Mashapaug Stormwater General Permit Virtual Compliance Training for Property Owners

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Compliance Training Agenda

- Permit Issuance Recap
- Permitting Strategy and Key Terminology
- Permit Requirements and Deadlines
- How to Apply for Permit Coverage
- Reporting and Recordkeeping
- Compliance Assistance Resources
- Q & A Session

Permit Issuance Timeline

Public Workshops (Informal)

- July 30 and 31, 2025 Virtual and In-Person Workshops Held to Introduce Draft Permit Framework
- Answered Questions and Gathered Feedback Prior to the Formal Public Comment Period

Public Notice and Comment Period (Formal)

- October 10, 2025 to December 22, 2025 Formal Public Notice and Comment Period
- November 20, 2025 In-Person Public Hearing Held to Receive Oral Comments

Final Permit Issued

- February 13, 2026 Response to Public Comments Provided and Final Permit Decision Rendered
- April 1, 2026 Final Permit Effective Date
- March 31, 2031 Permit Expiration

Impervious Cover (IC) is any surface that prevents or significantly impedes the infiltration of water into the underlying soil. This can include but is not limited to: roads, driveways, parking areas and other areas created using non-porous material; buildings, rooftops, structures.

Properties Subject to the General Permit

- Online Interactive GIS Map of the Watershed lists all properties with 1 acre or more of Impervious Cover (IC). It includes properties in Cranston and Providence.
- Total Properties: 59
  - **Cranston:** 29
    - 7+ Acres IC: 3
    - 1-7 Acres IC: 26
  - **Providence:** 30
    - 7+ Acres IC: 4
    - 1-7 Acres IC: 26

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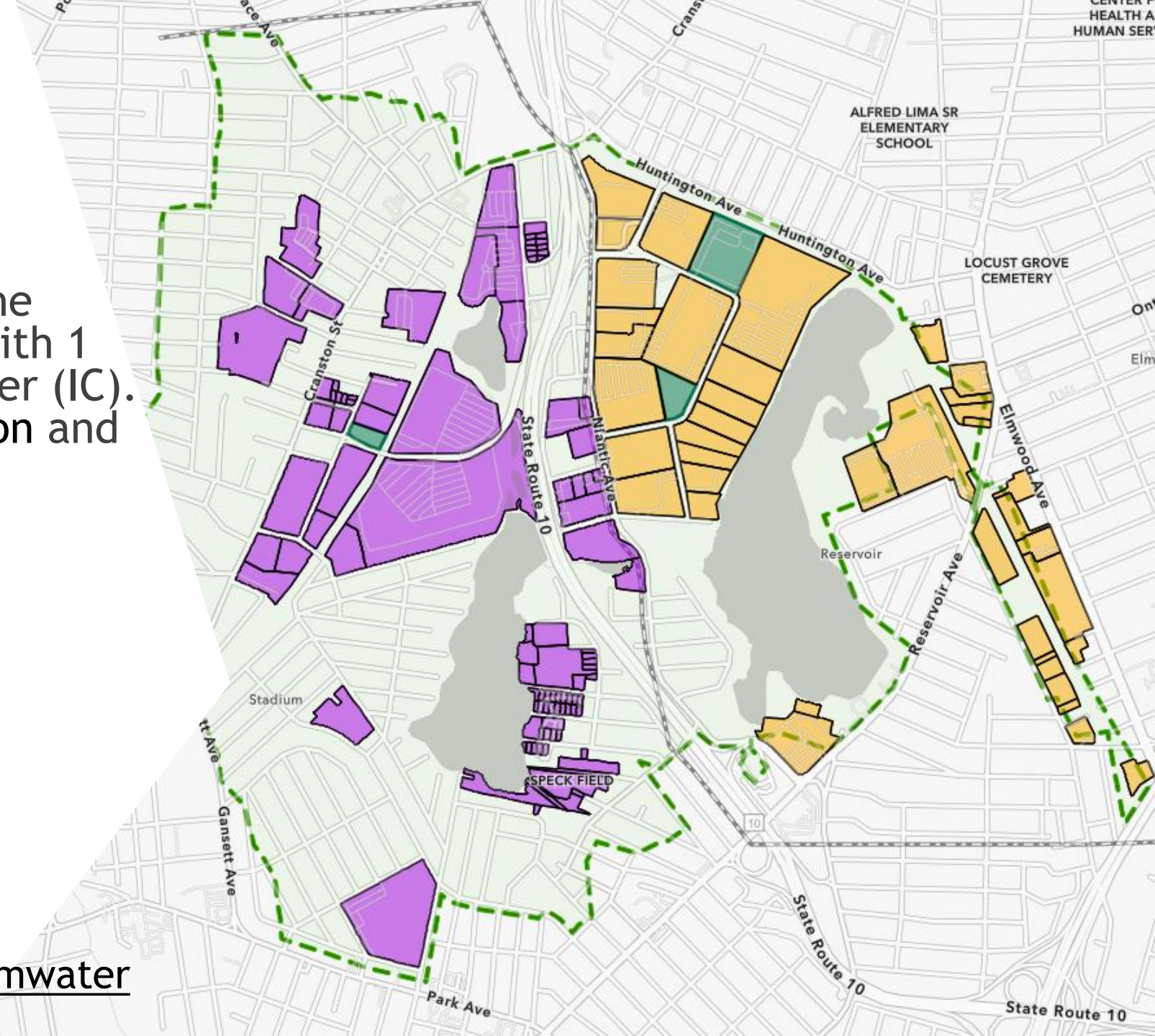

Adaptive Management Approach to Addressing Stormwater Pollution

Bioretention / Rain Gardens

Prevent or Minimize	Prevent or Minimize Exposure of Pollutants to Stormwater
Perform Maintenance	Perform Good Housekeeping and Maintain Existing Infrastructure, Equipment, and Stormwater Treatment Systems
Implement Additional SCMs	Install or Implement New Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs), Structural & Non-Structural

Image Source: Property Owner Guide to Managing Stormwater

Requirements for Properties with 1-7 Acres IC

(Part IV of the permit)

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Minimize Pollutant Exposure (Part III.A)

Proper Materials Storage

Trash and Dumpster Management

Fertilizer/Nutrient Management

Permit Requirements

Prevent stormwater from contacting pollutants	Minimize exposure of materials to rain and runoff	Properly manage materials, waste and chemicals

How to Meet this Requirement

Keep materials covered or contained	Store waste and chemicals in protected areas	Keep dumpsters covered when not in use	Clean up spills and leaks promptly

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Implement a Good Housekeeping Program (Part III.B) – Inspection and Maintenance

Drain Cleaning

Sweeping

Catch Basins

- Catch basins must not exceed 50% sump capacity
- Inspect at least twice per year
  - Once between November 15 - December 15 (after leaf fall)
  - Once during the month of April (after snow melt)
- Clean catch basins as needed based on inspection results

Sweeping

- Use mechanical or vacuum sweepers on impervious cover
  - Parking lots, driveways and sidewalks
- Sweep at least twice per year
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Pipes and Conveyance Systems

- Culverts
- Swales
- Ditches
- Curbs and gutters
- Storm drain pipes

Outfalls and Drainage Channels

- Outlets
- Headwalls
- Piped Outfalls to waterbodies
- Riprap outlets

Stormwater Control Measures

- Infiltration basins
- Bioretention areas/ rain gardens
- Oil-water separators
- Detention or retention basins

Site Areas

- Dumpsters and waste storage areas
- Loading and unloading zones
- Outdoor material storage areas
- Vehicles or equipment

Image Sources: Exact Stormwater Management; Gateway Storage Centers

Minimize Impacts from Major Storm Events (III.C)

- Store materials and waste above flood levels
- Temporarily reduce outdoor storage before storms

Source: "Newport 2020" GoLocalProv News

Spill Prevention, Control, and Response Plans (III.D)

- Train staff and maintain tools to quickly contain and clean up spills
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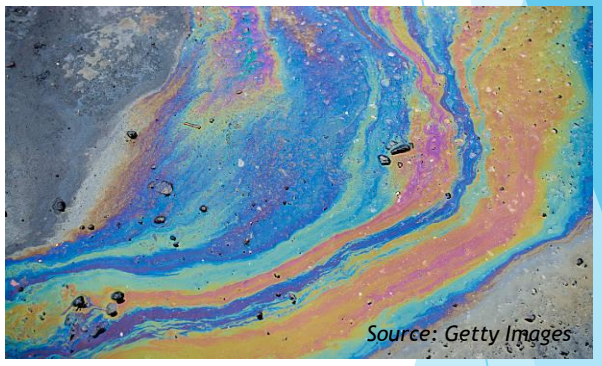

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Implement Erosion and Sediment Control Practices (III.E)

- Stabilize exposed erodible soils
- Use controls like silt fences, wattles, or berms to contain sediment in runoff

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Knowing Your Site

Understanding how site features and activities interact with precipitation and generate runoff and pollutants will help you understand how your site impacts the natural systems around it. Note pollutants generated at each area and think about what else may be a source of pollution on your site. Knowing your site is the first step in effectively managing the stormwater it produces.

1 | Material Stockpiles Portions of stored material and packaging can be sources of pollution when exposed to rainfall

2 | Dumpsters and Waste Storage Pollutants come from general facility waste which can be carried by stormwater that runs across improperly managed containers and dumpster leaks

3 | Loading Docks Pollutant sources include metals, sediment, oils/gas, and organic matter brought by vehicles, trash, and debris from shipping and receiving processes

4 | Rooftop Pollutant sources include particulate nutrients and metals from the atmosphere or rooftop vents and bacteria from bird waste

5 | Other Impervious Surfaces Walkways, storage areas, and other impervious surfaces can produce fertilizers and/or other pollutants from adjacent lawns in addition to trash, chlorides from winter deicing, and sediments

6 | Natural Buffers Naturally vegetated land adjacent to wetlands and waterbodies provides a buffer, protecting these resources from pollutant-generating areas

7 | Fleet Storage and Maintenance Areas Pollutant sources include soaps, oils, greases, and metals from car debris, tire ware, and fleet storage, washing, and maintenance

8 | Roadways, Driveways and Parking Areas Pollutant sources include metals, sediment, oils/gas, and organic matter brought by cars and equipment, sediment and chlorides deposited by winter maintenance, trash, and general litter

9 | Landscaped Areas Pollutant sources include fertilizers, organics/nutrients from soil/ vegetation, and trash

Source: Property Owner Guide to Managing Stormwater

Green Infrastructure and Impervious Cover Reduction Evaluation (Part IV.A)

Property Owners must annually evaluate their site for opportunities to:

- Reduce or eliminate impervious cover
- Improve stormwater infiltration
- Reestablish aquatic buffers
- Implement green infrastructure or stormwater control measures

When planning capital projects, property owners must evaluate opportunities to incorporate green infrastructure

- Even if no projects are planned, permittees must evaluate the site annually for potential improvements

Annual Reporting

- Must describe and list all identified opportunities in the Annual Report
- Must re-evaluate the site each year for new opportunities

Downspout Disconnection

Bioswales / Grassed Swales

Bioretention / Rain Gardens

Image Source: EPA Green Infrastructure

Know Where Water Goes and What You Can Do About It

Ask yourself the following questions to determine where stormwater flows on your site and what you can do to mitigate stormwater impacts. Additional ideas and measures can be found in the tables on page 19 at the end of the guidance.

Source: Property Owner Guide to Managing Stormwater

Key Dates – 1-7 Acres of IC

OCTOBER 1ST 2026

Application Due – Notice of Intent (NOI)

(Application Fee N/A)

NOV 15TH – DEC 15TH 2026

Perform Sweeping, Catch Basin Cleaning, & Infrastructure Maintenance

(Annually Thereafter)

FEBRUARY 15TH 2027

Annual Report & Green Infrastructure Evaluation Due

(Annually Thereafter)

APRIL 2027

Perform Sweeping, Catch Basin Cleaning, & Infrastructure Maintenance

(Annually Thereafter)

JULY 15TH 2027

$100 Annual Fee Due

(Annually Thereafter)

Requirements for Properties with 7+ Acres IC

(Part V of the permit)

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Stormwater Management Plan – SWMP

Stormwater Control Plan - SCP

Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) Requirements (Parts V.A and V.B of the permit)

What is a SWMP?

- A Stormwater Management Plan is a site-specific document that identifies pollution sources and outlines how stormwater will be managed on the property to protect water quality. It must be submitted with the NOI and is subject to RIDEM review and approval.

What must be included:

- Pollution Prevention Team
- Site Description and Map
  - Show land use, drainage patterns, impervious areas, and stormwater features
- Pollution Source Inventory
  - Identify risk areas (dumpsters, fueling zones)
- Schedule for Good Housekeeping Program
  - Inspections and maintenance, sweeping and catch basin cleaning
- Non-stormwater discharge evaluation
  - Identify and eliminate unauthorized discharges (e.g., illicit connections of sanitary waste or process water to stormwater system)
  - Document allowable non-stormwater sources and BMPs (e.g., lawn watering runoff, air conditioning condensate)

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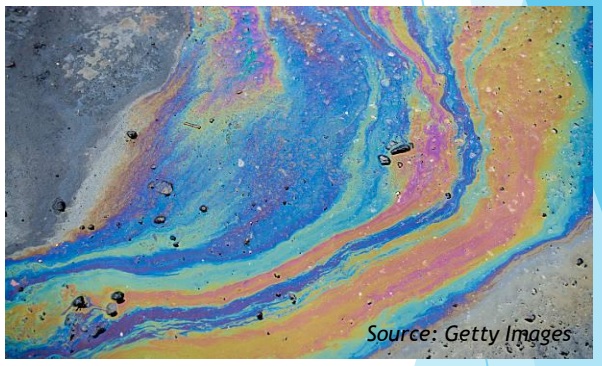

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Stormwater Control Plan (SCP) Requirements (Parts V.C and V.D of the permit)

What is a SCP?

- A Stormwater Control Plan explains how a property will meet its phosphorus pollutant load reduction target using approved structural and non-structural control measures. Subject to RIDEM review and approval.

Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Planning

- The SCP must show how the site will achieve the applicable long term site-specific phosphorus load reduction based on the receiving water:
  - **Mashapaug Pond – 65%**
  - **Spectacle Pond – 68%**
  - **Tongue Pond – 68%**

SCP Implementation – First Permit Term -30%

- Site's Phosphorus Load is **12.67 lbs/year** in **Spectacle Pond**
- Long Term Site-Specific Reduction: 12.67 lbs x 68% = **8.62 lbs/year**
- First Permit Term Target Reduction: 8.62 lbs/year x 30% = **2.59 lbs/year**

Goal: Phosphorus Load Reduction

Stormwater Control Plan (SCP) Requirements (Parts V.C and V.D of the permit)

Site plan / map

- Show subdrainage areas, outfalls, flow paths, storm drain network, receiving waters, and **existing structural SCMs**.

Site-specific pollutant load reduction calculation

- Calculate the phosphorus load from the site's existing impervious and pervious cover.
- Apply the required **65% or 68% reduction** based on the receiving water.

Inventory / accounting of SCMs and treatment credits

- Include **existing and proposed SCMs**.
- Show the amount of phosphorus reduction credit provided by each control.
- Use the approved crediting methodology in **Appendix D** and **EPA's BMP Accounting and Tracking Tool (BATT)**.

Non-structural control measures

- Include non-structural practices used to reduce phosphorus, such as sweeping, catch basin cleaning, and other creditable practices where applicable.

Inspection and Maintenance Plan

- SCMs must be inspected and maintained to function as designed.
- **Credits only apply if SCMs are properly maintained and documented.**

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Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Crediting
(Parts V.D.10 and Appendix D of the permit)

Structural Controls

- Infiltration trenches / infiltration systems
- Rain gardens / bioretention
- Bioswales / vegetated swales / water quality swales
- Filtration systems / sand filters
- Porous pavement
- Wet ponds / dry ponds
- Rain barrels / cisterns
- Impervious area disconnection
- Conversion of impervious area to pervious area
- Soil amendments

Nonstructural Controls

- Enhanced sweeping program
- Catch basin cleaning
- Enhanced organic waste and leaf litter collection program

Source: SNEP Network Watershed Protection Standard (WPS) Tool Kit

Key Dates – 7+ Acres of IC

APRIL 1ST 2027

Application Due – Notice of Intent (NOI), Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), and $400 Application Fee

APRIL 2027

Perform Sweeping, Catch Basin Cleaning, & Infrastructure Maintenance

(Annually thereafter)

NOV 15TH - DEC 15TH 2027

Perform Sweeping, Catch Basin Cleaning, & Infrastructure Maintenance

(Annually thereafter)

FEBRUARY 15TH 2028

Annual Report Due (2027 Calendar Year)

(Annually thereafter)

FEBRUARY 15TH 2028

Stormwater Control Plan (SCP) Due

JULY 15TH 2028

$100 Annual Fee Due

(Annually thereafter)

MARCH 31ST 2031

Complete 30% Implementation of SCP - Phosphorus Load Reduction Target for First Permit Term

Steps for Permit Authorization

1

Download and complete the Notice of Intent (NOI) form

- Submit the NOI form with signature to the RIDEM either by hard copy, or electronically as a pdf via email to DEM.RIPDESMashapaug@dem.ri.gov.
- Ensure the person signing the NOI is authorized to do so in accordance with Part VIII.E of the permit.

2

RIDEM review of the submitted NOI form

- Once the NOI is submitted, the RIDEM will review it to ensure the application is complete and compliant.
- This review cannot begin until the application fee is received (only for 7+ acre IC properties).

3

Correction of any application deficiencies

- If the RIDEM identifies any deficiencies, the property owner will be notified to make corrections to the NOI or SWMP.
- Authorization is not granted until deficiencies are corrected.

4

Permit Authorization

- Once the application has been determined to be complete and compliant, the RIDEM will issue an authorization letter, which should be kept with the property owner's records with a copy of the permit.

Notice of Intent (NOI)

(Part VII of the permit)

I. Permittee (Property Owner) Information

- The property owner's primary 6-digit North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Code may be found from https://www.naics.com/search/.
- Use the NAICS to SIC Crosswalk website to find the corresponding 4-digit Standard Industrial Classification(SIC) Code to match the property owner's NAICS code. https://www.naics.com/naics-to-sic-crosswalk-2

I. PERMITTEE (PROPERTY OWNER) INFORMATION		
Property Owner Legal Name:		
Property Owner Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Property Owner's NAICS Code: __ __ __ __ __ __	Property Owner's SIC Code: __ __ __ __	
Property Owner's Contact Person, First Name:	Property Owner's Contact Person, Last Name:	
Contact Person's Title:		
Contact Person's Phone: ( )	Contact Person's E-mail Address:	

Notice of Intent (NOI)

II. Property/Facility Information

- The total area of impervious cover (IC) at your property in acres can be obtained from Attachment 1 of the regulatory Fact Sheet, or from the interactive map on our website: www.dem.ri.gov/Mashapaug-stormwater

II. PROPERTY/FACILITY INFORMATION

Street Address of Property/Facility:

City:	State:	Zip:

Plat & Lot Number(s) (list all):

Latitude of Property (in decimals, WGS84):	Longitude of Property (in decimals, WGS84):

Total area of the property (including contiguous parcels): _____ acres

Total area of impervious cover at the property (including contiguous parcels): _____ acres

For property(ies) with seven (7) or more acres of impervious cover: I have attached a copy of the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to this NOI. ☐ YES

Facility Type of Ownership (choose one only):

☐ Privately Owned ☐ Corporation ☐ Municipal ☐ Municipal or Water District
☐ School District ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Mixed Ownership - Public/Private

Provide a description of the type of activity(ies) taking place at the property and list any business name(s) operating at the property:

List any other RIPDES/Clean Water Act unique permit ID numbers associated with this property/facility (e.g., for a construction general permit, remediation general permit, previous Mashapaug general permit, etc.):

Number of Outfalls discharging from the property (e.g., pipe, swale, ditch, etc.): _____

Number of Catch Basins on the property (if any): _____

Describe the number and type of stormwater control measures (including non-structural and structural) currently installed or implemented at the site:

Notice of Intent (NOI)

III. Discharge Information

Property owner may need to contact the MS4 to determine the ultimate receiving water for a particular catch basin.

Providence MS4 Contact

Mr. Craig J. Hochman, P.E.
(401) 680-7515
chochman@providenceri.gov

Cranston MS4 Contact

Mr. Edward Tally
(401) 780-3173
etally@cranstonri.org

RIDOT MS4 Contact

Ms. Allison Hamel
(401) 479-1202
allison.hamel@dot.ri.gov

III. DISCHARGE INFORMATION - List all Stormwater Outfalls from your property (each outfall ID must be unique and 3 characters max, e.g., "001", "002") (if needed, add more on a separate sheet of paper and attach):	
Outfall ID: ___ ___ ___	Outfall Location Description:
Latitude (in decimals, WGS84): _____	Longitude (in decimals, WGS84): _____
Does stormwater discharge to a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)? ☐ YES ☐ NO	If YES, select MS4 owner/operator: ☐ Cranston ☐ Providence ☐ RIDOT ☐ Other/Private: _____
Please select the ultimate receiving waterbody to which this outfall discharges stormwater from your property either directly or through an MS4. (If discharging to an unnamed stream or wetland that is hydrologically connected to one of the following named waterbodies, please select the nearest named waterbody from this list.) ☐ Tongue Pond (WBID# RI0006017L-10) - Impairments: Unassessed; TMDL: no ☐ Spectacle Pond (WBID# RI0006017L-07) - Impairments: Chlorophyll-A, Dissolved Oxygen, Total Phosphorus; TMDL: yes ☐ Mashapaug Pond (WBID# RI0006017L-06) - Impairments: Chlorophyll-A, Dissolved Oxygen, Total Phosphorus, PCBs in Fish Tissue, Fecal Coliform; TMDL: yes	

Notice of Intent (NOI)

IV. Permittee Certification Statement

Owner Certification – Must be eligible to sign the NOI per Part VIII.E.

IV. PERMITTEE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT – SIGNATORY FOR PROPERTY OWNER
The Signatory for the Property Owner must meet the requirements in 250-RICR-150-10-1 §1.12. (See the NOI instructions for details.)

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 gathered and evaluated 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.

Print Signatory First Name _____ Last Name _____

Print Signatory Title _____

Signatory Email _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Annual Report

Required Info for All Permittees

(Part VI.B of the permit)

Annual Reports are due **February 15th** for the previous calendar year

The Annual Report should summarize activities completed in the previous calendar year to demonstrate permit compliance, including:

- Strategies implemented to minimize exposure,
- Sweeping, catch basin cleaning, and stormwater infrastructure maintenance,
- Structural improvements, enhanced pollution prevention or other mitigation measures to minimize impacts from major storm events,
- Spill prevention, control and response procedures implemented, including employee training,
- Measures to minimize soil erosion and control sediment,
- Changes or improvements made at the property, and
- Any incidents of non-compliance.

Annual Report (Cont.)
(Part VI.B of the permit)

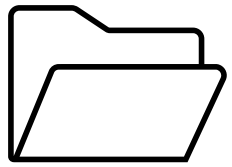
Required Info for 1-7 acre IC Properties

- Green Infrastructure and Impervious Cover Reduction Evaluation: Describe, and list potential opportunities for pavement reduction projects, buffer enhancements, stormwater retrofits, and pending capital projects that could improve water quality or control stormwater discharges from the property.
- Update annually.

Required Info for 7+ acres IC Properties

- Updates to the SWMP or SCP, including maps showing locations of new SCMs,
- Updates on the permittee's progress toward achieving the Site-Specific Pollutant Reduction targets, and
- Summary of inspection and maintenance of SCMs conducted during the reporting year. (See Appendix E of the permit for I&M requirements to maintain pollutant load reduction credits.)

Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements
(Part VI of the permit)



- Property owners must retain copies of all reports and certifications required by the permit and records of all data used to complete the NOI for 5 years from the date of the report or application. This includes:
  - sweeping and catch basin cleaning records,
  - stormwater control measure (SCM) and infrastructure inspection and maintenance records,
  - records of spills or leaks,
  - records of any improvements, enhancements, or mitigation measures implemented at the property,
  - SWMP, SCP, and Annual Reports
- The permit authorization letter issued to the property owner should be kept with a copy of the general permit in the property owner's records.

What if I don't have a point source stormwater discharge? (Part I.E of the permit)

If stormwater is retained or contained on your property or discharges to a Combined Sewer System, you may be eligible to submit a **No Discharge Certification (NDC)** form.

Download and complete the NDC form. Submit the NDC form with signature to the RIDEM either by hard copy or as a pdf via email to DEM.RIPDESMashapaug@dem.ri.gov.

Ensure that the person signing the NDC form is authorized to do so in accordance with Part VIII.E of the permit.

Resources For Property Owners

SEPTEMBER 2024

Property Owner Guide to Managing Stormwater

What is this guide?

This guide explains how activities on individual properties can impact surrounding water resources and simple steps that can be taken to manage stormwater so as to minimize these off-site impacts.

Who is it for?

This guide is a resource for property owners and managers in New England or any individuals responsible for managing stormwater on larger, developed areas in New England.

Why should you read this?

Readers will learn simple steps to reduce stormwater impacts affecting water quality and flooding. Additionally, your property may have regulatory obligations.

What does it include?

~ Background and education on stormwater, its impacts, and land development's influence on stormwater

~ Approaches to understand how developments impact stormwater

~ Guidance on simple, cost-effective measures that can be taken to address water quality and quantity impacts

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Bioretention Basin at Providence College
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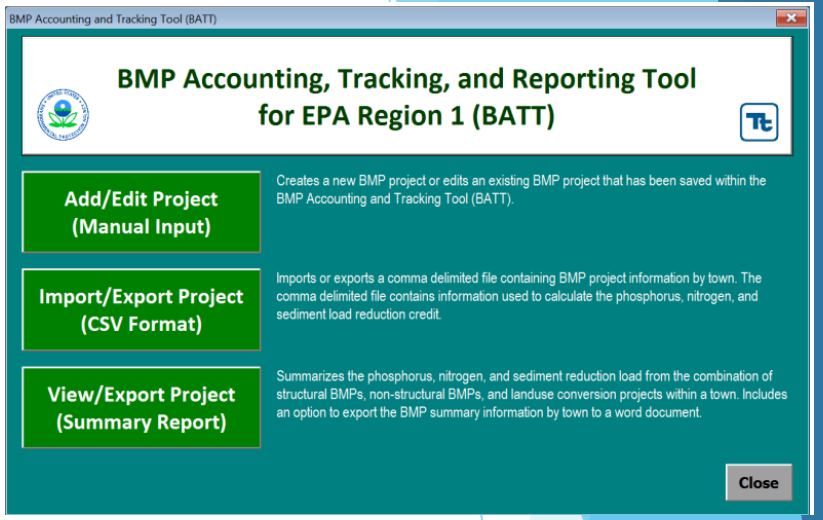
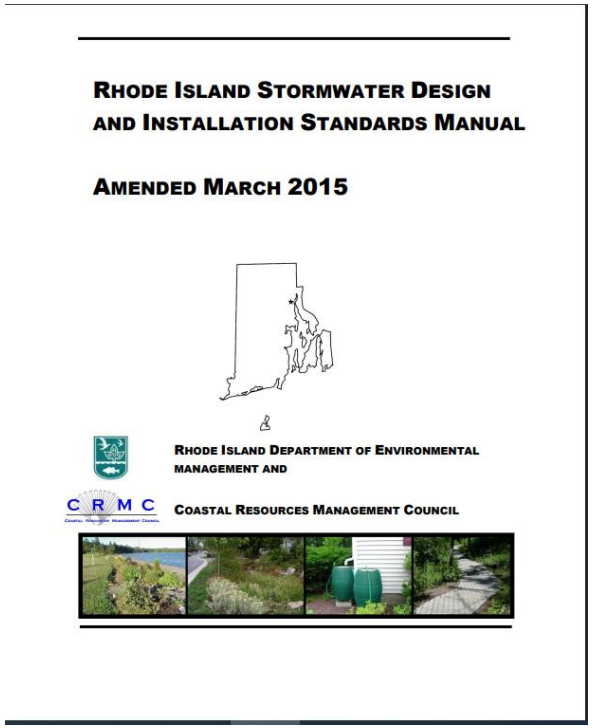
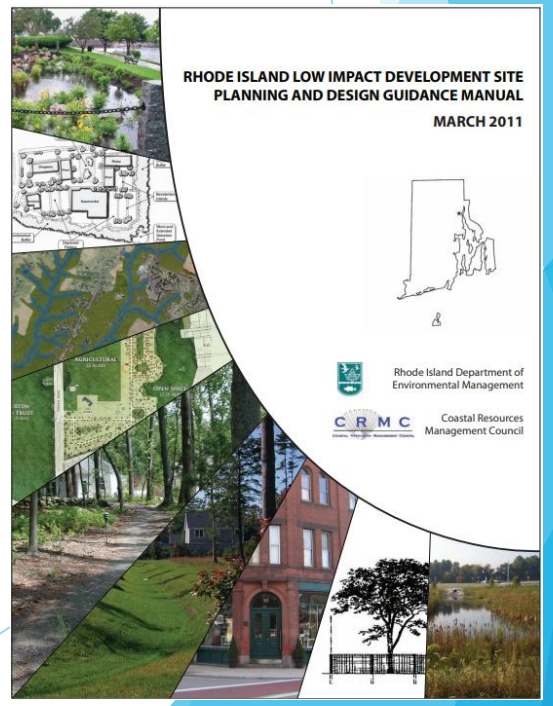
Resources for Stormwater Professionals







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- Permit news
- Upcoming events
- Templates and Forms

You can sign up by visiting the website:

Access Permit and Resource Materials

The final permit, appendices, response to public comments, issuance notification, and regulatory fact sheet are posted on the website:

Access Workshop and Training Materials

Find video recording and presentation slides for this training and the July 2025 informational workshop.

Plus, links to Resources for Property Owners:

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For questions, email:

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Questions?