



Town of Amherst New Hampshire

MEMO
May 23, 2019

TO: RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST
FROM: SIMON CORSON, PLANNER
RE: US EPA MS-4 STORMWATER UPDATE

The US EPA MS-4 Stormwater Permit was issued in January, 2017. The permit covers stormwater discharges into waterways in urbanized portions of New Hampshire, and requires identification of illicit discharges and mitigation of non-point source pollution.

The permit came into effect on July 1, 2018. Timelines contained in the permit require the town to issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) indicating our plans to comply with permit requirements, and development of a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) that implements the tasks outlined in the NOI. The goal of the program is to address non-point source pollution of our waterways, and to adopt measures that will protect and enhance water quality.

Fortunately, the town has been in compliance with previous permits, and has been diligent in mapping our water resources and our stormwater infrastructure and testing water quality in various locations throughout the town.

On May 14, 2019, the EPA granted the town authorization to discharge stormwater in accordance with the MS4 Permit. The town's next task will be to develop the SWMP prior to July 1, 2019.

Residents may see outreach and education materials from the Community Development Department about how to help improve water quality in our community. Outreach topics are expected to focus on pet waste, yard waste, household waste, and fertilizer use.

Please reach out with any questions regarding the MS-4 Stormwater Permit to the Community Development Department at Amherst Town Hall.

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