

# Great Bay Pollution Tracking and Accounting Project

## Meeting 18: Project Updates and Nitrogen Source Reduction Planning

9:00 – 10:30 AM

May 21, 2021

### DRAFT Meeting Notes

- **Great Bay Blog:**

- A resource blog for the adaptive management approach has been developed and is temporarily hosted on the NH MS4 blog. Resources for elements A – E will be posted on the blog as needed. Eventually, the blog will move to its own location.

*Link to blog:* [Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit – NH-MS4 Municipalities \(state.nh.us\)](https://state.nh.us/great-bay-total-nitrogen-general-permit-nh-ms4-municipalities)

- **Element B Update**

- A write-up for use as a response to Element B – methods to track reductions/additions of nitrogen has been posted on the blog. The write-up summarizes PTAP functions including accounting and implementation tracking.
- Participants discussed the need for municipalities to have enabling regulations in place that allow developers to input information into PTAP. Exeter, Dover, and Portsmouth have done this already. Potential for other municipalities to use language for their towns.
- Portsmouth developed You Tube videos to help users input PTAP data.

- **Element C – nitrogen planning**

- Planning templates for CIP/planned projects, non-structural BMPs, and future projects were reviewed.
- A technical assistance workshop will be offered on June 1, 2021 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM (virtual) to help municipalities fill out the planning templates.

- For the non-structural templates, municipalities need to focus on information needed as described in column F of the non-structural BMP excel spreadsheet (posted on the blog).
- More work might be needed on the fertilizer reductions.
- Discussion around goals and targets and whether they should be included – was inconclusive; some participants like the idea, others weren't sure.
- Review of the hot spots prioritized data included the following discussion items:
  - Might be helpful to include some ballpark costs in the hot spots spreadsheets; UNHSC can look into this.
  - Concerns were expressed around how data are sorted and that sorting on highest IC will put the most expensive projects first, but in reality, that might not be how implementation plays out.
  - A discussion followed to remind participants that the hot spots data are for planning purposes and more work is needed later to refine implementation targets and costs – the data is for BIG PICTURE planning.
  - It was noted that it would be helpful to have an explanation of the assumptions behind the data.
  - Maps were not made for Milton and Newington because of issues with parcel data; Milton will look into obtaining parcel data and providing it for mapping.
- An overall framework for the adaptive management approach submittal is in development and will likely be ready by June 1. Municipalities can then populate the framework with information for all elements. Municipalities are aiming to have their submittals ready for internal reviews (legal, etc.) in early June.