

**Year 1 Annual Report**  
**Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit**  
**New Permittees**  
**Reporting Period: May 1, 2018-June 30, 2019**

*\*\*Please DO NOT attach any documents to this form. Instead, attach all requested documents to an email when submitting the form\*\**

*Unless otherwise noted, all fields are required to be filled out. If a field is left blank, it will be assumed the requirement or task has not been completed.*

**Part I: Contact Information**

Name of Municipality or Organization: University of Massachusetts - Lowell

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR042054

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**Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information**

SWMP Location (web address): Directions for reviewing a copy of the SWMP can be found at :<https://www.uml.edu/EEM/Policies-and-Procedures/>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: 6/25/2019

If the SWMP is not available on the web please provide the physical address and an explanation of why it is not posted on the web:

The document has not been posted to the website due to the need to make the SWMP compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act prior to posting, but a copy of the SWMP can be requested by emailing the Storm Water Coordinator, Carl Shreder: Carl\_Shreder@uml.edu. In addition, hard copies of the document may be reviewed at the Lydon Library Circulation Desk, O'Leary Library Circulation Desk and the Environmental and Emergency Management Office Suite 140. located at University Crossing.

## Part II: Self Assessment

*Check off all requirements below that have been completed. By checking each box you are certifying that you have completed that permit requirement fully. If you have not completed a requirement leave the box unchecked. Additional information will be requested in later sections.*

### Year 1 Requirements

- Develop and begin public education and outreach program

### Annual Requirements

- Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- Comply with State Public Notice requirements
- Keep records relating to the permit available for 5 years and make available to the public
- Properly store and dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they do not discharge to receiving waters

Use the box below to input additional details on any unchecked boxes above or any additional information you would like to share as part of your self assessment:

University of Massachusetts Lowell (UML or University) is a new, non-traditional permittee. The timeline for the public education requirements in part 2.3.2.c are extended by one year to Year 2. The University will develop and distribute the educational materials in Year 2.

The University is creating an internal stormwater committee to include key contacts and leads for certain implementation tasks in the SWMP. Meetings were held on July 30, 2019 and September 19, 2019 to establish roles and responsibilities.

The University has worked with UML Outdoor Recreation program, Mass Sierra Club, and the Merrimack River Watershed Council for the past three years to host a river clean-up day each June. Anywhere from 15-30 volunteers take to the water with kayaks and equipment provided by UML including gloves, rakes, grabbers and trash bags to help keep the river clean.

At the University's Urban Agriculture Farm there is a rainwater capture system that is used to irrigate plants. Rainwater collected through the gutter system is funneled to an 1800 gallon storage tank inside the greenhouse which is use to irrigate the plants. There are also raised berms planted with Rhubarb to capture excess runoff. It is a mission of the university to promote sustainable stormwater management.

For the University's grounds maintenance - fertilizer is applied four times annually using products that contain zero phosphorus, 50% organic materials, and total nitrogen of about 3.5lbs/ 1,000 square feet for the growing season.

The University had an independent contractor complete 116 catch basin cleanings during Year 1 for all three campuses. The University has secured a new contract for catch basin cleanings to occur in Year 2.

### **Part III: Receiving Waters/Impaired Waters/TMDL**

Have you made any changes to your lists of receiving waters, outfalls, or impairments since the NOI was submitted?

Yes  No

If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:

### Part IV: Minimum Control Measures

Part IV includes some of the metrics that will be required in upcoming annual reports. For this annual report, these metrics are optional for new permittees; please fill out any of the metrics below that you have started. Then, proceed to Part V.

#### MCM1: Public Education

Number of educational messages completed during the reporting period:

Below, report on the educational messages completed during the first year. For the measurable goal(s) please describe the method/measures used to assess the overall effectiveness of the educational program.

**BMP: [Message name here]**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Message Date(s):

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements  Appendix H Requirements

Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes  No

If yes, describe why the change was made:

Add an Educational Message

#### MCM2: Public Participation

Describe the opportunity provided for public involvement in the development of the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) during the reporting period:

An internal working committee worked on development of the SWMP with the intent of developing a more inclusive committee that will work on public participation and outreach plans during Year 2 of the permit.

Was this opportunity different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes  No

Describe any other public involvement or participation opportunities conducted during the reporting period:

### **MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)**

#### **Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)**

*Below, report on the number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed during this reporting period.*

Number of SSOs identified:

Number of SSOs removed:

*Below, report on the total number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed to date. At a minimum, report SSOs identified since 2013.*

Total number of SSOs identified:

Total number of SSOs removed:

#### **MS4 System Mapping**

Describe the status of your MS4 map, including any progress made during the reporting period (phase I map due in year 5):

The University has a base map of stormwater infrastructure which includes pipes, manholes, catch basins and outfalls. This map is updated regularly as new information becomes available.

#### **Screening of Outfalls/Interconnections**

*If conducted, please submit any outfall monitoring results from this reporting period. Outfall monitoring results should include the date, outfall/interconnection identifier, location, weather conditions at time of sampling, precipitation in previous 48 hours, field screening parameter results, and results from all analyses.*

- The outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- The outfall screening data can be found at the following website:

*Below, report on the number of outfalls/interconnections screened during this reporting period.*

Number of outfalls screened:

*Below, report on the percent of total outfalls/interconnections screened to date.*

Percent of total outfalls screened:

**Catchment Investigations**

*If conducted, please submit all data collected during this reporting period as part of the dry and wet weather investigations. Also include the presence or absence of System Vulnerability Factors for each catchment.*

- The catchment investigation data is attached to the email submission
- The catchment investigation data can be found at the following website:

*Below, report on the number of catchment investigations completed during this reporting period.*

Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period:

*Below, report on the percent of catchments investigated to date.*

Percent of total catchments investigated:

*Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding the catchment investigations below:*

**IDDE Progress**

*If illicit discharges were found, please submit a document describing work conducted over this reporting period, and cumulative to date, including location source; description of the discharge; method of discovery; date of discovery; and date of elimination, mitigation, or enforcement OR planned corrective measures and schedule of removal.*

- The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission
- The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following website:

*Below, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed, along with the volume of sewage removed during this reporting period.*

Number of illicit discharges identified:

Number of illicit discharges removed:

Estimated volume of sewage removed:  [UNITS]

*Below, report on the total number of illicit discharges identified and removed to date. At a minimum, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed since the effective date of the permit.*

Total number of illicit discharges identified:

Total number of illicit discharges removed:

*Optional:* Provide any additional information for clarity regarding illicit discharges identified, removed, or planned to be removed below:

**Employee Training**

Describe the frequency and type of employee training if conducted during the reporting period:

**MCM4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

*Below, report on the construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions completed during this reporting period.*

Number of site plan reviews completed:

Number of inspections completed:

Number of enforcement actions taken:

**MCM5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment**

**Ordinance Development**

Describe the status of the post-construction ordinance required to be complete in year 2 of the permit term:

The University is subject to state regulations and does not have the authority to develop site specific ordinances for development on campus.

**As-built Drawings**

Describe the status of the measures the MS4 has utilized to require the submission of as-built drawings and ensure long term operation and maintenance of completed construction sites required to be complete in year 2 of the permit term:

The University does not have authority to prepare its own development requirements as all construction is managed by the state.

**Street Design and Parking Lots Report**

Describe the status of the street design and parking lots assessment due in year 4 of the permit term, including any planned or completed changes to local regulations and guidelines:

**Green Infrastructure Report**

Describe the status of the green infrastructure report due in year 4 of the permit term, including the findings and progress towards making the practice allowable:

**Retrofit Properties Inventory**

Describe the status of the inventory, due in year 4 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas and report on any properties that have been modified or retrofitted:

No work done to date

**MCM6: Good Housekeeping**

**Catch Basin Cleaning**

Describe the status of the catch basin cleaning optimization plan:

*If complete, attach the catch basin cleaning optimization plan or the schedule to gather information to develop the optimization plan:*



- The catch basin cleaning optimization plan or schedule is attached to the email submission
- The catch basin cleaning optimization plan or schedule can be found at the following website:

*Below, report on the number of catch basins inspected and cleaned, along with the total volume of material removed from the catch basins during this reporting period.*

Number of catch basins inspected:

Number of catch basins cleaned:

Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins:

*Below, report on the total number of catch basins in the MS4 system, if known.*

Total number of catch basins:

*If applicable:*

Report on the actions taken if a catch basin sump is more than 50% full during two consecutive routine inspections/cleaning events:

**Street Sweeping**

Describe the status of the written procedures for sweeping streets and municipal-owned lots:

*Report on street sweeping completed during the reporting period using one of the three metrics below.*

Number of miles cleaned:

Volume of material removed:

Weight of material removed:

*If applicable:*

For rural uncurbed roadways with no catch basins, describe the progress of the inspection, documentation, and targeted sweeping plan:

**Winter Road Maintenance**

Describe the status of the written procedures for winter road maintenance including the storage of salt and sand:

**Inventory of Permittee-Owned Properties**

Describe the status of the inventory, due in year 2 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties, including parks and open spaces, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment, and include any updates:

**O&M Procedures for Parks and Open Spaces, Buildings and Facilities, and Vehicles and Equipment**

Describe the status of the operation and maintenance procedures, due in year 2 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties (parks and open spaces, buildings and facilities, vehicles and equipment) and include maintenance activities associated with each:

**Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**

Describe the status of any SWPPP, due in year 2 of the permit term, for permittee-owned or operated facilities including maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater:

*Below, report on the number of site inspections for facilities that require a SWPPP completed during this reporting period.*

Number of site inspections completed:

Describe any corrective actions taken at a facility with a SWPPP:

**O&M Procedures for Stormwater Treatment Structures**

Describe the status of the written procedure for stormwater treatment structure maintenance:

## Part V: Additional Information

### Monitoring or Study Results

*Results from any other stormwater or receiving water quality monitoring or studies conducted during the reporting period not otherwise mentioned above, where the data is being used to inform permit compliance or permit effectiveness must be attached.*

- Not applicable
- The results from additional reports or studies are attached to the email submission
- The results from additional reports or studies can be found at the following website(s):

If such monitoring or studies were conducted on your behalf or if monitoring or studies conducted by other entities were reported to you, a brief description of the type of information gathered or received shall be described below:

### Additional Information

*Optional:* Enter any additional information relevant to your stormwater management program implementation during the reporting period. Include any BMP modifications made by the MS4 if not already discussed above:

The University is a state-agency and is subject to regulations developed by the state. The university plans to develop stormwater education and outreach activities, promote stormwater management controls, and properly inspect and maintain stormwater infrastructure and BMPs on campus, to the extent allowed.

### Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period

Please confirm that your SWMP has been, or will be, updated to comply with all applicable permit requirements including but not limited to the year 2 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree

### Annual Requirements

- Annual report submitted and available to the public
- Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- Keep records relating to the permit available for 5 years and make available to the public
- Properly store and dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they do not discharge to receiving waters
- Continue public education and outreach program

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 2 below:

## Part VI: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2019

### 40 CFR 144.32(d) Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Name:  Title:

Signature:  Date:

*[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]*