

PUBLIC NOTICE

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TOWN OF BRISTOL
10 COURT STREET
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT PHASE II STORMWATER ANNUAL REPORTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PROGRAM GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4) AND FROM INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY AT ELIGIBLE FACILITIES OPERATED BY REGULATED SMALL MS4S.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RIR040018

Pursuant to the requirements established in the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharge from Small MS4s and from Industrial Activity at Eligible Facilities Operated by Regulated Small MS4s (General Permit), the Town of Bristol has submitted an application package, including a Notice of Intent and Storm Water Management Program Plan (SWMPP) to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) for authorization of the storm water discharges from the Town of Bristol MS4. In accordance with Part IV.E of the General Permit, the operator must annually evaluate the compliance of the SWMPP with the conditions of the permit, as well as the appropriateness of the selected Best Management Practices (BMP) and efforts towards achieving the Measurable Goals. An annual report prepared in accordance with Part IV.G of the General Permit must be prepared for each year after the permit is issued.

Notice is hereby given of the intent to receive public comment and, if necessary, to hold a public hearing on the Town of Bristol Phase II Storm Water Annual Reports for Permit Year 17 through Permit Year 19 (2020 through 2022).

Interested parties may submit comments on the draft Annual Reports by the close of the public notice period at **4:00 p.m. on June 30, 2023**. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. If, during the public comment period, significant comments are received concerning the draft Annual Reports, the Town of Bristol will provide a written response to comments to all persons that submitted comments and all members of the public that request a copy of the response. The response will include a final Annual Report and identify what changes have been made, if any. In accordance with the General Permit, if, during the public comment period, the Town receives a request from 25 people, a government agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than 25 members, the Town will hold a public meeting to discuss the draft Annual Reports including the progress of the program, evaluation of the selected BMPs and Measurable Goals, and any necessary changes to the Annual Reports and/or SWMPP.

Copies of the Phase II Storm Water Annual Reports may be obtained at no cost by visiting the Town's website at <https://www.bristolri.gov/departments/community-development/soil-erosion-stormwater-management/> or by contacting the Department of Community Development as noted below:

Town of Bristol, Department of Community Development
235 High Street, 1st Floor
Bristol, RI 02809
(401) 253-7000 x128

The administrative record containing all documents is on file and may be inspected at the Department of Community Development between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Edward M. Tanner
Principal Planner
DATE OF NOTICE: June 2, 2023

