

Nitrogen Source Identification Report Leicester, Massachusetts

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SECTION 1 - BACKGROUND

1.1 General

Tata & Howard, Inc. was retained by the Leicester Highway Department to help fulfill the requirements addressed in the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) in Massachusetts (Permit), made effective by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on July 1, 2018 and modified on January 6, 2021. The Town of Leicester, Massachusetts is subject to requirements to address nitrogen in their stormwater discharges because the stormwater is discharged to waterbodies that are tributaries to Long Island Sound, which has an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nitrogen, as stated in Appendix F, Section B.I. of the Permit. This section requires that the Town of Leicester complete a Nitrogen Source Identification Report that includes the following components:

- 1. Calculation of total MS4 area within the permittee's jurisdiction that is within the Connecticut River Watershed, the Housatonic River Watershed, and the Thames River Watershed, incorporating updated mapping of the MS4 and catchment delineations.
- 2. All dry weather outfall screening and monitoring results, targeting the receiving water segment(s).
- 3. Calculation of impervious area and Directly Connected Impervious Area (DCIA) for the target catchment.
- 4. Identification, delineation, and prioritization of potential catchments with high nitrogen loading.
- 5. Identification of potential retrofit opportunities or opportunities for the installation of structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) during redevelopment.

The Town must submit the Nitrogen Source Identification Report to the EPA as part of the Year 4 Annual Report by September 28, 2022.

According to the EPA, the Town of Leicester has eleven water segments that are listed in the 2018/2020 Final Massachusetts Integrated List of Waters and receives water from the Town's MS4. Table No. 1-1 below shows the listing of these impaired waters. As shown in the table, none of the waterbodies in Town are nitrogen impaired, and therefore, do not include any specified target catchments.



Table No. 1-1
Impaired Receiving Waters – Leicester, Massachusetts

Receiving Water	Segment ID	Number of Outfalls	Nitrogen Impairment?	Other Impairments
Southwick Pond	MA51157	2	No	Aquatic Plants (Macrophytes), Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators
Waite Pond	MA51170	1	No	Mercury in Fish Tissue
Dutton Pond	MA42015	2	No	Total Phosphorus, Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators
Greenville Pond	MA42023	2	No	Turbidity
Rochdale Pond	MA42048	13	No	Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators
Cedar Meadow Pond	MA42009	6	No	(Non-Native Aquatic Plants)
Sargent Pond	MA42049	4	No	(Non-Native Aquatic Plants)
Kettle Brook	MA51-01	7	No	(Dewatering), Fanwort, Benthic Macroinvertebrates, Escherichia Coli (E. Coli), Fecal Coliform, Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators
Burncoat Brook	MA42-07	3	No	Benthic Macroinvertebrates, Escherichia coli (E. Coli)
French River	MA42-03	5	No	Mercury in Fish Tissue
Grindstone Brook	MA42-18	13	No	Escherichia coli (E. Coli)



SECTION 2 – MS4 REGULATED AREA AND CATCHMENTS

2.1 MS4 Regulated Area

The Town of Leicester includes an area of approximately 24.7 square miles, or 15,800 acres. The MS4 regulated area within the town is approximately 8,350 acres. The MS4 regulated area, or urbanized area, is based on the 2000 and 2010 US census data and includes 85 outfall catchment areas. The catchment areas are the areas which drain to each stormwater outfall. The Town of Leicester's Phase 1 MS4 map with catch basins, outfalls, and catchment areas, is included in Appendix A of this report.

Portions of Town are located within the Connecticut River Watershed and the Thames River Watershed, both of which drain to Long Island Sound. Approximately 15 acres of Leicester's MS4 area located in the northwest corner of town are within the Connecticut River Watershed. This area does not include any MS4 outfall catchment areas, and as a result, the Leicester MS4 does not drain to the Connecticut River Watershed. The Thames River Watershed includes approximately 5,710 acres of Leicester's MS4 area in the southern and western areas of the town. This region includes 55 outfall catchment areas. Each catchment area was analyzed for impervious area, DCIA, and nitrogen loading.

2.2 Dry Weather Outfall Screening

During the Year 3 reporting period (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), every outfall in Leicester within the regulated area was inspected during dry weather conditions, which is defined as less than 0.1 inches of rainfall occurring within the previous 24-hour period. Characteristics such as pipe material, pipe condition, swale condition, and flow description were recorded. During the inspections, four outfalls were observed to have flow during dry weather conditions. These outfalls were subsequently sampled and tested for the following parameters: E. coli, ammonia as nitrogen, conductivity, Methylene Blue Active Substances as Linear Alkylbenzene Sulphonates (MBAS as LAS), nitrate as nitrogen, nitrite as nitrogen, salinity, total nitrogen, total phosphate as phosphorus, total chlorine, and temperature. Based on the outfall samples, outfalls 74 and 75 were determined to have E. coli levels that exceeded its benchmark field measurement screening value. The outfall sampling results are included in Appendix B of this report.

The results of the dry weather outfall screening were used to update an initial outfall inventory and priority ranking matrix. The priority ranking matrix considers factors such as potential discharge to areas of concern to public health, receiving water quality, and age of infrastructure. The outfalls were ultimately separated into high and low priority, where high priority outfalls are those that discharge to impaired waterbodies and/or discharge to an area of concern to public health. Due to the outfall sampling results, outfalls 74 and 75 were rated as problem outfalls. The outfall inventory and priority ranking matrix is included in Appendix B of this report.



SECTION 3 – IMPERVIOUS AREA AND DIRECTLY CONNECTED IMPERVIOUS AREA

3.1 Impervious Area

Impervious area (IA) is area with surfaces that are unable to allow the natural infiltration of stormwater into the ground. Common impervious areas include paved roadways and parking lots, buildings or other structures, and bituminous or concrete sidewalks. Impervious area for the Town of Leicester was calculated using the Massachusetts Geographic Information System (MassGIS) 2016 Land Cover/Land Use data layer. This data layer contains a combination of land cover mapping from 2016 aerial imagery and land use derived from standardized assessor parcel information and includes an impervious land cover category. The Land Cover/Land Use data layer was overlaid in GIS with the Town's data layer for outfall catchment areas to estimate total areas, impervious areas, and percent impervious area for each outfall catchment area. The total area of all outfall catchment areas is approximately 790 acres with a total impervious area of approximately 140 acres, or 18% impervious area. Outfalls that drain to the Thames River Watershed were also calculated. The total catchment area for the 55 outfalls that drain to the Thames River Watershed is approximately 550 acres with a total impervious area of approximately 110 acres, or 20% impervious area. Table No. 3-1 below shows the five highest estimated impervious areas and corresponding percent impervious areas for outfall catchment areas that drain to the Thames River Watershed.

Outfall ID	Catchment Area (Acres)	Impervious Area (Acres)	Percent Impervious Area (%)
74	28.06	11.79	42.02
22	35.95	8.99	25.01
45	23.61	7.55	31.96
38	18.47	5.03	27.24
24	10.92	3.94	36.13

Table No. 3-1Impervious Area for Five Most Impervious Catchments

The impervious area and percent impervious area for all 55 outfalls that drain to the Thames River Watershed are included in Appendix C of this report.

3.2 Directly Connected Impervious Area

Directly connected impervious area (DCIA), also referred to as "effective impervious cover", is the amount of impervious area that drains directly to the storm sewer system without first flowing across permeable land area or a BMP. Site-specific information about the existence of certain BMPs is not available at the parcel level. As a result, an estimate



of DCIA is used to approximate the average level of stormwater control measures installed across a watershed. DCIA was estimated using the MassGIS 2016 Land Cover/Land Use data layer and Sutherland equations. The Sutherland equations calculate percent DCIA for each land use type using the percent impervious area of that land use type. Table No. 3-2 below shows the Sutherland equations.

Land Use Type – GIS Layer	"Connectedness" Category	Sutherland Equation (Percent DCIA and IA)			
Agriculture	Mostly Disconnected	DCIA=0.01(IA) ²			
Commercial	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Forest	Mostly Disconnected	DCIA=0.01(IA) ²			
Industrial	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Mixed use, other	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Mixed use, primarily commercial	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Mixed use, primarily residential	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Open land	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Recreation	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Residential - multi-family	Highly Connected	DCIA=0.4(IA) ^{1.2}			
Residential - other	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Residential - single family	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Right-of-way	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Tax exempt	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Unknown	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			
Water	Average	DCIA=0.1(IA) ^{1.5}			

Table No. 3-2Sutherland Equations

Percent DCIA for an outfall catchment area was calculated by summing the percent DCIA of all land use types with an impervious land use cover in the catchment area. Percent DCIA and DCIA area were calculated for all outfalls that drain to the Thames River Watershed. Table No. 3-3 below shows the five highest estimated DCIA areas and corresponding percent DCIAs for outfall catchment areas that drain to the Thames River Watershed.



Outfall ID	Catchment Area (Acres)	DCIA (Acres)	Percent DCIA (%)
74	28.06	3.86	13.76
45	23.61	2.55	10.82
22	35.95	2.25	6.26
24	10.92	1.50	13.72
38	18.47	1.41	7.66

Table No. 3-3DCIA for Five Most Directly Connected Catchments

The DCIA and percent DCIA for all 55 outfalls that drain to the Thames River Watershed are included in Appendix C of this report.



SECTION 4 – NITROGEN LOADING

4.1 General

The Town was listed in the Massachusetts MS4 General Permit as a municipality that discharges to a waterbody that is a tributary to Long Island Sound, which has an approved TMDL for nitrogen. While nitrogen is a nutrient for plant growth, excess nitrogen loading in a waterbody can over stimulate algae growth. Nitrogen is commonly found in animal manure and fertilizers. Algae blooms create high biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) as the algae decomposes and uses up available oxygen supplies, thus threatening the survival of fish and other aquatic organisms.

The Thames River Watershed extends from Leicester, Massachusetts to Long Island Sound. The Town has 55 outfalls that discharge into this watershed. The nitrogen load of each outfall was estimated using the nitrogen load equation from Attachment 1 to Appendix H of the MS4 General Permit, which accounts for impervious and pervious area within a catchment area. The nitrogen load equation is as follows:

Nitrogen Load = $(Area_1 \times NLER_1) + (Area_2 \times NLER_2) + (Area_3 \times NLER_3) \dots$

Annual nitrogen load export rates (NLERs) were provided in Attachment 1 to Appendix H of the MS4 General Permit and are provided below in Table No. 4-1.

Land Surface Cover	Hydrologic Soil Group	NLERs (lb./ac/yr.)
Impervious	All	14.1
Pervious	А	0.3
Pervious	В	1.2
Pervious	С	2.4
Pervious	D	3.7
Pervious	A/D	0.3
Pervious	B/D	1.2
Pervious	C/D	3.0

Table No. 4-1Annual Nitrogen Load Export Rates (NLERs)

Hydrologic Soil Groups (HSGs) are based on estimates of runoff potential. Soils are assigned to one of four groups or a dual class according to the rate of water infiltration when the soils are not protected by vegetation, are thoroughly wet, and receive precipitation from long-duration storms. Soils in Group A have the lowest runoff potential and soils in Group D have the highest runoff potential. The HSGs for soils within each catchment area were determined using the MassGIS Massachusetts Top-20 SSURGO Soils data layer.

Annual nitrogen loads were calculated for all outfalls that drain to the Thames River Watershed. All outfalls discharging to Thames River Watershed have a combined



estimated nitrogen load of approximately 2,500 lb./yr. Table No. 4-2 below shows the catchment areas with the five highest nitrogen loads.

Table No. 4-2Estimated Nitrogen Loading for Five Highest-Load Catchments

Outfall ID	Estimated Nitrogen Load (Ib./yr.)
74	200.4
22	191.5
45	145.0
5	136.4
1	106.2

The estimated nitrogen load for all 55 Thames River Watershed outfalls is provided in Appendix C of this report.

Based on impervious area, DCIA, and nitrogen load calculations, Outfalls 22, 45, and 74 have the highest potential to reduce nitrogen loading in the Thames River Watershed.



SECTION 5 – POTENTIAL RETROFIT OPPORTUNITIES

5.1 General

All 55 outfall catchment areas that drain to the Thames River Watershed were examined to determine the presence of Town-owned parcels for potential BMP retrofit opportunities. Many town-owned parcels exist within the catchment areas, but the majority of these parcels are currently undeveloped. After examination, Outfall 77 had a catchment area that overlapped with the Leicester Library and Outfall 18 had a catchment area that overlapped with the Leicester Highway Department Garage.

The Leicester Library is located at 1136 Main Street. This property has approximately 21,300 square feet of impervious area. The site was updated in 2019 with a newly paved and expanded parking lot. A retention area was also added behind the parking lot to mitigate stormwater runoff.

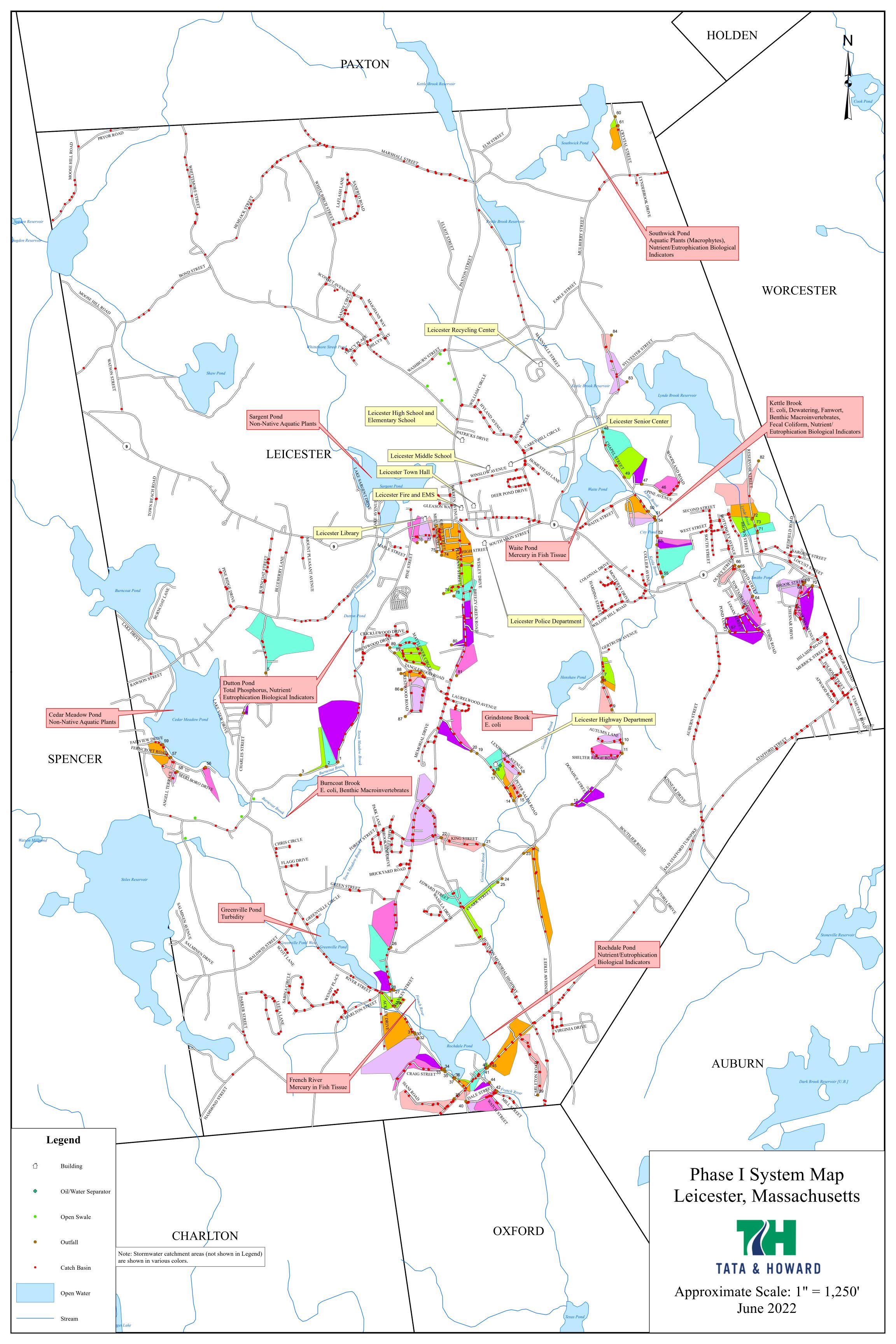
The Leicester Highway Department Garage is located at 59 Peter Salem Road. This property has approximately 43,800 square feet of impervious area. In the Town's Municipal Retrofit Report, recommendations were made to replace an existing grass swale with a new bioswale, construct a second bioswale adjacent to nearby wetlands, and install permeable pavers to replace the existing asphalt walkway leading to the main Garage building.

The Town should also focus on non-structural controls within the regulated area such as enhanced street sweeping and increased catch basin cleaning frequency to decrease nitrogen loads in these catchment areas. During redevelopment in these catchment areas, the Town should work with developers to decrease the amount of impervious area where possible. If new developments are proposed within these catchment areas, the Town should work to limit the amount of impervious area by minimizing the proposed street width to the extent possible and requiring that new developments include BMPs such as rain gardens and bioswales.



Appendix A





Appendix B



Outfall ID	Receiving Water	Previous Screening Results Indicate Likely Sewer Input? ¹	Discharging to Area of Concern to Public Health? ²	Frequency of Past Discharge Complaints	Receiving Water Quality ³	Density of Generating Sites ⁴	Age of Development/ Infrastructure ⁵	Historic Combined Sewers or Septic? ⁶	Aging Septic? ⁷	Culverted Streams? ⁸	Additional Characteristics		
Ini	formation Source	Outfall inspections and sample results	GIS Maps	Town Staff	Impaired Waters List	Land Use/GIS Maps, Aerial Photography	Land Use Information, Visual Observation	Town Staff, GIS Maps	Land Use, Town Staff	GIS and Storm System Maps	Other	Score	Priority Ranking
:	Scoring Criteria	Yes = 3 (Problem Outfall) No = 0	Yes = 3 No = 0	Frequent = 3 Occasional = 2 None = 0	Poor = 3 Fair = 2 Good = 0	High = 3 Medium = 2 Low = 1	High = 3 Medium = 2 Low = 1	Yes = 3 No = 0	Yes = 3 No = 0	Yes = 3 No = 0	TBD		
74	Sargent Pond	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Sampling Indicates Illicit Sewer Discharge	7	Problem
75	Sargent Pond	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Sampling Indicates Illicit Sewer Discharge	7	Problem
1	Burncoat Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	Excessive Vegetation Around Outfall	6	High Priority
2	Burncoat Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Branches and Leaves	6	High Priority
3	Burncoat Brook	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	None	4	High Priority
4	Cedar Meadow Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	10	High Priority
5	Cedar Meadow Pond	0	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	Excessive Sediment	8	High Priority
7	Henshaw Pond	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	None	2	High Priority
8	Henshaw Pond	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	None	2	High Priority
9	Henshaw Pond	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	None	2	High Priority
10	Henshaw Pond	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Crumbling Outfall, Ditch Work Required, Pipe Buried in Leaves	4	High Priority
11	Henshaw Pond	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Rocks, Sediment, and Leaves causing standing water	4	High Priority
12	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	None	6	High Priority
14	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Sediment Blocking Pipe	7	High Priority
15	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Sediment and Leaves Blocking Pipe	7	High Priority
16	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
17	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
18	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
19	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	None	5	High Priority
20	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Sediment and Trees Blocking Pipe	5	High Priority
21	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	None	6	High Priority



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				None = 0							Ditch Work Required,		
22	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	Rocks, Sediment blocking pipe	6	High Priority
23	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	None	4	High Priority
24	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	None	4	High Priority
25	Grindstone Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	None	6	High Priority
26	Greenville Pond	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	None	5	High Priority
27	French River	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	Crumbling Headwall Fell and Broke Pipe	4	High Priority
28	French River	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	None	6	High Priority
29	Unnamed	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Pipe in Poor Condition	4	High Priority
30	Rochdale Pond	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
31	Rochdale Pond	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
32	Rochdale Pond	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
33	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Excessive Sediment	10	High Priority
34	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	10	High Priority
35	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	10	High Priority
36	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	None	8	High Priority
37	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	None	8	High Priority
38	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Excessive Sediment	10	High Priority
39	French River	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	None	6	High Priority
40	Rochdale Pond	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
41	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	None	12	High Priority
42	French River	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Excessive Sediment	8	High Priority
43	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	None	12	High Priority
44	French River	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Leaves Blocking Swale	8	High Priority
45	Rochdale Pond	0	3	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	Crumbling Pipe	12	High Priority
49	Waite Pond	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
56	Cedar Meadow Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Leaves and Branches around Opening	10	High Priority
57	Cadar Maadaw Dan J	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0		0	Ligh Drignites
57	Cedar Meadow Pond	0	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	None	8	High Priority



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58	Cedar Meadow Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Leaves, Rocks, Sediment, and Branches around Opening	10	High Priority
59	Cedar Meadow Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	Excessive Sediment	10	High Priority
60	Southwick Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Excessive Sediment, Blocked Pipe	10	High Priority
61	Southwick Pond	0	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	None	10	High Priority
65	Smiths Pond	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Section of Pipe Disconnected	7	High Priority
66	Smiths Pond	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
76	Sargent Pond	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	4	High Priority
77	Sargent Pond	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Covered with Debris	4	High Priority
78	Dutton Pond	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Excessive Sediment, Blocked Pipe	8	High Priority
79	Dutton Pond	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	0	0	Covered with Debris	8	High Priority
80	Henshaw Pond	0	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	Grass Clippings, Leaves, Sediment, Debris	8	High Priority
81	Henshaw Pond	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	Some Sediment	7	High Priority
83	Lynde Brook Reservoir	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	7	High Priority
84	Lynde Brook Reservoir		3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Remove Propane Tank in Swale	7	High Priority
85	Town Meadow Brook	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	4	High Priority
86	Town Meadow Brook	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	4	High Priority
87	Town Meadow Brook	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	4	High Priority
88 89	Town Meadow Brook Town Meadow Brook	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	1	3 3	0	0	0	NoneDitch Work Required,Sediment and LeavesMostly CoveringOpening	4	High Priority High Priority
46	Kettle Brook	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	None	4	Low Priority
47	Kettle Brook	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	Leaves at Opening	4	Low Priority



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40			0		2	1		0	0	0	Ditch Work Required,	_	I D'''
48	Kettle Brook	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	Rip Rap and Leaves Blocking Pipe	5	Low Priority
50	Kettle Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Sediment and Leaves Covering Pipe	6	Low Priority
51	Kettle Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Vegetation and Leaves Covering Pipe	6	Low Priority
52	City Pond	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	None	2	Low Priority
53	City Pond	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	None	2	Low Priority
54	Kettle Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Sediment and Leaves at Opening		Low Priority
55	Kettle Brook	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Sediment and Leaves at Opening	6	Low Priority
64	Smiths Pond	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	None	2	Low Priority
67	Smiths Pond	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Sediment and Rocks Blocking Pipe	4	Low Priority
68	Smiths Pond	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	None	2	Low Priority
69	Smiths Pond	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Excessive Vegetation Around Outfall	4	Low Priority
70	Smiths Pond	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	Ditch Work Required, Downed Trees and Branches Covering Pipe	4	Low Priority
71	Lynde Brook	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	4	Low Priority
72	Lynde Brook	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	4	Low Priority
73	Lynde Brook	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	4	Low Priority
82	Unnamed	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	None	4	Low Priority

Scoring Criteria:

¹ Previous screening results indicate likely sewer input if any of the following are true:

- Olfactory or visual evidence of sewage,
- Ammonia $\geq 0.5 \text{ mg/L}$, surfactants $\geq 0.25 \text{ mg/L}$, and bacteria levels greater than the water quality criteria applicable to the receiving water, or



• Ammonia \geq 0.5 mg/L, surfactants \geq 0.25 mg/L, and detectable levels of chlorine

² Outfalls/interconnections that discharge to or near any of the following areas: public beaches, recreational areas, drinking water supplies, or shellfish beds

³ Receiving water quality based on latest version of MassDEP Integrated List of Waters.

- Poor = Waters with approved TMDLs (Category 4a Waters) where illicit discharges have the potential to contain the pollutant identified as the cause of the impairment
- Fair = Water quality limited waterbodies that receive a discharge from the MS4 (Category 5 Waters)
- Good = No water quality impairments

⁴ Generating sites are institutional, municipal, commercial, or industrial sites with a potential to contribute to illicit discharges (e.g., car dealers, car washes, gas stations, garden centers, industrial manufacturing, etc.) ⁵ Age of development and infrastructure:

- High = Industrial areas greater than 40 years old and areas where the sanitary sewer system is more than 40 years old
- Medium = Developments 20-40 years old
- Low = Developments less than 20 years old

⁶ Areas once served by combined sewers and but have been separated, or areas once served by septic systems but have been converted to sanitary sewers.

⁷ Aging septic systems are septic systems 30 years or older in residential areas.

⁸ Any river or stream that is culverted for distance greater than a simple roadway crossing.



Sample Location Identifier	Outfall 17	Outfa	all 74	Outfall 75	Outfall 89	Benchmark Field
Sample Date		5/25/2021	6/10/2021	5/25/2021	5/25/2021	Measurement
	Peter Salem Road		Grove Street	Grove Street	Birchwood Road	Screening Values
Weather Conditions Precipitation Previous 48 Hours	Sunny, 60's 0.04"	Sunny, 60's 0.04"	Sunny, 70's 0.05''	Sunny, 60's 0.04"	Sunny, 60's 0.04"	
PARAMETER - Method (units)	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.04	
Microbiology						
E. Coli - EPA 1603 (cfu/100 mL)	<10.0	3,650	202	24,200	<10.0	235
Classic Chemistry			NT			
Ammonia as N - EPA 350.1 (mg/L)	< 0.10	0.14		4.16	0.22	0.5
Conductivity - EPA 2510B (umhos/cm)	239	863		1,370	813	2,000
MBAS as LAS - EPA 5540C (mg/L)	< 0.1	< 0.1		< 0.1	<0.1	0.25
Nitrate as N - EPA 353.2 (mg/L)	1.04	0.248		0.329	0.616	
Nitrite as N - EPA 353.2 (mg/L)	< 0.010	< 0.010		0.175	< 0.010	
Salinity - EPA 2520B (ppt)	0.1	0.4		0.7	0.4	
Total Nitrogen - EPA 4500N (mg/L)	1.37	0.595		17.9	1.04	
Total Phosphate as P - EPA 365.1 (mg/L)	0.16	0.13		1.73	0.11	
Total Chlorine (mg/L)	< 0.02	< 0.02		0.04	0.03	0.02
Temperature (°F)	54	58.6		56.3	55.5	

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Notes:

1. ppt = parts per thousand; mg/L = Milligrams per liter; cfu = colony forming units; umhos/cm = umhos per centimeter; °F = Fahrenheit

2. Values preceded by "<" indicate that the result is non detect and the method reporting limit is shown

3. NT = Not Tested.

4. Temperature was measured in the field using a pH/Temperature probe

5. Total Chlorine was measured in the field using a Hach Chlorine Analyzer

Appendix C



Outfall ID	Catchment Area (Acres)	Impervious Area (Acres)	Percent Impervious Area (%)
1	36.96	1.46	3.95
2	5.81	0.20	3.44
3	4.37	0.11	2.52
4	0.90	0.28	31.11
5	42.93	1.83	4.26
7	6.10	1.00	16.39
14	3.53	1.00	28.33
15	4.48	1.03	22.99
16	4.60	1.02	22.17
17	3.06	0.51	16.67
18	6.08	1.81	29.77
19	8.39	0.75	8.94
20	6.39	0.66	10.33
21	10.00	1.89	18.90
22	35.95	8.99	25.01
23	18.99	3.17	16.69
24	10.92	3.94	36.08
25	8.50	3.15	37.06
26	20.91	2.37	11.33
27	16.10	2.30	14.29
28	5.56	1.10	19.78
29	7.14	1.96	27.45
30	0.88	0.10	11.36
31	20.06	2.06	10.27
32	31.69	0.75	2.37
33	8.44	2.26	26.78
34	4.66	0.61	13.09
35	0.65	0.46	70.77
36	0.55	0.25	45.45
37	2.27	1.11	48.90
38	18.47	5.03	27.23
39	12.09	3.48	28.78
40	2.16	0.59	27.31
41	4.46	2.95	66.14
42	9.20	2.06	22.39
43	0.38	0.27	71.05
44	1.65	0.55	33.33
45	23.61	7.55	31.98
56	4.88	0.28	5.74

Impervious Area for Thames River Watershed Catchments Leicester, Massachusetts



Outfall ID	Catchment Area (Acres)	Impervious Area (Acres)	Percent Impervious Area (%)
57	4.66	1.17	25.11
58	1.34	0.38	28.36
59	8.29	1.83	22.07
74	28.06	11.79	42.02
75	3.47	1.46	42.07
76	5.94	3.00	50.51
77	5.70	2.61	45.79
78	6.96	1.82	26.15
79	9.42	2.76	29.30
80	12.65	2.97	23.48
81	10.15	2.14	21.08
85	14.11	3.13	22.18
86	1.82	0.38	20.88
87	11.80	2.72	23.05
88	3.50	0.88	25.14
89	6.07	0.99	16.31

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Outfall ID	Catchment Area (Acres)	DCIA (Acres)	Percent DCIA (%)
1	36.96	0.15	0.41
2	5.81	0.03	0.52
3	4.37	0.01	0.23
4	0.90	0.11	12.22
5	42.93	0.26	0.61
7	6.10	0.27	4.43
14	3.53	0.37	10.48
15	4.48	0.35	7.81
16	4.60	0.33	7.17
17	3.06	0.16	5.23
18	6.08	0.67	11.02
19	8.39	0.14	1.67
20	6.39	0.20	3.13
21	10.00	0.59	5.90
22	35.95	2.25	6.26
23	18.99	0.92	4.84
24	10.92	1.50	13.74
25	8.50	1.39	16.35
26	20.91	0.53	2.53
27	16.10	0.57	3.54
28	5.56	0.28	5.04
29	7.14	0.75	10.50
30	0.88	0.03	3.41
31	20.06	0.39	1.94
32	31.69	0.03	0.09
33	8.44	0.75	8.89
34	4.66	0.15	3.22
35	0.65	0.27	41.54
36	0.55	0.12	21.82
37	2.27	0.54	23.79
38	18.47	1.41	7.63
39	12.09	1.34	11.08
40	2.16	0.22	10.19
41	4.46	1.13	25.34
42	9.20	0.74	8.04
43	0.38	0.18	47.37
44	1.65	0.22	13.33
45	23.61	2.55	10.80
56	4.88	0.05	1.02

DCIA for Thames River Watershed Catchments Leicester, Massachusetts



Outfall ID	Catchment Area (Acres)	DCIA (Acres)	Percent DCIA (%)
57	4.66	0.41	8.80
58	1.34	0.16	11.94
59	8.29	0.59	7.12
74	28.06	3.86	13.76
75	3.47	0.58	16.71
76	5.94	1.03	17.34
77	5.70	0.80	14.04
78	6.96	0.62	8.91
79	9.42	1.04	11.04
80	12.65	1.02	8.06
81	10.15	0.70	6.90
85	14.11	1.05	7.44
86	1.82	0.13	7.14
87	11.80	0.89	7.54
88	3.50	0.31	8.86
89	6.07	0.29	4.78

DCIA for Thames River Watershed Catchments Leicester, Massachusetts



Estimated Nitrogen Loading for Thames River Watershed Catchments Leicester, Massachusetts

Outfall ID	Estimated Nitrogen Load
1	(lb./yr.)
1	106.17
2	16.28
3	11.50
4	3.95
5	136.38
7	19.00
14	17.70
15	19.65
16	17.53
17	9.41
18	28.15
19	25.27
20	21.23
21	45.86
22	191.48
23	83.49
24	71.81
25	56.71
26	78.01
27	65.59
28	26.17
29	35.30
30	2.87
31	69.27
32	84.07
33	38.94
34	12.49
35	6.54
36	4.25
37	18.40
38	88.86
39	69.73
40	12.05
41	44.32
42	46.14
43	4.00
44	10.37
45	144.96
56	17.57
57	24.93



Estimated Nitrogen Loading for Thames River Watershed Catchments Leicester, Massachusetts

Outfall ID	Estimated Nitrogen Load (Ib./yr.)
58	7.67
59	41.28
74	200.36
75	25.42
76	45.83
77	42.54
78	31.84
79	47.88
80	59.66
81	48.87
85	64.13
86	7.11
87	49.19
88	15.63
89	20.78

