



# *TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE*

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# Memo

To: Residents of the Town of Windham

From: David Sullivan, Town Administrator

Date: May 1, 2020

Re: US EPA MS-4 Stormwater Update

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Since 2003, the Town has been operating under various EPA permits that require us to monitor stormwater discharges into our waterways and, more importantly, to identify illicit discharges and mitigate non-point source pollution. Stormwater is defined as runoff from rain or melting snow that flows over surfaces into a collection system, from where it then migrates into the groundwater. Illicit discharges, on the other hand, involve non-stormwater or polluted waters flowing into those same stormwater collection systems.

As part of our ongoing efforts, and in keeping with requirements of the current 2016 MS4 general permit, the Town has developed several documents and undertaken a number of actions; most recently mapping out the location of all Windham outfalls and catch basins, testing for water quality in various locations throughout town, and updating our Stormwater Management Plan with catchment investigation procedures. These activities are part of the overall goal of the program, which is to address non-point source pollution of our waterways, and to adopt measures that will protect and enhance water quality.

We encourage Windham residents to become involved and take personal steps to improve water quality in our community. Please visit our Stormwater Management page on the Town website, [windhamnh.gov/450/Stormwater-Management](http://windhamnh.gov/450/Stormwater-Management), where you can review our Stormwater Management Program (SWMP), along with other outreach and education materials on topics such as well water, septic systems, and pet waste.