

City of Waltham's Stormwater Management EPA NPDES Permit Update/Status

The City of Waltham is currently implementing the requirements under the current NPDES Permit. This Permit was issued in year 2003 with a 5-year permit term that ended in 2008. Since then the permit has been automatically renewed every year until a new permit is issued.

EPA finally issued a Draft New Permit and the public comment period ended in February, 2015. The City submitted comments to the EPA on the Draft New Permit. The EPA stated that a New Permit could be issued after July 2016.

Under the current permit the City performs various activities regularly under the following six best practices:

1. Public Education on Stormwater
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Runoff Management
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

The City prepares an annual report every year and submits it to the EPA before May 1. The report summarizes the activities conducted during the year and also lists planned activities for the next year.

The City has a Stormwater Sub-Committee that consists of City Staff from various departments that participate in implementing the best practices under the permit. The Sub-Committee meets every month to review and coordinate the planned activities. The City has hired a consultant, "Program Coordinator for Stormwater Management" to assist with implementing the NPDES permit requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please contact the City Engineer, Stephen Casazza, at 1-781-314-3830, or at scasazza@city.waltham.ma.us.