

**NPDES PHASE II MS4 GENERAL PERMIT
WATER QUALITY CHARACTERIZATION REPORT
STORMWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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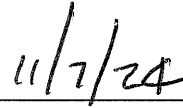
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INTRODUCTION

As part of the 1987 amendments to the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), the United States Congress added Chapter 402(p) to the CWA to address the water quality impacts of stormwater discharges from industrial facilities and large to medium municipal separate storm sewers systems (MS4s). Large to medium MS4s were defined as communities serving populations of 100,000 or more and are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System's (NPDES) Storm Water Phase I Program.

In addition to these amendments, Congress directed the EPA to issue further regulations to identify and regulate additional stormwater discharges that were contributing to national water quality impairments. In 1999, the EPA issued regulations that expanded the existing NPDES Storm Water Program to include discharges from small MS4s in "urbanized areas" serving populations of less than 100,000 and stormwater discharges from construction activities that disturb more than one acre of land. These regulations are referred to as the NPDES Phase II Storm Water Program.

The Town of Lowell (*Figure 1*), located in Lake County, has met these criteria and consequently has been designated as an MS4 entity.

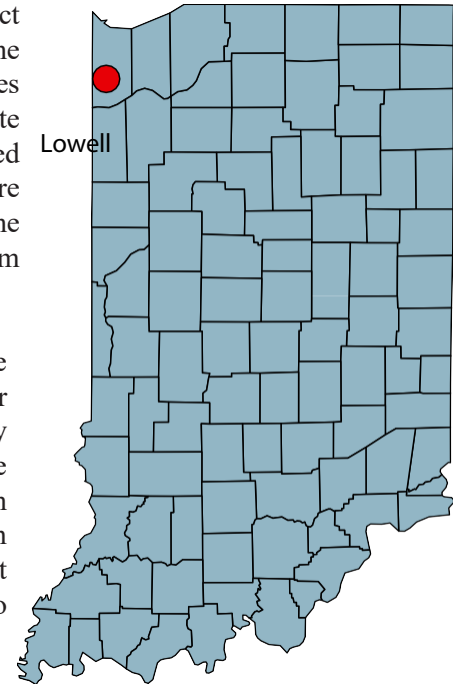


Figure 1: Location of Lowell Indiana

In the State of Indiana, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is responsible for the development and oversight of the NPDES Phase II Program. IDEM initiated adoption of the Phase II Rules that were ultimately codified as 327 IAC 15-13 (Rule 13) and became effective on August 6, 2003.

In December 2021, IDEM formally replaced Rule 13 with a new MS4 General Permit (MS4GP). Since the permits have not been updated since 2003, several new or revised provisions have been incorporated that would impact on how regulated Indiana MS4 entities such as counties, cities, and towns incorporate these new changes into their existing programs. The MS4GP provides permit coverage for Phase II entities, and the requirements and conditions of the MS4GP applies to all Phase II MS4s upon submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI).

Under Rule 13, IDEM issued approximately 185 Phase II MS4 permits in Indiana. On April 13, 2022, IDEM notified another 45 entities that they would be subject to the MS4GP regulations starting on April 13, 2023.

This report has been prepared to meet the requirements of the MS4GP for the development of a Water Quality Characterization Report (WQCR) and a Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SWQMP) for previously regulated and newly designated MS4s. It is also intended to replace older versions of the obsolete Rule 13 required WQCR and SWQMP; also known as Parts A, B, and C.

1.1 TOWN OF LOWELL MS4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Town of Lowell covers approximately 5.27 square miles. The Town of Lowell is in Lake County. The town boundary is identified on *Figure 2*.

The primary responsibilities for implementing requirements included in the MS4GP including reviewing and approving SWPPP permits, preparing ordinance revisions, inspections and enforcement are held within the Community Development and Engineering Departments. Maintenance of stormwater infrastructure including post-construction BMPs and Housekeeping is implemented by the Department of Public Works. SWPPP plans and permits for projects designed by the Town of Lowell are reviewed by Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District or IDEM.

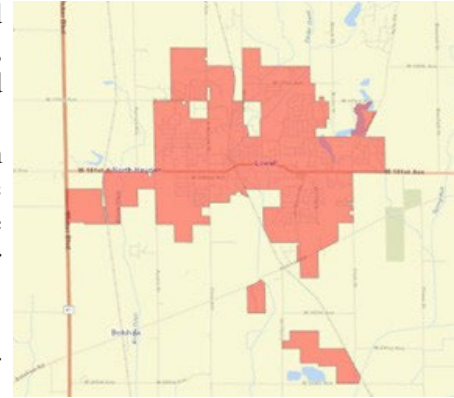


Figure 2: MS4 Boundary Map

Lowell is a municipality within Lake County and accounts for approximately 3.9% of the county’s population. According to Stats Indiana, the population of Lowell in 2020 was 11,128, an increase of 1.7% since 2010.

1.2 MS4 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM

The MS4GP authorizes stormwater discharges from designated MS4 entities throughout the State of Indiana. The permit applies to all areas under the ownership, control, or jurisdiction of a designated MS4 entity. “MS4” refers to the permit holder, such as the Town, as well as the separate storm sewer system that the town owns and operates or maintains.

The State of Indiana defines MS4s as a conveyance or system of conveyances owned by a state, city, county, town, district, or other public entity having jurisdiction over stormwater, including special districts under state law such as a sewer district, that discharges to waters of the United States and is designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater. Regulated conveyance systems include roads with public drains, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, storm drains, piping, channels, ditches, tunnels, and conduits. It does not include combined sewer overflows and publicly owned treatment works.

The authorized MS4 entity or town is responsible for the MS4 conveyances that it owns, operates, or maintains within the MS4 boundaries.

WATER QUALITY CHARACTERIZATION REPORT

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 3.1(a):

The water quality characterization report (WCQR) shall use the most current data available but may also consider additional data that describes the chemical, biological, and/or physical condition of the receiving waters of the MS4 jurisdictional area.

2.1 LAND USE/LAND COVER

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 3.1(c):

The WCQR must include: (1) An assessment of land use.

Land use and land cover can be an important tool in developing a basic overall assessment of the watershed, MS4 area, and the anticipated water quality within the receiving waters. Derived from the 2019 National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD), *Table 1* indicates the land cover (in acreage) within the jurisdictional area.

Table 1: Land Usage

LAND COVER	ACRES
Cultivated Crops	1318.84
Developed, Low Intensity	1219.99
Developed, Open Space	538.42
Developed, Medium Intensity	704.12
Developed, High Intensity	115.95
Barren Land (Rock/Sand/Clay)	19.21
Deciduous Forest	2.98
Mixed Forest	0.31
Grassland/Herbaceous	5.41
Open Water	41.03
Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands	118.29
Woody Wetlands	63.66
Shrub/Scrub	15.93
Pasture/Hay	193.67
TOTAL	4357.81

The effects of land use/land cover changes on surface runoff, stream flow, and groundwater recharge are fundamental considerations in stormwater management. Planned expansion of urban areas provides the opportunity to implement policies and best management practices (BMPs) that may significantly reduce or prevent impacts to the environment in terms of groundwater recharge, water pollution and stormwater drainage. Urbanization typically includes additional impervious surfaces and increased runoff which can result in downstream flooding, and detrimental impacts to local waterways. Since each land use/land cover may have a different impact on stormwater runoff, strategic land use planning can help minimize these impacts.

As the town plans for future growth and development, land use changes are anticipated within areas of the MS4. Within the short and long-term plans for the town, there are several large-scale projects that will change the land use and land cover of the current MS4 area. This includes the addition of trails where

existing and planned land uses are similar; to any planned projects which will change the current land use from open or agricultural to a more impervious land use such as commercial or industrial.

2.2 MS4 OWNED AND OPERATED STRUCTURAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 3.1(c):

The WCQR must include: (2) An inventory of MS4 owned/operated structural stormwater management measures...including an identification number, geographic coordinate, and structure condition.

According to MS4 staff, there are 64 publicly owned and/or operated structural BMPs within the jurisdictional area. **Appendix 1** lists those BMPs by type and includes an identification number, location, and over- all condition based on the last assessment or inspection. These structures are managed through the town’s asset management database and work orders. The geographic coordinate of each BMP is tracked within the town’s database and locations can be made available upon request.

2.3 RECEIVING WATERS

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 3.1(c):

The WCQR must include: (3) Identification of all receiving waters that receive discharges from outfalls within the MS4, including wetlands and lakes. (4) Any 303d listed impaired waters or TMDLs for receiving waters need to be identified.

The town discharges stormwater into the receiving waters listed in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Town of Lowell Receiving Waters

Cedar Creek	McConnell Ditch
Bruce Ditch	Spring Run Lateral 11 & 13

2.3.1 Watersheds

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), watersheds are delineated using a nationwide system based on surface hydrologic features. According to the USGS, this system divides the country into 21 regions (two-digit), 222 subregions (four-digit), 370 basins (six-digit), 2,270 subbasins (eight-digit), approximately 20,000 watersheds (ten-digit), and 100,000 sub-watersheds (12-digit). A hierarchical hydrologic unit code (HUC) consisting of two additional digits for each level in the hydrologic unit system is used to identify any hydrologic area.

The MS4 area overlays portions of one eight-digit HUC watershed; The Kankakee River Basin (HUC 07120001). The 12-digit HUCs (based on April 2022 MS4 boundaries) along with the acreages in the MS4 boundary are listed in **Table 3**.

Table 3: Town of Lowell Watersheds

12-digit HUC	Watershed Name	Watershed Acres Located in MS4 Boundary
071200011306	Cedar Creek	1830.29
071200011311	Bruce Ditch	831.95
071200011311	McConnell Ditch	Calculated w/ Cedar Creek
071200011303	Spring Run Ditch	710.56

2.3.2 Integrated Waters Report

Section 303(d) of the CWA requires states to identify waters that do not or are not expected to meet applicable water quality standards with technology-based standards alone. States must also prioritize these waters based on the designated uses of the water and the severity of the pollution. Once this listing and ranking of waters is completed, states are required to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for these waters to achieve compliance with water quality standards.

Section 305(b) of the CWA requires the state to assess and report on how well the waters of Indiana support the beneficial uses designated in the Water Quality Standards (WQS). Indiana’s Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report (IR) is developed every two years to fulfill this requirement and describes the condition of Indiana’s lakes and streams, the Lake Michigan shoreline, and ground water. All IDEM water quality data is evaluated and interpreted for each hydrologic unit area (HUA); typically, a 12-digit HUC. Each HUA is given a water quality rating relative to its streams’ status in meeting WQS. WQS are set at levels necessary for protecting a waterway’s designated use(s), such as swimmable, fishable, or drinkable. **Table 4** identifies known impairments for HUAs within the MS4 area.

Table 4: Town of Lowell 303(d) Impaired Waters

Segment ID	Waterbody Name	Impairment
INK01DB T1006	Bruce Ditch	E. Coli, Biological Integrity
INK01D6 08	Cedar Creek	E. Coli, Biological Integrity
INK01D6 10	Cedar Creek	Biological Integrity
INK01D3 T1015	Spring Run Lateral 11, 13	Not Assessed
INK01D6 T1006	McConnell Ditch	E. Coli

2.3.3 Total Maximum Daily Loads

The prioritized 303(d) list of impaired waters is used by IDEM to compile a list of waters for which a TMDL must be developed. These TMDL reports identify the causes of the impairments, the amount of pollutant reduction needed, and potential actions to be taken to improve water quality within the watershed. There is currently a plan in place dated September 29, 2009 to protect or restore the water quality for the Kankakee/Iroquois River Watershed (TMDL). All watersheds within the Town of Lowell flow to the Kankakee River Watershed. There are no plans specifically for sub watersheds within the Town of Lowell.

2.3.4 Wetlands

The 2021 National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) identifies potential wetland areas by utilizing infrared photography which has not been field verified. Information provided through the NWI should be utilized only as a reference, not as a definitive answer of whether wetlands are present on a particular site. According to the 2021 NWI, there are approximately 182 acres of potential wetlands within the MS4 area.

The MS4GP requires MS4s to establish a construction program that contains, at a minimum, the requirements of the Indiana Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP). The CSGP requires all project site owners to develop construction plans that include an existing project site layout describing the location and name of all wetlands, lakes, and water courses on or adjacent to the project site (CSGP 4.1(a)(3)(J)).

2.4 SENSITIVE AREAS

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 3.1(c):

The WQCR must include: (5) Identification of known sensitive areas including, but not limited to public swimming areas, drinking water intakes, habitats associated with threatened or endangered species, and outstanding state and national resource waters.

2.4.1 Public Swimming Areas

There are no recognized public swimming areas located in the Town of Lowell.

2.4.2 Drinking Water Intakes

According to the Indiana Administrative Code, a public water supply system is a public water supply for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such a system has at least fifteen (15) service connections, or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily at least sixty (60) days of the year.

IDEM's Drinking Water Branch carries out the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which is designed to ensure that Public Water Supplies (PWS) deliver water to Hoosier homes and businesses that is adequate in quantity and is safe to drink. Indiana American Water Company owns and operates the public water supply serving the Town of Lowell. The source of the public water supply is groundwater wells. IAWC has developed and implemented a wellhead protection plan for the area surrounding its public water supply wells. This area is designated as sensitive due to its importance to the surrounding environment or economic conditions. Special considerations or restrictions may be imposed to provide an added layer of protection for those areas or land uses designated as sensitive by the MS4 or IDEM.

2.4.3 Habitat Associated with Threatened or Endangered Species

The IDNR's Division of Nature Preserves maintains the Natural Heritage Data for the State of Indiana. Natural Heritage Data includes general information on endangered, threatened, and rare species for each Indiana county. As of May 2019, there are 10 birds, one mammal and two vascular plants listed as endangered, threatened, or rare within Lake County. Additionally, the IDNR identifies Wet-mesic Floodplain Forest and Flatwoods Central Till Plain Forest as High Quality Natural Communities within Lake County. However, Natural Heritage Data is only county specific, and therefore, these habitat types may not exist within the MS4 area.

Town officials are unaware of any waters within the MS4 area that currently contain threatened, endangered, or rare species or their habitats. If any species listed are identified in the future, the partners will consider those locations to be sensitive areas and will update their stormwater program accordingly.

2.4.4 Limited Use and Outstanding State Resource Waters

The federal CWA requires all states to develop, review, revise, and adopt WQS, which consists of:

- Designated Uses: identification of how people, aquatic communities and wildlife use our waters (e.g., public water supply, protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and recreation).
- Water Quality Criteria: numeric or narrative in form and protect the designated uses. Numeric criteria allowable concentrations of specific pollutants in a water body while narrative criteria are statements of unacceptable conditions in and on the water.
- Antidegradation Policies: protection of existing uses and extra protection for high-quality or unique waters.

General antidegradation policies will allow the town to protect existing uses of waterbodies and aid in ensuring these waterbodies will continue to meet WQS. Waters that may be considered for designation as outstanding state resource waters (OSRW) include waterbodies that have unique or special ecological, recreational, or aesthetic significance. According to IDNR's Division of Outdoor Recreation's listing of Indiana Waters, there are no portions of outstanding or exceptional use waters within the Town of Lowell.

2.5 REVIEW OF EXISTING WATER QUALITY DATA

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 3.1(c):

The WQCR must include: (6) A review and summary of existing and available monitoring data of the MS4 receiving waters, including, as applicable, data that can be correlated from stream reach characterization and evaluation reports (SRCER).

2.5.1 Stream Reach Characterization Report (SRCER)

The stream reach characterization report (SRCER) characterizes and evaluates the pollutant sources on receiving waters from a combined sewer system discharge. The SRCER can be utilized to identify ways to beneficially change the storm sewer system within the MS4 and to improve water quality around combined sewer system outfalls. The Town of Lowell entered into an Agreed Order with IDEM in 2006 and developed and maintained a Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) to minimize/eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO). Lowell has one permitted CSO at its wastewater treatment plant. Lowell recently completed all of its LTCP action items and is in the final stages of completing its Post-Construction Monitoring and achieving its Level of Control in the Agreed Order.

2.5.2 Established TMDLS

States are required to develop a priority ranking for waters that do not or are not expected to meet applicable water quality standards considering the severity of pollution and the designated uses of the waters. Once this listing and ranking of waters is completed, the states are required to develop TMDLs for these waters to achieve compliance with water quality standards. All watersheds within the Town of Lowell flow to the Kankakee River Watershed. There are no plans specifically for sub watersheds within the Town of Lowell.

2.5.4 Watershed Management Plans

A watershed management plan (WMP) is a strategy for achieving water quality goals by characterizing the watershed, setting goals and actions steps, and developing an implementation plan to address documented problems. Ultimately, the purpose of the WMP is to guide resource managers, watershed coordinators, policy makers, community organizations, and other relevant stakeholders in restoring and protecting the waterbodies within a given watershed.

2.6 POTENTIAL AREAS OF POLLUTION

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 3.1(c):

The WQCR must include: (7) Identification of areas that have a reasonable potential for or are contributing to stormwater quality problems based on available land use and complaint information and relevant chemical, biological, and physical data.

2.6.1 Complaint Data

When concerns are observed or received by town staff, they are equipped to mitigate the issues quickly. The Town of Lowell maintains Report-A-Polluter information on its website to facilitate community reporting of suspected illicit discharges and other suspicious activity. Residents can also contact the Stormwater Department to report on a pollution concern. Records of reports received, and staff responses are kept on file for tracking and reporting purposes. Determined by the nature and severity of the issue, violation notices or fines may be issued.

2.6.2 Industrial Facilities

The Town of Lowell is aware of four facilities within its MS4 boundary which, according to their Standard Identification Classification (SIC) code, should be assessed for their potential to discharge to an MS4 conveyance. While they may also have IDEM Rule 6 permits, it is important for the Town to understand the potential impacts to the conveyances and receiving waters. It is important to note that IDEM is currently working on a replacement, master general permit for Rule 6.

List of Industrial Permittees:

- Avery Dennison
- Perfection Bakeries (Aunt Millies)
- Lake County C&D Landfill
- Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant

2.6.3 Residential Septic Systems

Based upon a review of the NRCS Soil Survey Geographic Database, soils unsuitable for septic systems are common throughout Lowell's MS4 area. Existing town policy dictates that all new developments occurring within Lowell are required to connect to the sanitary sewer system if service is readily available. However, when sanitary sewer service is not available, on-site wastewater treatment permits are issued by the Lake County Health Department, if site conditions meet all applicable Indiana State Department of Health standards.

Sufficient controls are in place to address on-site wastewater treatment in developing and redeveloping areas. Town staff are unaware of any areas within the MS4 area with known septic system failures or inadequacies.

2.6.4 Surface Visual Conveyance Inspection Findings

IDEM requires the Town to complete visual inspections of all mapped stormwater outfalls owned and operated by the MS4 within the five-year permit term. Areas anticipated to contribute to pollution or decrease system function must be noted and corrected. Lowell will continue to update its mapping of stormwater outfalls and conduct dry weather screens of each outfall within each five-year permit period. Progress of dry weather screening will be noted on annual reporting.

2.6.5 IDDE Findings

The town will prioritize areas with septic systems as well as commercial and industrial land uses as those areas most likely to have illicit discharges.

A community should understand the extent of water quality problems caused by illicit discharges. The desktop assessment should draw on existing background and anecdotal information to initially characterize illicit discharge potential at the sub-watershed level. Sub-watersheds are then screened based on their composite score, and are designated as having a low, medium, or high risk. *Table 5* describes discharge factors to screen sub-watersheds based on their illicit discharge potential (IDP).

Table 5: Discharge Screening Factors for IDDE Desktop Assessment

Discharge Screening Factors	Defining and Deriving Factor
Past Discharge Complaints and Reports	Frequency of past discharge complaints, hotline reports, and spill responses per sub-watershed. Any sub-watershed with a history of discharge complaints should automatically be designated as having high Illicit Discharge Potential (IDP).
Poor Dry Weather Water Quality	Frequency that individual samples of dry weather water quality exceed benchmark values for bacteria, nutrients, conductivity or other predetermined indicators. High risk if two
Density of Generating Sites or Industrial NPDES Storm Water Permits	Density of more than 10 generating sites or five industrial NPDES stormwater sites per square mile indicates high IDP. Density determined by screening business or permit databases.
Stormwater Outfall Density	Density of mapped stormwater outfalls in the sub-watershed, expressed as the average number per stream or channel mile. A density of more than 20 outfalls per stream mile indicates high IDP
Age of Sub-watershed Development	Defined as the average age of most of the development in a sub-watershed. High IDP is often indicated for developments older than 50 years. Determined from tax maps and parcel data, or from other known information about neighborhoods
Sewer Conversion	Sub-watersheds that had septic systems but have been connected to the sanitary sewer system in the last 30 years have high IDP
Historic Combined Sewer Systems	Sub-watersheds that were once served by combined sewer system but were subsequently separated have a high IDP
Presence of Older Industrial Operations	Sub-watersheds with more than 5% of its area in industrial sites that are more than 40 years old are considered to have high IDP. Determined from historic zoning, tax maps, and “old-timers.”
Aging of Failing Sewer Infrastructure	Defined as the age and condition of the sub-watershed sewer network. High IDP is indicated when the sewer age exceeds design life of its construction materials (e.g., 50 years) or when clusters of pipe breaks, spills, overflows or are reported by sewer authorities
Density of Aging Septic Systems	Sub-watersheds with a density of more than 100 older drain fields per square mile are considered to have high IDP. Determined from analysis of lot size outside sewer service boundaries.

2.7 DATA SUMMARY

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 3.1(c):

The WQCR must include: (8) An evaluation of data collected to determine which areas or specific discharge points that may need to be considered for future planning and implementation of new stormwater measures or modification of existing measures. The highest priority should be given to sensitive areas and the prohibition of new or significantly increased MS4 discharges.

Several sensitive areas have been identified for special considerations related to stormwater quality runoff and land cover/land use changes. These areas include drinking water sources, wetlands (once field-verified), habitats of endangered, threatened, or rare species, and recreational waters. These areas, and any identified discharge points near these areas, should be considered for additional structural or non-structural BMPs to maximize the possible protection for the area as well as the receiving waters. Types of BMPs for consideration may include targeted education and awareness programs highlighting the importance of sensitive areas, additional requirements for structural controls on new construction, and/or enhanced post-construction structural BMPs. The structural condition of MS4 owned and operated BMPs will guide prioritization of BMP maintenance and repairs over the current MS4GP permit cycle.

As the town plans for future growth and development, land use changes are anticipated within areas of the MS4. These areas include the west and south sides of town. This growth can certainly have impacts on the MS4 program as well as the water quality of receiving waters. Four waterbodies within the Town of Lowell are known to have impairments and are 303(d) listed: Bruce Ditch, McConnell Ditch and Cedar Creek. Through the implementation of the MS4GP within the town, goals to improve the water quality of impaired waterbodies will be tracked and revised during annual reviews of the program. Outfall mapping and field investigations during dry weather screening will yield any priority areas to be addressed during additional public education and outreach, as well as identify existing BMPs that require repair and/or maintenance. Active construction sites that are greater than five acres and that are a near water resource will have an elevated inspection priority, and post-construction inspections will identify areas needing maintenance or repair which will have a direct positive impact on water quality. On-going studies by partners such as the USGS and local watershed partners provide further important and useful data regarding the quality of waterbodies within the town. The town will continue working to improve water quality in these waterbodies to meet state WQS through implementation of the MS4GP requirements.

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 4.2:

The SWQMP must be developed, implemented, and maintained to include provisions that will reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to protect water quality, human health, and the biotic community.

3.1 MS4 BOUNDARIES

The MS4 boundaries are identified on Exhibit 1 while the specific Township, Range, and Section coverage is listed within *Table 6*. Boundaries will be updated as necessary following any future land purchases or acquisitions.

Table 6: MS4 Boundaries

Township	Range	Section
33N	9W	13,14,15,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,35,36
33N	8W	19
32N	9W	1

3.2 MS4 ADMINISTRATION

While the MS4 program oversight will be provided by the Stormwater Division within the Engineering Department as noted in Section 1.1. Other departments, staff members, and partners may be responsible for the implementation of individual MCMs and tasks. Responsible parties are included in the MCM tables in the following sections.

The Town of Lowell participates in a regional approach to collaborating with other MS4 communities regarding Public Education, Outreach, Participation and Involvement MCM. The Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District has been the umbrella organization for the regional work group and signs an MOU each year with member communities to outline the work plan and deliverables. Annually, the member MS4 communities review the long-term plan and adjust the annual work plan accordingly. Each MS4 community is then responsible for their own local implementation of the resources developed.

3.3 MCM PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

REQUIREMENT MS4GP 4.2(a):

The SWQMP must at a minimum include:

- (3) Program goals that are established and required by this permit and others identified by the MS4 entity to address local stormwater resource issues within their jurisdiction.
- (4) A detailed program description for each minimum control measure (MCM)...
- (A) A timetable for SWQMP implementation for ach MCM and the WQCR
- (B) A summary of measurable goals for ach MCM and a discussion of environmental impact
- (C) Individuals that are responsible for implementing each MCM including their contact information

3.3.1 Programmatic Indicators

Programmatic indicators are categories of data collected throughout the annual period by the MS4 entity which are used to measure implementation of each of the MCMs. These indicators pertain to specific environmental gauges that focus on the impacts of stormwater runoff. IDEM utilizes the indicators to determine the degree of success achieved by the stormwater management programs. IDEM requires an annual update for each indicator and if an indicator is not applicable to the MS4 operator, then the operator shall provide rationale for the non-applicability.

Each of the programmatic indicators has been addressed by BMPs within the MS4 entity. For reference, programmatic indicators are listed in *Appendix 2*.

3.3.2 Public Education, Outreach, Participation and Involvement

An MS4 must develop strategies to inform constituents and target groups of the impacts that polluted stormwater runoff can have on water quality and ways they can minimize their impact on stormwater quality. The town continues to develop and implement working partnerships with the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Lake County Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) to provide public information and outreach services while also playing a major role in the public involvement and participation activities related to the household hazardous waste and recycling efforts.

Table 7 provides a summary of the Public Education, Outreach, Participation and Involvement BMPs to be implemented and identifies the associated measurable goals, timeline, priority areas, and responsibility

Table 7: Public Education, Outreach, Participation and Involvement BMPs

(BMP)	BMP Description	Measurable Goals, Tracking and programatic Indicators	Timeline	Responsible Party
Public Education and Involvement Plan (4.3(a))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify target constituents Develop a stormwater public education and involvement plan Develop list of three community wide stormwater issues to assist with education and involvement efforts for construction, residential and commercial/industrial groups Develop or collaborate with existing efforts to conduct two public events annually Develop educational materials Coordinate with local partners to provide annual training to construction site run-off and post-construction target groups (annual contractors' training) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan developed with partner agency and department input by 2023 Reviewed annually and revise as needed Events and activities will be decided in conjunction with development and annual review of the education and involvement plan Maintain a list of topics covered and constituents reached for each event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Stormwater Educational Materials (4.3(a)(4), (4.3(b)), (4.3(d)))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate to develop, produce, or distribute printed materials related to stormwater issues Include information related to proper disposal of wastes Assist with larger efforts such as those similar to MS4 video production, workshops, etc. Work with other local MS4 entities to develop, produce, or distribute printed materials Localize printed materials as necessary to ensure messages are relevant to the Town of Lowell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials and opportunities will be discussed during the development and annual review of the education and involvement plan Work in cooperation with partners to broaden exposure and present a unified message Maintain a list of materials developed, distributed, and utilized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Web Page (4.3(c))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the Lowell Stormwater web page regarding stormwater issues, and links to other sites Include articles developed, brochures, and calendar updates Include ordinances, applicable fees, and MS4 program information Provide relevant stormwater updates and postings on web page and/or other partner's social media outlets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize education and involvement plan to identify messages, issues, and partners Review web page and update with new information annually Document all questions and comments received via the web page as well as the responses to them Document posts relevant to stormwater issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Elected Official Update (4.3(e))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report stormwater program updates to elected officials or an advisory board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates will be provided annually to elected officials and Stormwater Management Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Recycling Activities (4.4(b)(4))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage residents and staff to use existing HHW drop off for proper disposal Educate Lowell residents about illicit discharges and proper disposal of waste Encourage Lowell residents to participate in curbside recycling program Utilize existing SWMD activities to educate community members on the importance of pollution prevention and recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the HHW facilities operated by the SWMD Promote the local waste haulers' recycling program Document the amount of material collected at the HHW Facility Document dates, times, and attendance at all presentations to citizen and school groups that incorporate stormwater quality discussions Document the number of stormwater materials distributed on an annual basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Public Reporting Program(4.4(b)(6))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize program to field complaints from the public on illegal dumping, illicit discharges, poor erosion control practices, and other activities that negatively impact stormwater quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Report-A-Polluter program Promote, advertise, and follow-up on complaints and calls received through the program Respond to complaints Document the number of complaints received and all follow up actions taken on reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Annual Report(4.3(g)) (4.3(h))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the program annually Report progress in an annual report to IDEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess program in conjunction with gathering data and compilation of the annual report Include:List of each public participation and outreach event and activity conduction, a description of the activity, an estimate of the number of attendees, and an assessment if the goals and objectives were met The number and types of construction and/or post-construction stormwater training opportunities what were provided to contractors, developers and builders, property owners (commercial, industrial, residential, homeowner associations, and other targeted entities during the reporting period Documentation that presentations were made to elected officials or boards Describe each targeted audience selected and how they were reached during the reporting period and describe behavioral changes observed A list of all public education materials used during the report- ing period Submit annual report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff

3.3.3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

An MS4 must develop a program which uses education and both structural and non-structural BMPs to detect, address, and eliminate illicit discharges into the MS4 conveyance system. Problem areas must be located via dry weather screening or other means, the source must be determined, illicit connections must be removed or otherwise corrected, and the actions taken must be documented. Through an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism, illicit discharges must be prohibited from entering the MS4 conveyances and appropriate enforcement procedures and actions are required.

The Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) BMPs outlined in **Table 8** will be implemented by the MS4 staff to comply with the minimum requirements of the MCM. The programs are designed to gain a thorough awareness of their separate storm conveyance system and thereby allow the identification and elimination of illicit discharges entering the system. The program also establishes the legal, technical, and educational means needed to eliminate illicit discharges.

Outfall Map

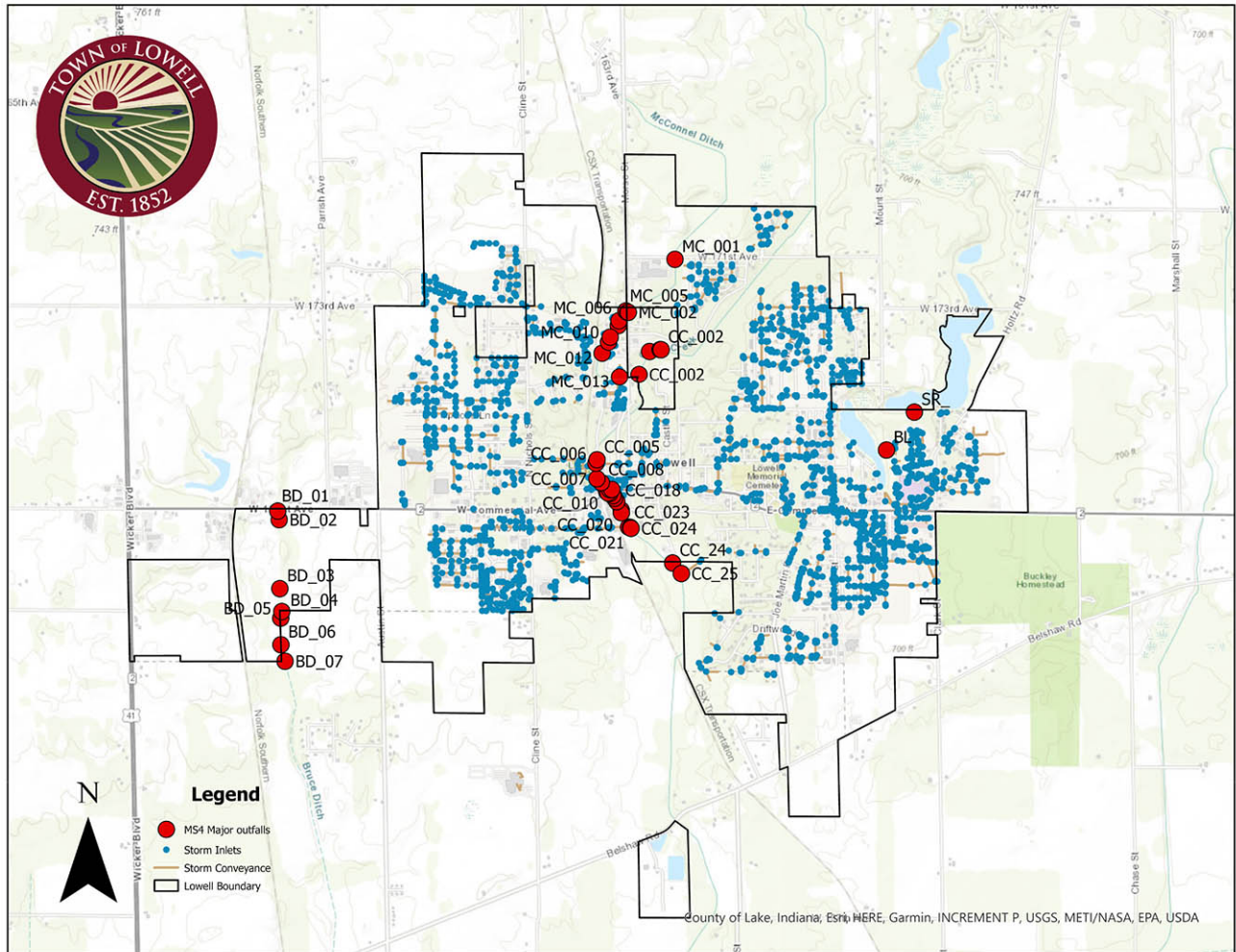


Table 8: Illicit Discharge and Detection BMPs

BMP	BMP DESCRIPTION	MEASURABLE GOALS, TRACKING and PROGRAMATIC INDICATORS	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
IDDE Ordinance (4.4(a))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review IDDE language contained in the ordinance documents for needed updates and to ensure compliance with the MS4GP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce ordinance Review policies at least once per permit term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
IDDE Plan (4.4(b)) (4.4(h))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the IDDE Plan and update as necessary to reflect the proposed actions for illicit discharge detection and elimination in the current permit term Implement the IDDE plan to detect, address, and eliminate illicit discharges into the MS4 conveyance system Include SOPs to locate problem areas and to ensure consistent investigations for all illicit discharges. Investigate transient illicit discharges that have been reported to the MS4 Coordinator for additional follow-up Utilize the Desktop Assessment of Illicit Discharge Potential (Table 6 in WQCR) to better prioritize areas for IDDE screening activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and revise IDDE plan in first year of permit term Conduct dry weather screening until 100% screened by end of permit term Conduct screening of all non- stormwater discharges until discharge is eliminated or determined to be uncontaminated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Stormwater System Mapping (4.4(d)) (4.4(e)) (4.4(f))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify priority areas based on land use, prior history, and frequency of discharges Enhance existing maps with information collected during dry-weather screening events, maintenance activities, etc. Add new outfalls and conveyance systems to the map for the appropriate jurisdiction per ordinance as-built requirements or new developments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update map annually Identify priority areas within first year of permit term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Identify Update annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Staff Training (4.4(g))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train appropriate staff members on investigation of illicit discharges or illicit connections to the stormwater conveyance system. Provide an internal IDDE manual and field binder to engineering and inspection staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct annual refresher training to appropriate departments and staff. Provide an internal IDDE manual and field binder to engineering and inspection staff. Document number of staff, number of events held, and the topics covered in each section. Review and revise manual/field binder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 Annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Annual Report (4.4(i)) (4.4(k))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the program annually Report progress in an annual report to IDEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess program in conjunction with gathering data and compilation of the annual report. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDDE program updates A summary of any storm sewer system mapping changes to the stormwater outfall and conveyance maps. Number of new MS4 outfalls mapped Number and location of dry weather outfalls screened for illicit discharges Number and location of illicit discharges detected Number and location of illicit discharges eliminated Number of illicit discharges and/or spills reported to the MS4 entity Number of enforcement actions taken by the MS4 entity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff

3.3.4 Construction Site Stormwater Run-Off

The MS4GP requires the MS4 Operator to develop and administer an erosion and sediment control program which includes strategies to manage the overall program components, monitor compliance of program requirements, and if necessary, enforce any violations. Requirements also include the development of an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism and establishment of a construction program that controls polluted runoff from construction activities that disturb one or more acres of land in the MS4 area. This construction program must include a permitting process, erosion control plan review process, site inspections, and enforcement. The permitting process must include a requirement for the construction project site owner to submit a copy of the permit application directly to IDEM. MS4 entities must provide an opportunity for local SWCD to provide comments and recommendations to the MS4 operator on individual projects.

The construction program must include requirements for the implementation of appropriate BMPs on construction sites to control sediment, erosion, and other waste. MS4 entities must review and approve construction plans submitted by the construction site operator before construction activity commences. Procedures must be developed for site inspection and enforcement to ensure BMPs are properly installed. The procedures must include a means to identify priority sites for inspection and enforcement, as well to receive and consider public inquiries, concerns, and information submitted regarding local construction activities. A tracking process must be implemented in which submitted public information is documented and then given to the appropriate staff for follow-up. Further MS4 personnel responsible for plan review, inspection, and enforcement of construction activities shall receive annual training.

Table 9 in the next section provides a detailed description of the Construction and Post-Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control BMPs to be implemented and identifies the measurable goals, progress indicators, timelines, priority areas, and responsible parties. Information such as which structural BMPs are allowed within new or redevelopment, BMP selection criteria, and the associated performance standards may be found in the Stormwater Ordinance and Technical Standards for the Town of Lowell. These BMPs have been combined with the Post-Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control BMPs (MCM #5) for ease of presentation and discussion.

3.3.5 Post-Construction Site Stormwater Run-Off

The MS4GP requires the development of an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism and establishment of a post-construction program that addresses runoff from new development and redevelopment areas that disturb one or more acres of land in the MS4 area. This program must include a permitting process, plan review process, site inspections, and enforcement. MS4 area personnel responsible for plan review, inspection, and enforcement of post-construction BMPs shall receive annual training.

Where appropriate, MS4 entities must use a combination of storage, infiltration, filtering, or vegetative practices to reduce the impact of pollutants in stormwater runoff on receiving waters in areas that are the responsibility of the MS4 entity. A written Operational and Maintenance (O&M) Plan must be developed and implemented for all existing stormwater structural BMPs, which are under the control of the MS4 entity. As new post-construction BMPs are added to areas under the control of the MS4 entity, the O&M Plan must be updated accordingly.

Compliance with this MCM requires MS4s to develop a program for managing Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Control BMPs that will ensure adequate, long-term stormwater quality benefits in new development and redevelopment activities. Once construction is complete, post-construction practices specified by the MS4 must be implemented to ensure adequate stormwater quality is maintained from the

developed site.

Table 9 provides a summary of the Construction and Post- Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control BMPs to be implemented and identifies the associated measurable goals, programmatic indicators, timeline, priority areas and responsible parties. These BMPs have been combined with the Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control BMPs (MCM #4) for ease of presentation and discussion.

Table 9: Construction and Post-Construction BMPs

BMP	BMP Description	Measurable Goals, Tracking and programmatic Indicators	Timeline	Responsible Party
Public Education and Involvement Plan (4.3(a))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify target constituents Develop a stormwater public education and involvement plan Develop list of three community wide stormwater issues to assist with education and involvement efforts for construction, residential and commercial/industrial groups Develop or collaborate with existing efforts to conduct two public events annually Develop educational materials Coordinate with local partners to provide annual training to construction site run-off and post-construction target groups (annual contractors' training) Assist with development and implementation of WRA Strategic Plan to help guide overall efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan developed with partner agency and department input by 2023 Reviewed annually and revised as needed Events and activities will be decided in conjunction with development and annual review of the education and involvement plan Maintain a list of topics covered and constituents reached for each event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Stormwater Educational Materials (4.3(a)(4)) (4.3(b)) (4.3(d))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate to develop, produce, or distribute printed materials related to stormwater issues Include information related to proper disposal of wastes Assist with larger efforts such as those similar to MS4 video production, workshops, etc. Work with other local MS4 entities or the WRA to develop, produce, or distribute printed materials Localize printed materials as necessary to ensure messages are relevant to the Town of Lowell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials and opportunities will be discussed during the development and annual review of the education and involvement plan Work in cooperation with partners to broaden exposure and present a unified message Maintain a list of materials developed, distributed, and utilized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Stormwater Management Ordinance (4.5(b)) (4.5(f)) (4.6(b)) (4.6(c))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and revise the active construction and post-construction site ordinance language and stormwater technical standards to ensure compliance with the MS4GP and the CSGP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to update and enforce the Stormwater Management Ordinance Review and approve proposed new and redevelopment projects for compliance with the Stormwater Technical Standards Incorporate post-construction performance standards into the ordinance and/or technical standards Review at least once per permit term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 (review/update) Implement throughout permit term 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Plan Review and Permitting Procedures (4.5(c))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or review plan review and permitting procedures, internal processes, and timetables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or review written procedures for plan review Develop or review forms, checklists Review and approve proposed new and redevelopment projects Review 100% of construction plans and inspect prioritized sites for compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 (review/update) Implement throughout permit term 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Inspection Procedures (4.5(d)) (4.6(e)) (4.6(f))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or review procedures and processes to inspect sites to ensure measures are installed and maintained Inspect 100% of all permitted construction sites with greater than one acre of disturbance Re-inspect and follow-up on prioritized sites having identified problem areas and/or concerns Complete active construction site and post-construction BMP inspection forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or review written procedures for inspections Develop or review forms, checklists Identify priority sites for inspections Conduct inspections in accordance with procedures Complete forms for active construction sites and post-construction BMPs inspected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Identify Update Annually 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Enforcement Procedures (4.5(e))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or review procedures and policies to enforce local ordinance or regulatory mechanism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or review written procedures to address violations, including compliance and escalating enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 (review/update) Implement throughout permit term 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Public Reporting Program (4.5(g))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize program to field complaints from the public on illegal dumping, illicit discharges, poor erosion control practices, and other activities that negatively impact stormwater quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the pollution web-based program Respond to complaints and inquiries Document the number of complaints received and all follow up actions taken on reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Staff Training (4.5(j)) (4.6(i))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train appropriate staff members on plan review, inspection, compliance, and enforcement Advertise and promote education and training opportunities for local construction and development professionals Look for opportunities to coordinate with SWCD and/or IDEM to conduct contractor training as budget and funding allow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct annual refresher training to appropriate departments and staff Provide relevant training to all staff involved in plan review, site inspection, and enforcement requirements for construction and post-construction MCMs Document number of staff, number of events held, and the topics covered in each session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annually 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Active Site Inventory (4.5(l))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain an inventory of all projects subject to the CSGP, the MS4GP, and owned or operated by the MS4 Track the status of construction projects, erosion and sediment control activities, and post-construction BMPs Track violations, complaints, and public information requests Digitize publicly owned structural BMPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or revise tracking procedures Track active construction and post-construction project sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 (review/update) Implement throughout permit term 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Manuals (4.6(d))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require O&M manuals to be submitted for all post-construction BMPs identified as part of a project submittal package 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce ordinance requirements for O&M plan submittal and plan contents for new BMPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As plans are submitted 	Lowell MS4 Staff
CSGP Compliance (4.5(k))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure MS4 owned/operated projects are compliant with the CSGP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit plans to SWCD Comply with MS4 Stormwater Ordinance Develop SOP which includes self-monitoring of projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going 	Lowell MS4 Staff
Annual Report (4.5(i)) (4.5(m)) (4.6(h)) (4.6(j))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the program annually Report progress in an annual report to IDEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess program in conjunction with gathering data and compilation of the annual report Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of construction projects owned and/or operated by the MS4 entity that are active at the time of submittal The number of construction sites obtaining a MS4 entity-issued stormwater run-off permit or authorization to discharge The number of construction sites inspection The number and type of enforcement actions taken The number of public information requests and/or complaints received Updates to the post-construction ordinance or regulatory mechanism Number of sites requiring post-construction controls Number, type, and location of structural measures installed Number, type, and location of structural measures modified to function properly to improve water quality benefits Number, type, and location of structural measures inspection to ensure each meets design requirements and/or are being maintained Submit annual report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 2024 2025 2026 	Lowell MS4 Staff

3.3.6 Municipal Operations Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

The MS4GP requires the development and implementation of a program to prevent or reduce polluted runoff from municipal operations within the MS4 area. The program must include written documentation of maintenance activities, maintenance schedules, and long-term inspection procedures for BMPs to reduce floatable and other pollutants discharged from the separate storm sewers.

Controls must be implemented to reduce or eliminate the discharge of pollutants from operational areas, including roads, parking lots, maintenance and storage yards, and waste transfer stations. Written procedures must be developed and implemented for the proper disposal of waste or materials removed from separate storm sewer systems and operational areas. New flood management projects must be assessed via written documentation for their impact on water quality and existing flood management projects must be examined for incorporation of additional water quality protection devices or practices. MS4 entity employees must be properly trained on various topics such as herbicide and insecticide application and the function of BMPs. Such training must be documented in writing.

Table 10 provides a summary of the Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping BMPs to be implemented and identifies the associated measurable goals, programmatic indicators, environmental benefits, timeline, priority areas and responsible parties associated with each BMP. A detailed description of each BMP is provided below.

Table 10: Municipal Operations and Good Housekeeping BMPs

BMP	BMP Description	Measurable Goals, Tracking and programatic Indicators	Timeline	Responsible Party
Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) (4.7(b-f))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate listing of properties, lots, storage facilities, etc. owned or operated by the MS4 Develop additional SWPPPs or SOPs if necessary Include facility inspection sheets, employee training form, spill documentation This general BMP covers specific BMPs such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary Containment Salt/Sand Management Snow Disposal Areas Spill Prevention and Clean Up Fertilizer and Pesticide Management Waste Disposal Wash water management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize SWPPP and sheets to track inspections, training, etc. for each facility Conduct and document quarterly facility inspections and assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annually (review and revise) Quarterly (inspections) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 staff Public Works Department Other relevant town departments
Facility Inspections 4.7(c) 4.7(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess existing operations at each MS4 owned and/or operated facility Conduct quarterly inspections at each facility and update records in SWPPP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct and document quarterly facility inspections and assessments, at least one of which is conducted by the MS4 coordinator or a designated individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 staff Public Works Department Other relevant town departments
Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance (4.7(g))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop O&M plan for MS4 owned and/or operated stormwater infrastructure Perform a visual inspection of all catch basins, outfalls, and conveyance systems Maintain the MS4 conveyance and associated structures included outfalls, open channels, and ditches Implement a storm sewer system maintenance schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track activities to document the amount of pollution kept out of local receiving waters Complete surface visual inspections of the entire system within the permit cycle with a minimum of 15% completed annually Document the amount of litter picked up as a result of periodic litter pickup events Document the amount of materials removed from the storm sewer system and disposal methods Document improvements made to roadside shoulders/ditches Document all improvements made to stormwater outfalls Document all issues noted during visual inspection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 (review/update) Implement throughout permit term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Third Party Compliance (4.7(j))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or review procedures to ensure contractors or third-party entities hired by the MS4 entity are required to comply with stormwater good housekeeping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or review written procedures for compliance and enforcement Document actions taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff
Flood Management Projects (4.7(k) (4.7(l))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess flood management projects for incorporation of water quality devices or practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document that flood control projects are assessed for incorporation of additional water quality devices or practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As projects proposed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowell MS4 Staff

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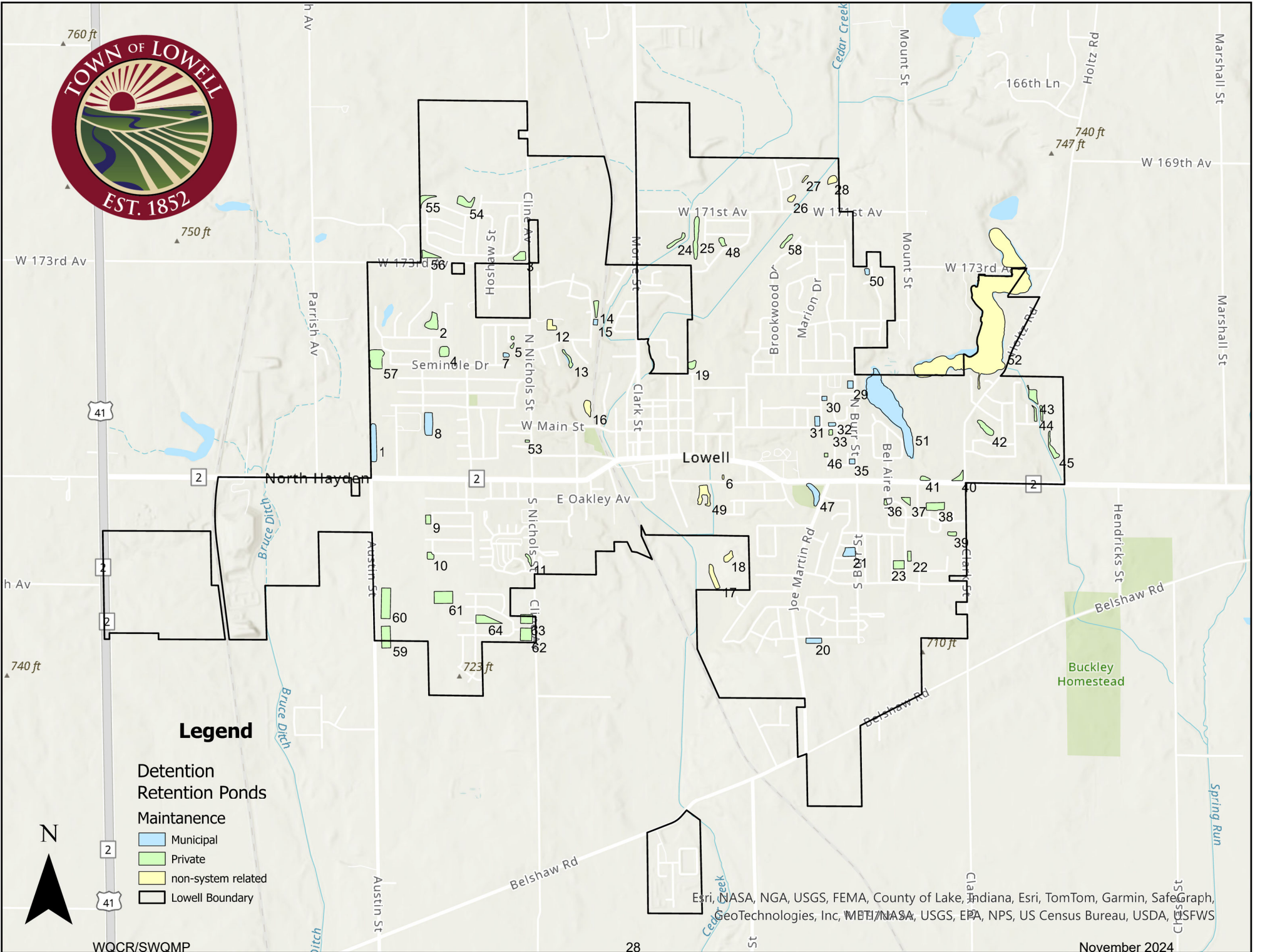
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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: structural BMP's and Ponds

Pond ID	ACRES	NAME	LOCATION	OWNER	PIN	SUBDIVISION	MAINTAINED BY	RETENTION OR DETENTION
1	2.81	West Meadow	West Meadow Drive, West side drainage orject, Sh#5	Town of Lowell	45-19-22-376-001.000-038		Municipal	Detention
2	2.00	Village Green	750 Village Glen Drive	Divi Development, Inc.	45-19-22-176-008.000-038	Village Glen	Private	Retention
3	1.18	Heritage Falls 1	8141 Mayflower	KM&N Properties	45-19-15-480-020.000-038	Heritage Falls	Private	Retention
4	1.23	Village Glen 2	545 Shannon	Divi Development, Inc.	45-19-22-254-006.000-038	Village Glen	Private	Retention
5	0.30	Ruim	310 Deere Way	Vincint Aderson, LLC.	45-19-22-280-005.000-038	Deere Acres	Private	Detention
6	0.10	Jackson-Krause Pond	1105 Lincoln St	Jackson-Krause, Melva Trs under Tr #LTMJK - 101 dt	45-19-23-481-009.000-008		non-system related	Retention
7	0.32	Seminole	540 Dakota Dr	JL Black Associates	45-19-22-281-004.000-038	Deere Acres	Municipal	Detention
8	2.46	Lowell Industrial Park	South of Langen Street Dead End	Town of Lowell	45-19-22-451-001.000-038		Municipal	Detention
9	0.63	Carriage Crossing 1	Lynns Way between Carriage Crossing Dr. and Surrey	Peter's Land Development	45-19-27-205-003.000-038	Carriage Crossing Unit 1 phase 1	Private	Detention
10	0.58	Carriage Crossing 2	Corner of Lynns Way and Coachlight Drive	Peter's Land Development		Carriage Crossing Unit 2 Phase 2	Private	Detention
11	0.43	Meadowbrook 1	West of S Cline	Meadowbrook	45-19-27-286-040.000-038	Meadowbrook Phase 1	Private	Retention
12	1.03	Nammari	17509 Cline	Nammari, Suheil S. & Wafa	45-19-23-151-004.000-007		non-system related	Retention
13	0.68	Timber Springs	550 Timberwood Ln	Sandor, Charles Trustee	45-19-23-154-009.000-008	Timber Springs	Private	Detention
14	0.77	Freedom Springs	17445 Red Bud	Accent Homes, iNC.	45-19-23-130-011.000-008	Freedom Springs	Private	Retention
15	0.32	Timber Springs 2	643 Red Bud	Nicholas Perez	45-19-23-178-001.000-008	Timber Springs Unit 3	Municipal	Detention
16	1.18	102 W Main ST	102 W Main ST	Copeland, Patricia	45-19-23-302-001.000-008		non-system related	Retention
17	1.58	Carlson 2	Carlson Farm	Carlson Farms	45-19-26-276-001.000-007		non-system related	Retention
18	0.87	Carlson 1	Carlson Farm	Carlson Farms	45-19-26-276-001.000-007		non-system related	Retention
19	0.78	Seberger Pond	749 North Av	Seberger, Audrey R Tr	45-19-23-276-001.000-008		Private	Retention
20	1.12	Crestwood Pond	Crestwood Dr	Town of Lowell	45-19-25-331-001.000-008		Municipal	Detention
21	1.34	Eastdale	Meadow Ln	Town of Lowell	45-19-25-179-006.000-008	Eastdale Estates	Municipal	Detention
22	0.48	Beverly Estates 2	Platinum Dr	Cripe, Donald E & Bonnie Cripe as Trs of Tr #LTDEC	45-19-25-255-009.000-008	Beverly Estates	Private	Detention
23	1.24	Beverly Estates 1	Platinum Dr	Cripe, Donald E & Bonnie Cripe as Trs of Tr #LTDEC	45-19-25-254-009.000-008	Beverly Estates	Private	Detention
24	0.92	Saco	17151 Morse St	Saco Industries Inc	45-19-14-451-001.000-008		Private	Retention
25	2.39	Meadows of Cedar Creek	17142 Castlebrook Dr	Three M Development Corporation,	45-19-14-476-004.000-008	Meadows of Cedar Creek	Private	Retention
26	0.59	Oaks of Cedar Creek 1	17092 Red Oak Drive	Demotte State Bk Tr Tr 127	45-19-13-326-015.000-008	Oaks of Cedar Creek	non-system related	Retention
27	0.22	Oaks of Cedar Creek 2	5817 Highgrove Ct	Demotte State Bk Tr Tr 127	45-19-13-326-015.000-008		non-system related	Retention
28	0.84	Lake Bradbury	5704 W 171st Av	Bradbury, Edward E & Elaine L Trs of Bradbury Liv	45-19-13-326-009.000-008		non-system related	Retention
29	0.56	Pine Ridge 2	441 Burr St	Pine Ridge Est Assoc.	45-19-24-329-020.000-008	Pine Ridge Estates	Municipal	Detention
30	0.29	Woodbridge	183205 Woodbridge Dr	James Nowaki	45-19-24-329-007.000-008	Harrison Heights Add. II, outlet #47	Municipal	Detention
31	0.66	Woodbridge 2	NW Corner of Woodbridge and Harrison	Don Cripe	45-19-24-328-009.000-008	Harrison Heights Add. II, Outlet 47	Municipal	Detention
32	0.34	Pine Ridge 1	NW Corner Ckinton St. and Harriso St.	Pine Ridge Est. Assoc	45-19-24-329-043.000-008	Pine Ridge Estates	Municipal	Detention
33	0.27	East View Terrace 1	1600 Harrison	Eastview, Terrace Townhome Assoc	45-19-24-378-001.000-008	East View Terrace	Private	Detention
35	0.37	Lowell Church of Christ	Burr and Heritage St.	Lowell Church of Christ	45-19-24-379-018.000-008	Christian Acres Resub Lot 1	Municipal	Detention
36	0.20	Providence 2	Bel Aire Dr	Townes of Lowell Builders, Inc. (per ja)	45-19-25-201-004.000-008	Providence Townes of Lowell	Private	Detention
37	0.58	Providence	Bel Aire and Lucas	Providence Real Estate Dev., LLC	45-19-25-202-004.000-008	Providence Townes of Lowell Phase II	Private	Detention
38	1.89	Lowell Commons	1918 E Commercial Av	R2CLOWELL LLC.	45-19-25-227-008.000-008		Private	Detention
39	0.47	Lowell MedicalCenter	2068 Lucas Pky	Lowell Medical, LLC	45-19-25-234-004.000-008	LOWELL MEDICAL ADD.	Private	Retention
40	0.70	Lowell High School	2051 W. Commercial	Tri-Creek School Corporation	45-19-24-476-001.000-008	Lowell High School	Private	Detention
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42	1.47	Spring Run 1	Spring Run Sub	Spring Run, LLC	45-20-19-305-012.000-008	SPRING RUN PHASE 1	Private	Retention
43	1.32	Spring Run 2	Spring Run Sub	Spring Run, LLC	45-20-19-326-002.000-008	SPRING RUN PHASE 1	Private	Detention
44	0.89	Spring Run 3	Spring Run Sub	Spring Run, LLC	45-20-19-326-002.000-008	SPRING RUN PHASE 1	Private	Detention
45	1.19	Spring Run 4	Spring Run Sub	Spring Run, LLC	45-20-19-377-004.000-008	SPRING RUN PHASE 1	Private	Detention
46	0.18	East View Terrace 2	Spring Run Sub	Eastview, Terrace Townhome Assoc		East View Terrace	Private	Retention
47	1.72	Evergreen Park	Commercial Av	Town of Lowell	45-19-25-126-001.000-008		Municipal	Retention
48	0.57	Meadows of Cedar Creek 2	4607 W 173rd Av	Three M Development Corporation,	45-19-14-479-013.000-008	Meadows of Cedar Creek	Private	Retention
49	2.08	Bachman Pond	SE Corner Lincoln and	Bachman	45-19-26-226-001.000-008		non-system related	Retention
50	0.37	Dahl Estates	North end of Hawthorne Drive	Jeffery Zellers	45-19-24-201-002.000-008	Dahl Estates	Municipal	Detention
51	18.29	Bonnie Lake	West Side Lowell High School	Lowell, Parks Department	45-19-24-403-003.000-008		Municipal	Retention
52	62.14	Red Wing Lake	Holts and 173rd Ave	Shurte, Marcia A Trustee	45-20-19-151-001.000-007		non-system related	Retention
53	0.13	Gwen's Cove	NW Corner of Gwen's Cove Ct. and Nichols	Demotte State Bank Tr Tr 128	45-19-22-481-017.000-038	Gwen's Cove	Private	Detention
54	1.67	Heritage Falls 2	Heritage Falls Unit 2	Heritage Investors Inc.	45-19-15-429-007.000-038	Heritage Falls Sub	Private	Detention





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57	3.36 Sierra Ridge	Sierra Ridge Unit 2	Sierra Ridge HOA	45-19-22-183-001.000-038	S	Private	Detention
58	0.80 The Preserve	NW Corner Preserve Unit 6	Town of Lowell	45-19-13-355-001.000-008	The Preserve	Private	Retention
59	2.86 Kingston Ridge Pond	Kingston Ridge Sub	Kingston Ridge HOA	45-19-27-330-001.000-038	Kingston Ridge	Private	Detention
60	4.10 Kingston Ridge Pond	Kingston Ridge Sub	Kingston Ridge HOA	45-19-27-326-016.000-038	Kingston Ridge	Private	Detention
61	3.09 Kingston Ridge Pond	Kingston Ridge Sub	Kingston Ridge HOA	45-19-27-431-016.000-038	Kingston Ridge	Private	Detention
62	1.97 Kingston Ridge Pond	Kingston Ridge Sub	Kingston Ridge HOA	45-19-27-431-016.000-038	Kingston Ridge	Private	Detention
63	1.48 Kingston Ridge Pond	Kingston Ridge Sub	Kingston Ridge HOA	45-19-27-430-001.000-038	Kingston Ridge	Private	Detention
64	1.99 Kingston Ridge Pond	Kingston Ridge Sub	Kingston Ridge HOA	45-19-27-429-028.000-038	Kingston Ridge	Private	Detention



Legend

Detention
Retention Ponds

Maintenance

-  Municipal
-  Private
-  non-system related
-  Lowell Boundary

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Appendix 2: Programmatic Indicators

MCM	Programmatic Indicator Permit Citation	Description
Public Education, Outreach, Participation & Involvement	4.3(h)(2)	A list of each public participation and outreach events and activities conducted, a description of the activity, an estimate of the number of attendees, and an assessment if the goals and objectives were met.
	4.3(h)(3)	The number and types of construction and/or post- construction stormwater training opportunities that were provided to contractors, developers and builders, property owners (commercial, industrial, residential, homeowner associations, and other targeted entities during the reporting period.
	4.3(h)(4)	Documentation that presentations were made to elected officials or boards.
	4.3(h)(5)	Describe each targeted audience selected and how they were reached during the reporting period and describe behavioral changes observed.
	4.3(h)(6)	A list of all public education materials used during the reporting period.
Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination	4.4(k)(2)	IDDE program updates.
	4.4(k)(3)	A summary of any storm sewer system mapping changes to the stormwater outfall and conveyance maps.
	4.4(k)(4)	Number of new MS4 outfalls mapped.
	4.4(k)(5)	Number and location of dry weather outfalls screened for illicit discharges.
	4.4(k)(6)	Number and location of illicit discharges detected.
	4.4(k)(7)	Number and location of illicit discharges eliminated.
	4.4(k)(8)	Number of illicit discharges and/or spills reported to the MS4 entity.
Construction Site Stormwater Run- off	4.5(m)(2)	The number of construction projects owned and/or operated by the MS4 entity that are active at the time of submittal.
	4.5(m)(3)	The number of construction sites obtaining a MS4 entity-issued stormwater run-off permit or authorization to discharge.
	4.5(m)(4)	The number of construction sites inspected.
	4.5(m)(5)	The number and type of enforcement actions taken.
	4.5(m)(6)	The number of public information requests and/or complaints received.
Post-Construction Stormwater Run- off	4.6(j)(2)	Updates to the post-construction ordinance or regulatory mechanism.
	4.6(j)(3)	Number of sites requiring post-construction controls.
	4.6(j)(4)	Number, type, and location of structural measures installed.
	4.6(j)(5)	Number, type, and location of structural measures modified to function properly or improve water quality benefits.
	4.6(j)(6)	Number, type, and location of structural measures inspected to ensure each meets design requirements and/or are being maintained
Municipal Operations Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping	4.7(n)(2)	Number and location of stormwater outfalls and conveyance systems that have been repaired.
	4.7(n)(3)	Estimated amount of material collected from stormwater drainage system cleaning including the disposal methods utilized.
	4.7(n)(4)	Estimated amount of material collected from street sweeping, if applicable, including the disposal methods utilized.
	4.7(n)(5)	Number and location of de-icing salt and sand storage areas and methods used to minimize stormwater exposure.

Stormwater Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
BMP	Best Management Practice
BPJ	Best Professional Judgement
CGP	Construction General Permit
CSO	Combines Sewer Overflow
CWA	Clean Water Act
DCIA	Directly Connected Impervious Area
EPA	Environment Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
IA	Impervious Area
IDDE	Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
IDEM	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
IDNR	Indiana Department of Natural Resources
INDOT	Indiana Department of Transportation
LA	Load Allocations
LID	Low impact Development
MCM	Minimum Control Measure
MEP	Maximum Extent Practicable
MOS	Margin of Safety
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
MSGP	Multi-Sector General Permit
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
NAIP	National Agricultural Imagery Program
NEPA	National Environment Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NHRA	National Hot Rod Association
NMFS	U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service
NOI	NOI Notice of Intent
NOT	Notice of Termination
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRC	National Response Center
NRHP	National Register o historic Places
NSPS	New Source Performance Standard
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
OMB	U.S. Office of Management and Budget
ORW	Outstanding Resource Water
PCP	Phosphorous Control Plan
POC	Pollutant of Concern
POTW	Publicly Owned Treatment Works
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RQ	Reportable Quantity
SCM	Stormwater Control Measure
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SIC	Standard Industrial Code
SPCC	Spill Prevention, control, Containment
SSO	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
SWP3	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
SWQMP	Stormwater Quality Management Program
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
USGS	Unite States Geological Survey
WKRP	In Cincinnati
WLA	Wasteload Allocation
WQCR	Water Quality Characterization Report
WQRP	Water Quality Response Plan
WQS	Water Quality Standard