vehicle and garage practices, lawn and garden usage, home repair and improvements, Pet Care, Swimming Pool Maintenance, and Septic System Use and Maintenance.

The City developed printed educational material for distribution to residents, businesses, commercial landscapers, and schools that identifies the impact phosphorus has on the environment.

The Department of Public Services administers the City of Newport Clean City program. It provides information on household hazardous waste disposal and recycling, coordinating with Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corp.'s Eco-Depot program.

WPC installed immediately appealing Newport's standard Storm Drain covers on Stormwater manholes, stating "No Dumping Drains to Bay".

WPC installed custom Storm Drain public education marking discs on catch basin inlets to inform residents that these catch basins are connected to our local waterways: "No Dumping Drains to Bay."

The city of Newport WPC vehicle wrapped with public education information text and graphics, regarding cleaning of catch basin grates to help prevent flooding and pollution, was in service.

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| 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. |
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The Clean Ocean Access group performs sampling of the beaches and the harbor every month.

The City of Newport also maintained for residents an "Adopt A Catch Basin" public education and participation program posted on the City's dedicated website, Instagram, and Facebook. The overall message was clearing catch basin grates will help reduce pollutants flowing into Newport Harbor. Free-flowing catch basins not only help prevent ponding of rainwater on City streets, but they also help minimize the amount of pollutants entering local waterways such as Newport Harbor.

The City held multiple public involvement and education events for Clean-up activities days from March 18th to November 8th, 2025, such as Earth Day, Volunteer Clean-up days, spring and fall recycling days, and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Details and volume data of collected amounts material are provided in section IV.B.2.b.2.ii.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH cont'd

Check all topics that were included in the Public Education and Outreach program during this reporting period. For each of the topics selected, provide:

Target Audience(s): Public Employees, Residents, General Public, Businesses, Industries, Restaurants, Contractors, Developers, Agriculture, Other (describe);

Target Pollutant(s): (e.g. pet waste, fertilizers, Total Suspended Solids, etc.);

Strategies/Media: Direct Mailings, List Servs, Kiosks or Other Displays, Newspaper Ads or Articles, Public Events or Presentations, School Programs, Printed Materials, Direct Trainings, Videos, Webpage, Other (describe)

| Topic | Target Audience(s) | Target Pollutant(s) | Strategies/Media |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction Sites | Contractors | Stormwater controls | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticide and Fertilizer Application | Homeowners | Reduce Phosphorus loads | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Stormwater Management Info | General Public, Contractors | TSS | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pet Waste Management | Residents | Pet waste | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Household Hazardous Waste Disposal | Residents | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recycling | Residents | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination | Residents | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Corridor Protection/Restoration | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Maintenance | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trash Management | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Growth | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Washing | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm Drain Marking | Residents | Pet waste, trash & floatables | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Conservation | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green Infrastructure/Better Site Design/LID | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Protection | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | | | |

Additional Measurable Goals and Activities

Please list all stormwater training attended by your staff during the 2025 calendar year and list the name(s) and position of all staff who attended the training.

WPC management staff supplied training to crew members on proper catch basin and stormwater utility hole inspection techniques. All crew members were given guidance on what to look for in terms of contamination in stormwater flow and structural integrity. Also communicated was the importance of providing the correct information about the stormwater system. Crew members were educated on the importance of cleaning the catch basins and tide gates, which can benefit the stormwater system throughout the City. Crews then enter field data in the GIS System for continuous reports and QA/QC reviews.



**MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #2:
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION (Part IV.B.2 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 types of activities and audiences/groups engaged. 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. Mark with an asterisk (*) if this person/entity is different from last year.)

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| IV.B.2.b.2.ii | Use the space below to describe audiences targeted for the public involvement minimum measure, include a description of the groups engaged, and activities implemented and if a particular pollutant(s) was targeted. If addressing TMDL requirements indicate how the audience(s) and/or activity address the pollutant(s) of concern. Name of person(s) and/or parties responsible for implementation of activities identified. Assess the effectiveness of BMP and measurable goal. |
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In 2009, the City hosted two public hearings to gather input from residents before the design of the UV Treatment Station at Easton's Pond drainage moat outfall. Additional public comments were solicited during CRMC's permitting of the project in 2010. The construction of the UV Treatment System project was completed in the spring of 2011 and has operated through 2025.

The city engaged with the public in multiple meetings to help develop strategies and conducted engineering studies to determine a more resilient Newport in terms of street flooding. These activities helped the City develop drainage improvement projects for the Wellington Avenue and Bridge Street watershed areas. New Tide Gate projects have been constructed at both locations as a result of the engineering studies and public input. Routine inspections and preventative maintenance were performed by WPC in 2025.

The City has contracted for the ongoing development of printed material for distribution to residents, businesses, commercial landscapers, and schools that identifies the impact phosphorus has on the environment and Almy Pond specifically, along with the development of graphic, tabular, and illustrative material for the City's website Portal for Almy Pond. In 2016, the City and PARE Corporation held a Public meeting/workshop regarding the Almy Pond TMDL Management Plan Green Infrastructure Pilot testing. The final sampling report was completed by PARE Corporation in May of 2018, which demonstrates improvement to the Almy Pond Watershed. Overall, reported phosphorus concentrations in stormwater were lower in the 2018 sampling event when compared to the 2013 and 2016 sampling events, which was attributed to Almy Pond TMDL Management Plan Green Infrastructure Pilot testing project and higher public awareness of phosphorus in the watershed. The City's outreach and education program goal is to help with phosphorus reduction in the watershed. Construction of the TMDL management pilot study project implementing BMPs to reduce phosphorus loading to Almy Pond was completed in December 2017. Routine inspections and preventive maintenance were performed in 2025.

WPC worked with Save the Bay and the Girl Scouts to install Newport's Storm Drain public education marking discs on catch basin inlets to inform residents that these catch basins are connected to our local waterways, "No Dumping Drains to Bay" in 2025.

Spouting Rock Drive, Newport, RI: Mitigating Stormwater Runoff into Almy Pond Project. In 2021, the City of Newport was awarded a \$180,000 Municipal Resilience Program Action Grant. This grant was utilized for a critical project: Mitigating stormwater runoff into Almy Pond, one of our state's most distressed bodies of water. To spearhead this initiative. The City of Newport's Planning department worked closely with the Aquidneck Island Land Trust to obtain approvals and funding to remove approximately 25,200 square feet of impervious surface from Spouting Rock Drive and its associated appurtenances (e.g., catch basins, sewer, etc.). This project broke ground in the fall of 2023 and was a cooperative effort by the City's Utilities and Planning Department. The City of Newport removed approximately 25,200 square feet of impervious surface (i.e., roadway and sidewalks) and associated appurtenances. Restoring the site to its natural state before the road's construction. The City staff was enthusiastic and devoted to making a positive impact by ensuring the health and vitality of our natural resources. Routine inspections and preventive maintenance were performed on the bioretention basin in 2025.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION cont'd

Opportunities provided for public participation in implementation, development, evaluation, and improvement of the Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMPP) during this reporting period. Check all that apply:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleanup Events | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm Drain Markings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comments on SWMPP Received | <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Hotlines | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Monitoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Meetings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) | |

Additional Measurable Goals and Activities

The 2025 MS4 Annual Report draft was advertised on February 7, 2026.

On September 15 and 16, 2025, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), Office of Water Resources, combined with the City of Newport Department of Utilities, conducted an insightful and thorough MS4 Compliance Evaluation Inspection Audit. The findings were expertly reviewed during a closing conference held on September 29, 2025, where the RIDEM shared their observations and recommendations. The City is currently working on RIDEM's recommendations.

The City has been conducting weekly monitoring of the Newport Harbor since October 2, 2008. Laboratory analytical results of monitoring the 10 locations in the harbor are posted on the City's website.

Clean-up Activities Days:

- Earth Day events were held from March 18 to June 12, 2025
- Volunteer Cleanups events were performed from January 1 to July 31, 2025
- Spring Recycling Day was held on April 26, 2025
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day October 18, 2025
- Fall Recycling Day: November 8, 2025

The 2025 Earth Day and Volunteer Cleanups events collected and disposed of 4,486 lbs. of trash on multiple cleanup days/events throughout the city's parks, roadways, and public spaces.

The Spring Recycling Day event received 12,520 lbs. of E-Waste, 585 lbs. of textiles, 920 lbs. of rigid plastic, 2,320 lbs. of metals, 620 lbs. of Cardboard, 4,380 lbs. of shredded paper, and 8,020 lbs. of bulky waste.

The Fall Recycling Day event received 15,342 lbs. of E-Waste, 715 lbs. of textiles, 1,740 lbs. of rigid plastic, 920 lbs. of metals, 220 lbs. of Cardboard, 3,500 lbs. of shredded paper, and 5,840 lbs. of bulky waste.

The Household Hazardous Waste was collected and properly disposed of at RIRRC. RIRRC has not provided the City with a weight for the materials collected on HHW, stating issues with their vendor.

The city collected 300 gallons of used motor oil at the city's collection igloo.

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:
February 7, 2026

How was public notified:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> List-Serve (Enter # of names in List: _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio Notices | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall posting |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Enter Web Page URL: <https://www.cityofnewport.com/city-hall/departments/utilities/stormwater>

Was public meeting held? YES NO

Date:

Where:

Summary of public comments received:

Not applicable

Planned responses or changes to the program:

Not applicable



**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. Mark with an asterisk (*) if this person/entity is different from last year.)

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Has this person received training on Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)? Yes

If yes, when and where? Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Manual, A Handbook for Municipalities

If no, who is trained on IDDE? WPC staff perform daily operation and maintenance activities throughout the City of their sanitary and stormwater collection systems. All staff are trained on IDDE once per year and provided a fifteen-minute re-fresher as needed.

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| IV.B.3.b.1: | <p>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.)</p> <p>Number of Outfalls Mapped within regulated area: 53</p> <p>Percent Complete: 100</p> <p>If 100% Complete, Provide Date of Completion: January 2010</p> |
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Not applicable

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| IV.B.3.b.2 | <p>Indicate if your MS4 chose to implement the tagging of outfalls activity under the IDDE minimum measure, activities and actions undertaken under the 2025 calendar year.</p> |
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The City's GIS mapping system is updated as needed from data generated by WPC staff field inspection reports. All updates are results from field inspections of the sanitary sewer and storm drainage systems and capital improvement projects implemented by the City. Adding to help the GIS database, the Department of Utilities has GPS capabilities for improving GIS mapping accuracy.

All inspection/maintenance reports and as-built drawings are saved in the City's database. WPC management staff performs QA/QC reviews of all reports to verify GIS updates and prioritizes repairs and cleaning.

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| IV.B.3.b.3 | <p>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 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.</p> |
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The Department of Utilities receives calls from residents reporting any potential illegal discharges that they observed of illegal dumping from a contractor or another resident. Practicing the "If you see something, say something" approach. All resident calls are recorded and investigated at the site immediately after receiving the call. The City's GIS mapping system is updated as needed from data generated by WPC staff field inspection reports.

All updates are results from field inspections of the sanitary sewer and storm drainage systems and capital improvement projects implemented by the City. WPC Division has CCTV capabilities to verify updates on pipes for GIS mapping in addition to our staff's field inspections.

All inspection/maintenance reports and as-built drawings are saved in the City's database. WPC management staff performs QA/QC reviews of all reports to verify updates to the GIS and prioritizes repairs and cleaning.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION cont'd

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| IV.B.3.b.4 | <p>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 completion of this requirement. Date of Adoption: October 11, 2006 If the Ordinance was amended in 2025, please indicate why changes were necessary.</p> |
| <p>There have been no amendments to this ordinance.</p> | |
| IV.B.3.b.5.ii, iii, iv, & v | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Calls are received at our main number during working hours and at our call center after working hours. All calls are recorded, including the following information: date, time, who answered the phone, name, address, and phone number of complainants. The message is then given to a collection system staff member to respond and assess the situation. Standard operating practice for tracing flows uses maps, dyes, smoke, and CCTV inspections. The WPC division has a combo jetting and vacuum truck, as well as an STETCO Catch Basin cleaner truck that also has jetting capability to remove any illegal discharges in pipes if needed. The WPC Management staff oversees this work. Reports are generated and filed for each service call location into our GIS database. RIDEM is also notified of any SSOs.</p> | |
| IV.B.3.b.5.vi | <p>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: 2,340 Percent Complete: 100% Date of Completion: Ongoing as part of the annual inspection program</p> |
| <p>All catch basin and stormwater manhole inspections are initially completed in conjunction with the application of the West Nile Virus larvicide. Any evidence of flow, odor, discoloration, or debris is further investigated by members of the collection system staff and overseen by the management staff of WPC. Each catch basin and drainage access holes are identified and tracked by a numbering system in the GIS software. Reports are stored in WPC's GIS database. A total of 184 catch basins were thoroughly cleaned out in 2025.</p> | |
| IV.B.3.b.5.vii | <p>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 should 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 sampling results for those outfalls with flow. The EXCEL Tables <u>must</u> include a report of <u>all outfalls</u> and indicate the presence or absence of dry weather discharges. Number of Outfalls Surveyed Jan-Apr: 53 Number of Outfalls Surveyed Jul-Oct: 53 Percent Complete: 100 % Date of Completion: September 4, 2025</p> |
| <p>Field screening and testing for dry weather flows had previously been completed for each year from 2006-2024. The RIDEM provided Excel Tables were submitted with the 2025 testing results to RIDEM in March 2026.</p> <p>Dry Weather Surveys were completed to meet the High-Water Table (HWT) and Low Water Table (LWT) Illicit Discharge requirements. Requirements were met with visual inspections and sampling. Seven (7) samples were taken at the outfalls during the spring round of inspection sampling for the LWT Illicit Discharge requirements, the results of which are included in the tables. Six (6) samples were taken at outfalls during the fall round of inspections and sampling for the HWT Illicit Discharge requirement, the results of which are included in the tables.</p> | |

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION cont'd

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| 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. |
| WPC has a strict Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), outlining steps to report any incident or illicit discharge. Staff is required to notify their immediate supervisor, who then notifies RIDEM and the City of Newport Director of Utilities. For each investigation, staff is required to fill out a WPC standard incident report in the GIS database. | |
| 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. Evaluate effectiveness of the implementation of this requirement. |
| Not applicable | |
| 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. |
| A brochure titled "Make Your Home the Solution to Stormwater Pollution" is available and distributed to residents. Topics include Vehicle/Garage practices, Lawn/Garden usage, Home Repair/Improvements, Pet Care, Swimming Pool Maintenance, and Septic System Use and Maintenance. WPC employees, including the stormwater collection crews, are trained on an annual basis in accordance with Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plans and Hazardous Waste Contingency Plans. All WPC vehicles are equipped with emergency response spill kits. | |
| <p>Additional Measurable Goals and Activities</p> <p>WPC installed appealing and noticeable standard Storm Drain and catch basin covers with markings stating "No Dumping Drains to Bay" in 2025.</p> <p>In 2025, WPC installed beautiful Storm Drain public education marking discs on catch basin inlets to inform residents that these catch basins are connected to our local waterways, "No Dumping Drains to Bay".</p> <p>The City provides pet waste bag dispensers (Mutt Mitt stations) and pet waste signage throughout the City. The City has 51 public Mutt Mitt stations located at city parks, public wharves, and heavily pedestrian-traveled areas.</p> | |

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION cont'd

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

| # of Illicit Discharges Identified in 2025: 0 | # of Illicit Discharges Tracked in 2025: 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| # of Illicit Discharges Eliminated in 2025: 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): 12 | Total # of Illicit Discharges remaining unresolved at the end of 2025: 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Summary of Enforcement Actions: Not applicable | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total # of Outfalls identified and mapped to date: 161 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total # of Interconnections with other MS4s identified and mapped to date: 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extent to which the MS4 system has been mapped (% complete): 100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Identify how the following components of the MS4 system have been mapped: | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Not mapped</th> <th>GIS</th> <th>Auto CAD</th> <th>Paper</th> <th>Other (please specify)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Catch basins</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manholes</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pipes, ditches, and other conduits</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flow direction and connectivity</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interconnections with other regulated MS4s</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MS4-owned stormwater controls (BMPs, not including catch basins or manholes)</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Delineation of outfall catchment/drainage areas</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | Not mapped | GIS | Auto CAD | Paper | Other (please specify) | Catch basins | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Manholes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pipes, ditches, and other conduits | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Flow direction and connectivity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Interconnections with other regulated MS4s | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MS4-owned stormwater controls (BMPs, not including catch basins or manholes) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Delineation of outfall catchment/drainage areas | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Not mapped | GIS | Auto CAD | Paper | Other (please specify) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Catch basins | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manholes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pipes, ditches, and other conduits | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flow direction and connectivity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interconnections with other regulated MS4s | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MS4-owned stormwater controls (BMPs, not including catch basins or manholes) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Delineation of outfall catchment/drainage areas | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SECTION II.B Interconnections (Parts IV.G.2.k and IV.G.2.l)

| Interconnection: | Date Found: | Location: | Name of MS4: | Originating Source: | Planned and Coordinated Efforts and Activities with Connectee: |
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| RIDOT | | State Roads | RIDOT | | As required |
| Town of Middletown | | Middletown Roads | Town of Middletown | | As required |
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**MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #4:
CONSTRUCTION SITE STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL
(Part IV.B.4 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 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. Mark with an asterisk (*) if this person/entity is different from last year.)

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| 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: _____ If the Ordinance was amended in 2025, please indicate why changes were necessary and provide references to the amended portions of the local codes/ordinances. |
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This program is managed by the City's Department of Utilities with assistance from the Building Inspections office.

There were no changes to the Ordinance in 2025.

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| 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. |
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Public meetings are held for all significant projects in the City. Plans and supporting documents are reviewed by the Department. Comments are received and addressed during this time.

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| 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. |
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Not applicable

Additional Measurable Goals and Activities

Not applicable

CONSTRUCTION SITE STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL cont'd

SECTION II. A - Plan and SWPPP/SESC Plan Reviews during Year 22 (2025), 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, not reviewed by other State programs, must be conducted by adequately trained personnel and incorporate consideration of potential water quality impacts.

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| # of Construction Applications Received: 1 |
| # of Construction Reviews Completed: 0 |
| # of Permits/Authorizations Issued: 1 |
| Summary of Reviews and Findings, include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. One permit issued; project construction has not started. Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement: The program is managed by the City's Department of Utilities, Water Pollution Control Division with assistance from the Building Inspections office. Identify the type and date of training this person(s)/parties has/have received to be considered "adequately trained": Professional staff with backgrounds in all aspects of civil and environmental engineering including soil science, erosion control measures, BMPs, LIDs, construction site management, and enforcement of controls and protection of the environment and its resources as a priority. Management and staff have participated in multiple training classes throughout their extensive professional careers. New professional development classes are encouraged by management and attended each year. |

SECTION II.B - Erosion and Sediment Control Inspections during Year 22 (2025), 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.) Inspections must be conducted by adequately trained personnel.

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| # of Active Construction Projects: 1 | |
| # of Site Inspections: 2 | # of Complaints Received: 0 |
| # of Violations Issued: 1 | # of Unresolved Violations Referred to RIDEM: 0 |
| Summary of Enforcement Actions, include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. One (1) NOV was issued. The site contractor corrected the issue. Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement: The program is managed by the City's Department of Utilities, Water Pollution Control Division, with assistance from the Building Inspections office. Identify the type and date of training this person(s)/parties has/have received to be considered "adequately trained": Professional staff with civil and environmental engineering backgrounds, including soil science, erosion control measures, BMPs, LIDs, construction site management, and enforcement of controls and protection of the environment and its resources as a priority. Management and staff have participated in multiple training classes throughout their extensive professional careers. New professional development classes are encouraged by management and attended each year | |



**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 review, issuance and tracking of permits, inspections and receipt of complaints, etc. Please indicate if any projects have incorporated the use of Low Impact Development techniques. 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. Mark with an asterisk (*) if this person/entity is different from last year.)

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| IV.B.5.b.5 | Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken to coordinate with existing State programs requiring post-construction stormwater management. |
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The City shall coordinate with all existing RIPDES programs to effectively administer the program.

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| IV.B.5.b.6 | Use the space below to describe actions taken for the referral to RIDEM of new discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity as defined in §1.4(A)(111) in the <i>Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System</i> (RIPDES Regulations) (the operator must implement procedures to identify new activities that require permitting, notify RIDEM, and refer facilities with new stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity to ensure that facilities will obtain the proper permits). |
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The City does not believe it has any facilities that fall under this category of industrial activity. If there is a project proposed for the City, staff will direct the facility to apply directly to the applicable RIPDES or UIC staff for approval.

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| IV.B.5.b.9 | Indicate if the Post-Construction Runoff from New Development and Redevelopment 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. |
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Date of Adoption: _____

If the Ordinance was amended in 2025, 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.

There were no changes to the Ordinance in 2025.

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| IV.B.5.b.12 | Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken to identify existing stormwater structural BMPs discharging to the MS4 with a goal of ensuring long term O&M of the BMPs. |
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The Citywide Development Plan Review (DPR) process managed by the Department of Planning and Economic Development allows the Department of Utilities to review proposed new Drainage, Sewer, and Water improvements. The City Council has established the Technical Review Committee (TRC) in Section 2.68.040 of the City of Newport Code of Ordinances to conduct technical reviews of applications for subdivisions and land development projects subject to Planning Board jurisdiction.

Additional Measurable Goals and Activities

WPC is asking private BMP owners/operators to record an approved Operation and Maintenance agreement/manual with the Land Evidence Records office at City Hall for the subject parcel.

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

SECTION II.A. - Plan and SWPPP/SWMP Reviews during Year 22 (2025), 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). Plan reviews must be conducted by adequately trained personnel.

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| # of Post-Construction Applications Received: 0 |
| # of Post-Construction Reviews Completed: 0 |
| # of Permits/Authorizations Issued: 0 |
| Summary of Reviews and Findings, include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. |
| No enforcement actions were required in 2025. |
| Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement: |
| The program is managed by the City's Department of Utilities, Water Pollution Control Division, with assistance from the Building Inspections office. |
| Identify the type and date of training this person(s)/parties has/have received to be considered "adequately trained": |
| Professional staff with backgrounds in civil and environmental engineering, including soil science, erosion control measures, Professional staff with civil and environmental engineering backgrounds including soil science, erosion control measures, BMPs, LIDs, construction site management, and enforcement of controls. Protection of the environment and its resources is a priority. Management and staff have participated in multiple training classes throughout their extensive professional careers. New professional development classes are encouraged by management and attended each year. |

SECTION II.B. - Post Construction Inspections during Year 22 (2025), 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). Inspections must be conducted by adequately trained personnel.

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| # of Active Construction Projects: 0 | # of Construction Projects Completed: 0 |
| # of Site Inspections for proper Installation of BMPs: 0 | # 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 2025. | |
| Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement: | |
| The program is managed by the City's Department of Utilities, Water Pollution Control Division, with assistance from the Building Inspections office. | |
| Identify the type and date of training this person(s)/parties has/have received to be considered "adequately trained": | |
| Professional staff with civil and environmental engineering backgrounds, including soil science, erosion control measures, BMPs, LIDs, construction site management, and enforcement of controls. Protection of the environment and its resources is a priority. Management and staff have participated in multiple training classes throughout their extensive professional careers. New professional development classes are encouraged by management and attended each year. | |

SECTION II.C. - Post Construction Inspections during Year 22 (2025), 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.

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

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

Summary of Activities and Enforcement Actions. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Program in minimizing water quality impacts.

Not applicable.

Identify person(s) /Department and/or parties responsible for the implementation of this requirement:

The program is managed by the City's Department of Utilities, Water Pollution Control Division with assistance from the Building Inspections office

Strategies for requiring the use of non-structural Low Impact Development (LID) site design practices and techniques into stormwater management designs for new and redevelopment projects, check all that apply in your municipality/MS4:

- None
- Ordinances or by-laws requiring LID standards (e.g. reduced road widths, % conservation land, etc.)
- Ordinances or by-laws requiring LID design at conceptual review (i.e., Pre-application and/or Master Plan) stages for municipal review prior to plans being engineered.
- Ordinances or by-laws requiring LID standards only in impaired waterbody drainage areas
- Local development regulations requiring use of LID to the maximum extent practicable
- LID Guidance available in written form
- LID Guidance available at pre-application meetings
- Other strategies to ensure incorporation of LID to the maximum extent practicable, describe:

Person(s)/Department responsible for reviewing submissions for LID:

Person(s)/Department/Board responsible for approving submissions for LID at Preliminary and/or Final Review, if applicable:

Are you aware of the Municipal LID Self-Assessment that was introduced by the DEM and RI NEMO in 2019 and finalized and distributed in March 2020?

Yes No

A final version of the Municipal LID Self-Assessment is available on the DEM's website:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/stwater/t4guide/lid-checklist-primer.pdf>

Additional guidance is also available:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/stwater/t4guide/lid-assessment-fs.pdf>

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/stwater/pdfs/lidfactsheet.pdf>

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/stwater/t4guide/lidplan.pdf>

Did your community complete the Municipal LID Self-Assessment? Yes No

If yes and it was completed in 2025, please provide a copy as an attachment to this Annual Report, if you have not already submitted it.

If no, does your community plan to complete it?

Yes No

If No, why not? _____

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

Strategies being implemented to ensure long-term Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of privately-owned structural stormwater BMPs, check all that apply in your municipality/MS4:

- 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 requirements
- Ordinances or by-laws provide for easements or covenants for inspections and maintenance
- Ordinances or by-laws require for every constructed BMP an inspections and maintenance agreement
- Ordinances or by-laws contain requirements for documenting and detailing inspections
- Ordinances or by-laws contain requirements for documenting and detailing maintenance
- Ordinances or by-laws contain authority to enforce for lack of maintenance or BMP failure
- 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, describe:

WPC is asking private BMP owners/operators to record an approved O&M agreement in the Land Evidence Records office for the subject parcel.

Does your municipality/MS4 require the use BMPs Operations and Maintenance Agreements? YES NO

If YES, please indicate if the Operations and Maintenance Agreements include the following:

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| a. Party responsible for the long-term O&M of permanent stormwater management BMPs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| b. A description of the permanent stormwater BMPs that will be operated and maintained | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| c. The location of the permanent stormwater BMPs that will be operated and maintained | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| d. A timeframe for routine and emergency inspections and maintenance of all permanent stormwater management BMPs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| e. A requirement that all inspections and maintenance activities are documented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| f. Annual submission of inspection/maintenance certification/documentation to the MS4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| g. Stormwater management easement for access for inspections and maintenance or the preservation of stormwater runoff conveyance, infiltration, and detention areas and other stormwater controls and BMPs by persons other than the property owner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| h. Steps available for addressing a failure to maintain the stormwater controls and BMPs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

Please elaborate, if appropriate:

Does your municipality/MS4 keep an inventory of privately-owned BMPs? YES NO

For privately-owned structural BMPs, does your municipality/MS4 have a system for tracking:

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| a. Agreements and arrangements to ensure O&M of BMPs? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| b. Inspections? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| c. Maintenance and schedules? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| d. Complaints? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| e. Non-Compliance? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| f. Enforcement actions? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track post-construction BMPs, inspections, and maintenance? YES NO

If yes, please elaborate on which tools are used:

GIS Database and Spreadsheets.

NOTE: BMP maintenance tasks can be a great way to involve and educate the community to their purpose and function. BMPs have the potential to create a highly interactive environment for community members and volunteers to get involved.



**MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE #6:
POLLUTION PREVENTION AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IN MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS
(Part IV.B.6 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 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. Mark with an asterisk (*) if this person/entity is different from last year.)

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| IV.B.6.b.1.i | <p>Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken to identify structural BMPs (these include but are not limited to: retention/detention basins, vegetated treatment, infiltration and pre-treatment controls, etc.) owned or operated by the small MS4 operator (the program must include identification and listing of the specific location and a description of all structural BMPs in the SWMPP and update the information in the Annual Report). Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.</p> <p>Do you have an inventory of MS4-owned/operated BMPs? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Total # of MS4-owned/operated BMPs (does not include CBs or MHs: 14</p> |
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The City of Newport owns and operates fourteen structural BMPs. GIS mapping is updated as needed, and additional structural BMP's will be added as placed into service. Additionally, one structural BMP is owned and operated by the Newport Housing Authority.

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| IV.B.6.b.1.ii | <p>Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken for inspections, cleaning and repair of detention/retention basins, storm sewers and catch basins with appropriate scheduling given intensity and type of use in the catchment area. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.</p> <p># of MS4-owned/operated BMPs inspected in 2025: 14</p> <p># of MS4-owned/operated BMPs maintained/cleaned in 2025: 14</p> <p># of MS4-owned/operated BMPs repaired in 2025: 0</p> <p>Does your municipality/MS4 have a system for tracking:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>a. Inspection schedules of MS4-owned BMPs?</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b. Maintenance/cleaning schedules of MS4-owned BMPs?</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c. Repairs, corrective actions needed?</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d. Complaints?</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td> </tr> </table> <p>Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track stormwater BMPs, inspections, and maintenance? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> | a. Inspection schedules of MS4-owned BMPs? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | b. Maintenance/cleaning schedules of MS4-owned BMPs? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | c. Repairs, corrective actions needed? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | d. Complaints? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| a. Inspection schedules of MS4-owned BMPs? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b. Maintenance/cleaning schedules of MS4-owned BMPs? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c. Repairs, corrective actions needed? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d. Complaints? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | | | | | | | | | |

POLLUTION PREVENTION AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IN MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS cont'd

The Malbone stormwater channel is inspected for obstructions and cleaned of growth and debris every quarter. This cobblestone-lined open channel takes stormwater flow from the Hillside Avenue area in the northern part of the City and connects into the State of Rhode Island's stormwater swale system, which eventually discharges into the Coasters Harbor. The Department of Utilities has been working with RIDOT to stress the importance of cleaning and maintaining the State's swales/drainage channels and culverts to help improve water quality and flooding issues.

Each catch basin is individually inspected during the application of the West Nile Virus larvicide. Catch basins in need of cleaning are recorded in the GIS database and scheduled to be cleaned. Additionally, as part of WPC's continuous operation and maintenance activities, WPC staff regularly inspects, cleans, and/or repairs catch basins Citywide as needed. WPC inspection reports are saved to the City's GIS database. Catch basins in critical low-lying areas are also checked more frequently, i.e., before and after all significant rainstorm events.

The City of Newport WPC inspected and cleaned the Vortex unit and Perk Filter vault at the end of Andrew Street in 2025. Routine inspections and preventive maintenance were performed by WPC staff in 2025.

The city of Newport WPC added public education graphics to their work truck with information regarding keeping catch basins clean to help prevent flooding and pollution, "Keep Grates Clear". The said truck was operating during 2025. WPC installed beautiful storm drain public education marking discs on catch basin inlets to inform residents that these catch basins are connected to our local waterways, "No Dumping Drains to Bay".

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): 165

of CBs inspected in 2025: 2,340 % of Total inspected: 100

of CBs cleaned in 2025: 184 % of Total cleaned: 8

If determined, approximate quantity of sand/debris collected by cleaning of catch basins: 93 tons

Location used for the disposal of debris: 250 JT Connell Hwy, Newport, RI 02840

Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track the inspections and cleaning of catch basins? YES NO

The Malbone stormwater channel is inspected for obstructions and cleaned of growth and debris every quarter. This cobblestone-lined open channel takes a large amount of stormwater flow from the Hillside Avenue area in the northern part of the City and connects to the State of Rhode Island's stormwater swale/pipe culvert system, which eventually discharges into Coasters Harbor. The Department of Utilities has been working with RIDOT to stress the importance of cleaning and maintaining the State's swales/drainage channels and culverts to help improve water quality and flooding issues.

Each catch basin (2,340 City-owned) is inspected during the application of the West Nile Virus larvicide. Basins in need of immediate cleaning are recorded and cleaned. Other than basins identified during this process, the City' is broken down into 36 grids on the GIS map, all with individual ID numbers. Detailed inspection reports for vacuum cleaning and repairs are recorded in the City's GIS database. Work orders are created and executed for full-depth vacuum cleaning and repairs, as needed. The City's goal is to inspect every catch basin and drain manhole at least once per year. Catch basins that historically collect more debris are cleaned multiple times per year. Additionally, critical low-lying drainage area catch basin grates are also checked more frequently and cleaned as needed.

There are a total of 3,279 catch basins in the City of Newport, 2,340 of which are City-owned (472 are privately owned, and 467 are owned by the State, maintained by RIDOT). Routine inspections and corrective collection system maintenance are conducted and reported in the City's GIS Database.

IV.B.6.b.1.iv

Use the space below to describe activities and actions taken to minimize erosion of road shoulders and roadside ditches by requiring stabilization of those areas. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.

Responsibility for the erosion of road shoulders and roadside ditches is a shared responsibility within the City, performed by the Department of Utilities and Department of Public Services road crews. Erosion is addressed by numerous methods, including installing new loam and seed (including the use of temporary erosion control), installing or repairing asphalt berms and or curbing, and performing maintenance activities in drainage swales.

POLLUTION PREVENTION AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IN MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS cont'd

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| 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. |
| Inspections of all outfalls are completed annually. Additionally, some of the outfalls are inspected multiple times throughout the year and cleaned as needed. No anomalies of pipe scouring or extraordinary sedimentation deposits were noted. | |
| IV.B.6.b.1.vi | <p>Use the space below to indicate if all streets and roads within the urbanized area were swept annually and if not indicate reason(s). The operator is required to sweep all streets and roads within the regulated area annually unless a lesser frequency can be justified based on at least two consecutive years of data indicating the street or road does not require annual sweeping. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.</p> <p>Total roadway miles within regulated area (including SRPW and TMDL areas): 94</p> <p>Roadway miles that were swept in 2025: 5,229 % of Total swept: 100</p> <p>Type of sweeper used: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotary brush street sweeper <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum street sweeper</p> <p>If determined, approximate quantity of sand/debris collected by sweeping of streets and roads: 730 tons</p> <p>Location used for the disposal of debris: Rhode Island Resource Recovery Landfill</p> <p>Do you use an electronic tool (e.g. GIS, database, spreadsheet) to track the annual sweeping of streets and roads? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> |
| The Almy Pond watershed area roads were cleaned two times by the City's Rotary brush street sweepers. WPC's Backhoe provides maintenance, removing sand and debris from the Almy pond discharge outlet and other city drainage outlets as needed. | |
| IV.B.6.b.1.vii | <p>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.</p> <p>Under the City's Solid Waste Master Contract, the contractor is required to collect trash from all of the city-owned streets and park barrels. The barrels are emptied twice a day, April 1 through October 31, and once a day from November 1 through March 31. The City, through its Solid Waste Master Contract, also provides daily litter clean-up in various downtown streets, seven days a week, from May 1 through October 31.</p> <p>The City has installed "Big Belly" solar-powered compacting trash bins in high pedestrian traffic areas of the City. These bins are monitored remotely and are picked up on an as-needed basis when they signal full. The "Big Belly" bins also feature an enclosed hopper, preventing the loss of waste to scavengers and reducing waste exposed to stormwater.</p> <p>The City's goal of reducing floatable and debris in the harbor is being achieved during the design and engineering phase of the City's continuous improvements of its stormwater infrastructure by removing the open-mouth catch basin stormwater inlets and replacing them with catch basin grate stormwater inlets. Deep sumps with hoods on catch basin outlet piping are also being added as the city repairs or replaces catch basins.</p> <p>The City of Newport maintains its public website portal, collaborating with residents and business owners to encourage the adoption of catch basins in their neighborhoods. https://adopt-a-catch-basin-newportri.hub.arcgis.com/</p> |
| IV.B.6.b.1.viii | <p>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.</p> <p>Do you have a system for tracking actions to remove and dispose of waste? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> |
| A comprehensive database is at the City of Newport Department of Utilities, indicating activities and corrective actions taken. Monthly reporting is prepared to detail all work completed. | |

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| <p>IV.B.6.b.2</p> | <p>Use the space below to describe any operations under the MS4's legal control, including activities and facilities, that have the potential to introduce pollutants into stormwater runoff, such as pesticide/herbicide/fertilizer application, chemical and waste handling and storage, vehicle fueling, vehicle washing, vehicle maintenance, sand/salt storage, snow disposal, facilities such as public works facilities with maintenance and storage yards, waste transfer stations, municipal wastewater and water treatment facilities, and municipal parking owned and operated by the MS4.</p> <p>Does your MS4 have any salt piles, or piles containing salt, used for deicing? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>If yes: Are these piles covered to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt and/or runoff? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, check the type of cover used: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weatherproof permanent structure/shelter <input type="checkbox"/> A temporary, secured, durable, waterproof covering (e.g., tarpaulin, polyethylene, polyurethane) Are these piles located on impermeable surfaces? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> |
| <p>A comprehensive database is at the City of Newport Department of Utilities, indicating activities and corrective actions taken. Monthly reporting is prepared to detail all work completed.</p> | |
| <p>IV.B.6.b.5</p> | <p>For all facilities with discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity, 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 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.</p> |
| <p>A comprehensive database is at the City of Newport Department of Utilities, indicating activities and corrective actions taken. Monthly reporting is prepared to detail all work completed.</p> | |
| <p>IV.B.6.b.6</p> | <p>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 MS4 staff participation in trainings offered by other parties (e.g. SNEP, EPA) and all in-house training conducted by the municipality/MS4. Evaluate appropriateness and effectiveness of this requirement.</p> <p>How many stormwater management trainings have been provided to <i>municipal/MS4 employees</i> during this reporting period? 1</p> <p>What was the date of the training? 5/22/25 Training Topic(s): IDDE How many <i>municipal/MS4 employees</i> attended this training? 12</p> <p>What percent of <i>municipal/MS4 employees</i> in relevant positions and departments received stormwater management training? 100%</p> <p>Have <i>municipal/MS4 employees</i> that are responsible for inspecting or cleaning catch basins also been trained to detect and report illicit connections or non-stormwater discharges? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> |
| <p>All WPC employees working in wastewater and stormwater are trained in chemical handling, spill response, SESC controls, hazards, toxins, and communications. All WPC vehicles are equipped with emergency response spill kits.</p> | |
| <p>IV.B.6.b.7</p> | <p>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.</p> |

POLLUTION PREVENTION AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IN MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS cont'd

All new projects require the design engineer to attempt to reduce the flow volume and rate from existing site conditions for the project. Water quality improvement is also recommended. Under the City's zoning Ordinance, all new projects are required to comply with the requirements of the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, Titles 12, 13, and 15 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport governing public services, streets, sidewalks, and public places, parking, buildings, and construction as well as laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations governing stormwater management.

Additional Measurable Goals and Activities
Not applicable.

SECTION II.A - Structural BMPs (Part IV.B.6.b.1.i) These include but are not limited to: retention/detention basins, vegetated treatment, infiltration, and pre-treatment controls, etc.

| BMP ID: | Location: | Name of BMP Owner/Operator: | Description of BMP: | Frequency of Inspection: |
|---|---|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Newport Housing | Hillside & Maple Avenue | Trinity Financial | Vortechnic device to reduce TSS and | Annually |
| Cliff Walk Restroom Sand Filters | Cliff Walk Restroom Area | City of Newport | Sand Filters for area stormwater treatment. | Annually |
| Almy Pond TMDL management pilot study program | Andrews Street, Casey Ct., Hazard Avenue, and Gordon Street | City of Newport | Vortechnic and media filtration Vault, Tree box filter unit, vegetative filter swales, and bioretention basins reduce phosphorous loads to Almy Pond | Annually |
| Hillside Ave. Green Infrastructure SW project | Hillside Ave. | City of Newport | Tree box filter unit and 4 bioretention basins | Annually |
| Almy Pond | Spouting Rock Drive | City of Newport | 1 bioretention basin | Biannually |

SECTION II.B - Discharges Causing Scouring or Excessive Sedimentation (Part IV.B.6.b.1.v)

| Outfall ID: | Location: | Description of Problem: | Description of Remediation Taken, include dates: | Receiving Water Body Name/Description: |
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SECTION II.C - Note any planned municipal/MS4-owned 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 is currently incorporating deep sump catch basins into infrastructure projects for the repair and replacement of infrastructure that has reached the end of its useful life or is failing. As part of this effort, the City is also eliminating unscreened curb inlets, which result in animal access and significant debris accumulation within structures.

Two vegetative filter strips were inspected and maintained as part of the Almy Pond TMDL management plan.

A bioretention basin and deep sump catch basin, at the end of Casey Court, this basin outflows directly to Almy Pond.

A bioretention basin at the end of Spouting Rock Drive, this basin outflows directly to Almy Pond.

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 (Part IV.G.2.e).

Not applicable.



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.

(Note: Identify parties responsible for achieving the measurable goals and reference any reliance on another entity for achieving measurable goals. Mark with an asterisk (*) if this person/entity is different from last year.)

Responsible Party Contact Name & Title: Giovanni Amato, Superintendent of Water Pollution Control

Phone: 401-845-5600

Email: gamato@newportri.gov

| LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS: | | | | |
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| Impaired Water Body: Almy Pond WBID: RI0010047L-01 | Pollutants Causing Impairments: Phosphorus (Total) | Has TMDL been completed? Has MS4 been notified of TMDL requirements? Has MS4 developed a Scope of Work or TMDL Implementation Plan? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | |
| Impaired Water Body: WBID: | Pollutants Causing Impairments: | Has TMDL been completed? Has MS4 been notified of TMDL requirements? Has MS4 developed a Scope of Work or TMDL Implementation Plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | |
| [add as necessary] | | | | |
| What kind of public education and outreach strategy does the MS4 implement to target each pollutant of concern? (e.g., signage on installed stormwater controls, resources on website, pamphlets about litter, pet waste, grass clippings, fertilizer use, etc.) | | | | |
| Pollutant of Concern: pet waste fertilizer reduce phosphorus loads trash and floatables | Strategy: Web site Education flyers Screened Inlet retro-fits Street sweeping | Target Audience: Home owners Dog owners City Departments Landscapers | | |
| Has the MS4 installed stormwater BMPs or required the installation of stormwater BMPs on private property to address impairments? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | | |
| If yes, indicate the name of the impaired water body associated with the stormwater control, type of stormwater control, date installed, ownership, and who is responsible for maintenance: | | | | |
| The Almy Pond TMDL management pilot study program consisted of the installation of several BMP/LID technologies that included nine (9) deep sump catch basins, one (1) tree box filter, and two (2) vegetated filter strips. An "end-of-pipe" treatment train was also installed that included one (1) hydrodynamic separator and one (1) media filtration system. The stormwater infrastructure for this project was installed along Coggeshall Avenue, Hazard Avenue, Gordon Street, Vanderbilt Avenue, and Andrew Street, and completed in November 2017. The City of Newport WPC cleaned the Vortex unit and Perk Filter vault at the end of Andrew Street. Routine inspections and preventative maintenance were performed by WPC in 2025. | | | | |
| Impaired water body | Type of Stormwater Control: | Date Installed: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipally/MS4-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Privately-Owned | Who maintains it? |
| Almy Pond | 9 Deep Sump Catch Basin retrofits 1 Tree Box Filter | 6/21/17 - 7/28/17 7/26/17 | City of Newport City of Newport | City of Newport City of Newport |

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) OR OTHER WATER QUALITY DETERMINATION REQUIREMENTS cont'd

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| | 2 Vegetated Filter Strip Swales | 6/13/17 & 6/19/17 | City of Newport | City of Newport |
| | Hydrodynamic Separator | 9/28/17 | City of Newport | City of Newport |
| | Media Filtration System (Perk Filter) | 9/28/17 | City of Newport | City of Newport |
| | 1 bioretention basin and deep sump catch basin | 7/1/19 | City of Newport | City of Newport |
| Almy Pond | Removed approx. 25,200 square feet of impervious surface and installed 1 Bioretention Basin | 10/19/23 | City of Newport | City of Newport |

Additional enhanced minimum measures used to address water quality issues (e.g., increased street sweeping or catch basin cleaning in areas with high pollutant loading, installation of floatable traps/screens, etc.):

The City has contracted for ongoing development of printed material for distribution to residents, businesses, commercial landscapers, and schools that identifies the impact phosphorus has on the environment and Almy Pond specifically, along with the development of graphic, tabular, and illustrative material for the City's website Portal for Almy Pond. Reduction of the external loads of total phosphorus entering the Pond will help curtail the total phosphorus accumulating in Almy Pond's surface water and sediments. The reduction in external loading needs to be addressed and verified before addressing the internal loading.

The City anticipates that the ongoing public education campaign has resulted in the installation and implementation of new structural and non-structural BMPs, respectively, with the successful reduction of external loading, a plan will be developed to address internal loading.

Additional street sweepings and catch basin cleanings are conducted in the Almy Pond watershed area in accordance with the program plan. WPC provides maintenance, removing sand and debris from the Almy pond discharge outlet as needed.

A pilot project for the treatment of stormwater runoff entering Almy Pond has been approved for a grant. The project construction was completed in December 2017. The Final sampling report was completed by PARE Corporation in May of 2018, which demonstrates improvement to the Almy Pond Watershed. Overall, reported phosphorus concentrations in stormwater appear to be lower in the 2018 sampling event when compared to the 2013 and 2016 sampling events. Routine inspections and preventative maintenance were performed by WPC in 2025.

Spouting Rock Drive, Newport, RI: Mitigating Stormwater Runoff into Almy Pond Project. In 2021, The City of Newport was awarded a \$180,000 Municipal Resilience Program Action Grant. This grant was utilized for a critical project: Mitigating stormwater runoff into Almy Pond, one of our state's most distressed bodies of water. To spearhead this initiative. The City of Newport's Planning department worked closely with the Aquidneck Island Land Trust to get approvals and funding to remove approximately 25,200 square feet of impervious surface from Spouting Rock Drive and its associated appurtenances (i.e., catch basins, sewer, etc.). This project broke ground in the fall of 2023 and was a cooperative effort by the City's Utilities, Public Services, and Planning Departments. The City of Newport removed approximately 25,200 square feet of impervious surface (i.e. roadway and sidewalks) and associated appurtenances. Restoring the site to its natural state before the road was built. The City staff was enthusiastic and devoted to making a positive impact by ensuring the health and vitality of our natural resources. Routine inspections and preventative maintenance were performed on the Bioretention Basin in 2025.



SPECIAL RESOURCE PROTECTION WATERS (SRPWs)

SECTION I. In accordance with Title 250 RICR-150-10-1 (“RIPDES Regulations”) §1.32(A)(5)(a)(7), 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 with RIPDES Regulations §1.32(G)(5)(c). A list of SRPWs can be found in Title 250-RICR-150-05-1 (“Water Quality Regulations”) §1.28 at this link:

<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/250-150-05-1>

The State of Rhode Island 2024 Impaired Waters Report (April 2024) can be found here:

<https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkqbur861/files/2024-10/ridem-impaired-waters-report-24.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.

South Easton Pond is listed as an SRPW. However, the City does not discharge any stormwater into this Pond.

Name of Town NEWPORT

| General Information | | | | Location in Decimal Degrees | | | | Receiving Water Body Information | | | | Outfall Information | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|------|-----------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------|------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Inspection ID | Date | Time | Longitude | Latitude | Method of Collection | Accuracy in meters | Horizontal Datum | Photo Name | Type | Name | Material | Shape | If Other | Diameter | If Other | Type | If Other |
| DO-049-01 | | | -71.32185 | +41.49525 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 12"-35" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-049-01 | | | -71.32168 | +41.49715 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 12"-35" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-049-02 | | | -71.32191 | +41.49669 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | PVC | CIRCULAR | | 6'-11" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-064-01 | | | -71.32150 | +41.49330 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 12"-35" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-064-02 | | | -71.32180 | +41.49198 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 36"-59" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-074-01 | | | -71.32363 | +41.49113 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 36"-59" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-074-02 | | | -71.32449 | +41.48910 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 6'-11" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-074-03 | | | -71.31740 | +41.48957 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | >60" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-074-04 | | | -71.31726 | +41.48852 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 36"-59" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-074-05 | | | -71.31716 | +41.48851 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 36"-59" | | SINGLE | |
| DO-079-01 | | | -71.31670 | +41.48694 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 12"-35" | | TRIPLE | |
| DO-079-02 | | | -71.31670 | +41.48690 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 12"-35" | | TRIPLE | |
| DO-079-03 | | | -71.31676 | +41.48696 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 12"-35" | | TRIPLE | |
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| DO-092-01 | | | -71.31646 | +41.48162 | GPS_CODE_(PSEUDO_RANGE)_PRECISE_POSITION | <5m | | | BAY | Narragansett Bay | RCP | CIRCULAR | | 36"-59" | | SINGLE | |
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Netflix dating show says age is just a number

Hannah Kirby
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
 USA TODAY NETWORK

Netflix is giving us a first look at its new dating show experiment, "Age of Attraction," and has revealed its release date.

The new series examines if age is just a number when it comes to love. It is hosted by podcast host and "Bachelor" franchise vet Nick Viall and his wife, Natalie Joy Viall.

The two already host "The Viall Files," the popular podcast Viall started years ago about reality TV, love and pop culture.

Viall and Joy Viall have a high-profile age-gap marriage themselves, being 45 and 27.

The daters on "Age of Attraction" range from 22 to 60, according to Tudum, the streaming service's official companion site.

"In this new dating experiment, it simply does not matter how many can-

dies were on your last birthday cake or how few wrinkles have formed on your forehead," the Tudum report said. "Age is thrown out the window as singles search for their soulmates."

"Age of Attraction" premieres March 11 on Netflix, according to People.

The trailer, which dropped Jan. 29, opens with a smiling dater — wearing a bright pink set with matching lipstick — stepping out of a Harbour Air seaplane. The season was filmed in Whistler and Vancouver, British Columbia.

"When you tell people your age, they put a stigma to that," a woman says in a voice-over.

"The truth is, when love is there and love is real, age won't matter," a man says as another participant, a guy in a trendy patterned knit polo, exits the plane.

As daters mingle, Joy Viall says: "Here, age is just a number. You'll be dating without ever knowing how old your partner is."

In a confessional-style setting, a

blonde woman in a mint-blue off-the-shoulder fit sits on a leather love seat. "I don't know if these guys are my age, my dad's age, my grandpa's age," she says. The video cuts to two daters who are walking hand in hand, then talking at a restaurant about what they're going to order — an oyster shooter because "they're an aphrodisiac."

The woman asks the man if he wants to hear "something absolutely insane."

"In a regular situation, I would probably want to fix you up with my daughter," she tells him, laughing and covering her eyes.

"Oh, God," he replies.

In a cutaway, the woman says she is "petrified" that the man is too young, guessing he's in his 30s. Her oldest child is 29.

"Everyone thinks I'm significantly older than I am," the man says in a confessional. "I think I'm going to shock her."

Sitting together, he asks if she has her seat belt on as he's about to reveal his age.

After a suspenseful pause, the woman drops her forehead into her hand and gasps: "Oh my God."

Viall appeared on *Andi Dorfman* and *Kaitlyn Bristowe's* seasons of "The

Bachelorette." In both, he was sent home as the runner-up during the series finale.

He later was on the ABC spinoff "Bachelor in Paradise" and became "The Bachelor." He competed on "Dancing with the Stars" and made it through Season 2 of Fox's "Special Forces."

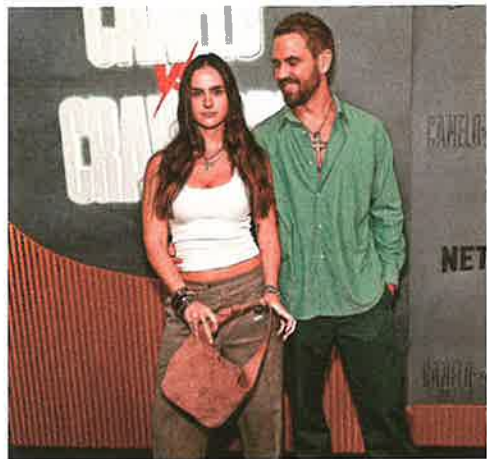
In addition to cohosting "The Viall Files" — which drops several types of episodes each week — Viall authored the book "Don't Text Your Ex: Happy Birthday: And Other Advice on Love, Sex, and Dating."

Joy Viall, a certified surgical technologist, slid into Viall's DMs, and then the two started dating in 2020, according to People.

The couple announced their engagement in January 2023 and welcomed their first child, River Rose, in 2024. Their wedding was held at Joy Viall's family's Georgia farm later that year.

But 2025 would be "full of heartbreak," she shared on Instagram at the end of the year after having three miscarriages.

Still, "I've never felt more loved," she wrote in the post, adding heart and hand-drawn emojis. "2025 was growth and that is all I can ask for. Excited for 2026 with my people."



Natalie Joy Viall and Nick Viall will host Netflix's "Age of Attraction." BRYAN STEFFY, GETTY IMAGES

Kelly Clarkson's hit talk show will end after 7 seasons

KIMI Robinson
 USA TODAY

Kelly Clarkson has confirmed the rumors about her daytime talk show's date.

The singer-turned-host announced on Feb. 2, that her Daytime Emmy-winning "Kelly Clarkson Show" will end after its seventh season. NBCUniversal's news release described Clarkson's move as "personal decision to step away from hosting a talk show after this season."

"This was not an easy decision — but this season will be my last," Clarkson wrote in an Instagram post. "Stepping away from the daily schedule will allow me to prioritize my kids, which feels necessary and right for this chapter of our lives."

In August, her ex-husband Brandon Blackstock died at 48 years old following a three-year battle with skin cancer. They had two children together: River Rose, 11, and Remy Alexander, 9.

She continued, "This isn't goodbye. I'll still be making music, playing shows here and there, and you may catch me on 'The Voice' from time to time... you never know where I might show up next."

Clarkson also expressed her gratitude: "I am forever grateful and honored to have worked alongside the greatest band and crew you could hope for, all the talent and inspiring people who have shared their time and lives with us, all the fans who have supported our show, and to NBC for always being such a supportive and incredible partner."

The seventh season, currently airing in syndication, premiered on Sept. 29. A finale date has not been announced, though NBCUniversal's news release said episodes "will air through fall 2026."

"A few special guest hosts" are slated to take over hosting duties at an unspecified time and "will be announced."



Kelly Clarkson, seen here on the June 3 episode of "The Kelly Clarkson Show," has announced the show will end after this season.

Beloved for "Kellyoke" segments and at times emotional sit-downs with celebrities and "everyday heroes," "The Kelly Clarkson Show" first aired in September 2019 and aimed to "spotlight the best of humanity," according to NBCUniversal's Feb. 2 release.

"Full disclosure, I put on a smile a lot of those times because I was struggling a lot in my personal life," Clarkson told USA TODAY in 2023 about filming the first four seasons of her show. "I've learned a lot about what I'm capable of handling, and also what you should not handle."

In Season 5, she made a "very needed" move to New York City, where production has been based for more than two years.

"I knew I needed a fresh start and couldn't be in L.A. I really wanted to be in Montana, but you can't really do a show from there quite yet," Clarkson said. "So I was like, 'The only other option would probably be New York.'"

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT PHASE II STORMWATER ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RPDES) PROGRAM GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4) AND FROM INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY AT ELIGIBLE FACILITIES OPERATED BY REGULATED SMALL MS4S.

DATE OF NOTICE: February 7, 2026.
RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI040009
NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF SMALL MS4 OPERATOR:
 City of Newport, Department of Utilities
 Water Pollution Control Division
 70 Halsley Street
 Newport, RI 02840

Pursuant to the requirements established in the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Small MS4s and from Industrial Activity at Eligible Facilities Operated by Regulated Small MS4s (General Permit), the City of Newport submitted an application package, including a Notice of Intent and Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMPP) to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) for authorization of the stormwater discharges from the City of Newport MS4. In accordance with Part IV.E of the General Permit the operator must annually evaluate the compliance of the SWMPP with the conditions of the permit, as well as the appropriateness of the selected Best Management Practices and efforts towards achieving the Measurable Goals. An annual report prepared in accordance with Part IV.E of the general permit must be submitted to RIDEM by March 10th for each year after the permit is issued. Notice is hereby given of the intent to receive public comment and to hold a public hearing, if requested, on the City of Newport Phase II Stormwater Annual Report.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT:
 Copies of the Phase II Stormwater Annual Report may be obtained at no cost by visiting the City's website at www.cityofnewport.com or writing or calling the Newport Department of Utilities as noted below.
 Robert C. Schultz, Jr., PE
 General Manager & Chief Engineer
 70 Halsley Street
 Newport, RI 02840
 845-5600

The administrative record containing all documents is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the Department of Utilities office mentioned above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

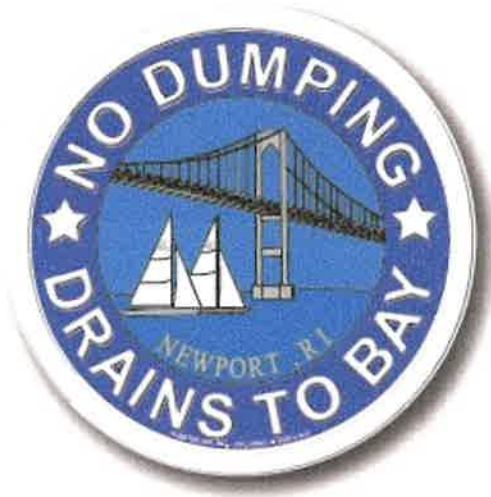
PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:
 Pursuant to the requirements of the Phase II Small MS4 General Permit, a public hearing has been tentatively scheduled to consider the City of Newport's Phase II Stormwater Annual Report, if requested. Requests for Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Robert C. Schultz, Jr., Director of Utilities at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if the City of Newport receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM, February 20, 2026, it requested the public hearing will be held at the following time and place:
 February 27, 2026 at 10:00 AM
 Lawton Valley Water Treatment Plant
 Conference Room
 2154 West Main Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871

Interested persons should contact the City of Newport in advance to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time and location noted above.

Interested parties may submit comments on the draft Annual Report and amendments to the SWMPP and the administrative record to the address above by the close of the public comment period which ends 10:00 AM, February 27, 2026. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements.

If, during the public comment period, significant comments are received concerning the draft Annual Report or amendments to the SWMPP, the CITY of Newport will provide a written response to comments to all persons that submitted comments and all members of the public that request a copy of the response. The response will include a final Annual Report and identify what changes to the SWMPP have been made, if any.

FINAL ANNUAL REPORT AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SWMPP
 Pursuant to the Phase II small MS4 General Permit, the City of Newport will submit the final Annual Report and a copy of amendments to the SWMPP to the RIDEM, all records relating to this permit are available for review by the public. The public may view the records during normal business hours at the address indicated above. Changes adding (but not subtracting or replacing) components of the SWMPP may be implemented immediately upon written notification to RIDEM. Unless denied, changes replacing ineffective or infeasible six minimum measure best management practices specifically identified in the SWMPP will be deemed approved and may be implemented within sixty (60) days from submittal of the request. Changes replacing ineffective or infeasible stormwater control specifically identified in the SWMPP or in an approved scope of work, intended to meet the requirements of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or other Water Quality Determination may be implemented only upon receipt of written approval from RIDEM.
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