



Neponset Stormwater Partnership
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Introduction

The Neponset Stormwater Partnership (NSP) is a regional stormwater collaborative which brings together communities in and around the Neponset River Watershed area. NSP members work together to reduce stormwater pollution and streamline compliance with the Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit which is issued jointly by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

This report covers activities completed by the NSP during the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

This report is generally organized by the six minimum control measures (MCMs) outlined by the MS4 permit, subject to the caveat that some activities do not fit neatly into the framework established by the minimum control measures yet advance the goals of the permit.

Participating Communities and Organizations

The following communities and other organizations were active members of the NSP during the reporting period:

- Avon
- Canton
- Dedham
- Foxborough
- Medfield
- Milton
- Norwood
- Quincy
- Randolph
- Sharon
- Stoughton
- Walpole
- Westwood

The Neponset River Watershed Association serves as the overall coordinator for the NSP and coordinates or leads the implementation of many of the NSP's priority tasks.

Unless otherwise noted, all participating communities participated in each of the tasks or activities described below.

Project Funding

The NSP is supported through matching contributions from the participating municipalities, and other matching grants and donations assembled by NepRWA.

Note About Using the NSP Annual Report

The NSP Annual Report provides a summary of all the work undertaken by the NSP during the report period. Some of this work, particularly in the areas of Public Education and Public Participation, is directly applicable to our member communities' EPA annual reporting requirements.

In the Public Education and Participation sections of the NSP Annual Report, content has been formatted in a manner consistent with the format of the EPA annual report template. Because the NSP is a regional program, these sections are written from a "regional" perspective rather than "town-by-town" perspective. Where additional details of community-specific efforts are known, we have included these in summary form for those communities that prefer to report on a community-specific basis.

In past communication, EPA has endorsed the concept of a regional Education SWMP and a regional Education Annual Report. If a community is relying on the NSP to meet its Public Education requirements, they do not need to carefully justify community-specific results from the regional implementation activities, provided that the community was actively participating in NSP activities.

Rather, if a community has incorporated by reference the NSP Regional Outreach and Education SWMP into its own municipal SWMP, they can satisfy the education reporting requirement by referencing the NSP Annual Report by including the URL in their own annual report.

If a community has not adopted the NSP Regional Outreach and Education SWMP by reference, it may pick and choose from among the NSP's completed education activities and add them directly to their own municipal EPA annual report.

Lastly, any number of other NSP activities may be indirectly or partially applicable to a community's MS4 reporting requirements. These activities include areas such as

- Staff training that occurs during NSP meetings and workshops
- Technical assistance on bylaws, green infrastructure, or IDDE tools
- Water quality data which may be relevant to IDDE
- Evaluation and construction of stormwater retrofit opportunities.

Because these areas do not neatly match the applicable EPA reporting requirements for all NSP communities, they have not been formatted to correspond to the EPA annual report template. Rather, they are simply provided as brief narrative or bullets. However, NSP communities may still want to pick and choose activities in these sections that they would like to use to supplement their EPA annual report.

MCM1 Public Education

The NSP maintains several activities addressing Public Education and Participation requirements, including the continued development of a regional outreach program that produces educational material for use by all participating members.

Samples of outreach materials described below are either linked in the narrative (if available on the internet) or are included in the Appendix at the end of this document.

Public Education BMP 1: Maintain Educational Website

<u>Description:</u>	Maintained a comprehensive educational website to serve the Neponset Stormwater Partnership service area as a primary resource for key information for all four target audiences.
<u>Target Audience:</u>	Residents, Businesses, Industry and Developers
<u>Measurable Goals:</u>	Achieve at least 500 unique site visits every year.
<u>Results:</u>	This year, there were 4,116 unique site visitors and 6,321 page views.
<u>Date(s):</u>	Ongoing since May 1, 2018
<u>Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):</u>	Yes (pet waste, fertilizers, leaves and grass clippings, septic)
<u>Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters):</u>	Yes (pet waste, fertilizers, leaves and grass clippings, septic)
<u>Example Materials:</u>	www.yourcleanwater.org

Public Education BMP 2: Operate Stormwater Hotline

<u>Description:</u>	Operated a regional “stormwater hotline” to field questions and problem reports regarding stormwater from across the region. Reports were collected via a website form hosted at yourcleanwater.org , via email submissions to stormwater@neponset.org , and phone calls to 781-575-0354 x 300. Responses to reports included answers to questions, additional information or follow up investigation, and/or referral of inquiries/reports to the appropriate municipalities. Anonymity of inquiries was maintained as requested.
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<u>Target Audience:</u>	Residents, Businesses, Industry, and Developers
<u>Measurable Goals:</u>	Provide immediate answers to inquiries generated by regionalized outreach activities.
<u>Results:</u>	<p>Four reports were made to the stormwater hotline this year concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report of a Milton resident dumping trash into a storm drain and staging trash and recycling directly over the storm drain well before trash pickup. With consent from the Town of Milton, NepRWA installed two storm drain markers, asked DPW to place orange cones over the drains to deter residents from staging trash on the storm drains, and delivered a letter to all residents of the cul-de-sac providing information about storm drains and best practices for residential stormwater management. Additionally, NepRWA and Town of Milton staff spoke directly to residents about the issue. • Gray/white water in the East Branch of the Neponset River in Stoughton. NepRWA staff determined the source was an illicit discharge to a storm drain by a drilling company installing a well nearby. Stoughton Conservation Commission was notified, and the problem was addressed by mulching the disturbed area, installation of a catch basin silt sack proprietary SWBMP, and re-inspection of the stream. A pile of sand was frozen adjacent to the catch basin and the management team was directed to move it from the site upon thawing. The well driller was given a warning. • Pet waste not being properly picked up on walking trails around Adams Farm in Walpole, MA. NepRWA provided five double sided laminated educational flyers to be put up at the owner's discretion. • Stockpiles of sand observed in the parking lot of Ponkapoag Golf Course in Canton. Photos were sent to the Conservation Commission and showed fine particles moving towards a nearby storm drain. The Conservation Commission immediately took action, and the stockpiles were removed.
<u>Date(s):</u>	Ongoing since May 1, 2018
<u>Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):</u>	N/A

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): N/A

Example Materials: N/A

Public Education BMP 3: Distribute Pet Waste Information with Dog Licenses

Description: Educational “rack cards” regarding proper pet waste disposal were printed and provided to town clerks’ offices in member towns to distribute with dog licenses, either in person or via mail. The number of rack cards distributed correlated to the number of dogs licensed per town to ensure all dog owners received the information. In towns where online renewal is available, online graphics that link to the [pet waste page of the NSP website](#) were provided.

Target Audience: Residents

Measurable Goals: Participation by 100% of Town Clerks to reach 80% of dog owners annually with pet waste management information. Over the 5-year permit period achieve a reduction in the number of pet waste bags found when cleaning catch basins in the member communities that track this information.

Results: All Towns participated in pet waste messaging. A total of 7,100 cards were requested by Town Clerks and distributed accordingly. A graphic with a link to a “Pet Waste” focused webpage on the [YourCleanWater.org](#) website was included for online renewals in the Town of Sharon. Additionally, the Town of Randolph provided a pet waste message to all dog owners by printing it directly on the license receipt and the Town of Milton uses a scan of the rack card to include in their annual census. These methods are estimated to have reached the entire population of dog owners in participating towns.

Date(s): Materials were distributed to Town Clerks in November and December 2022 and disseminated to dog owners as licenses were issued throughout the year.

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL): Yes

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): Yes

Example Materials: [Appendix A-1](#)

Public Education BMP 4: Summer Pet Waste Campaign

Description: Prepared one paid Facebook/Instagram ad campaign about the proper disposal of pet waste. Additionally, the same messaging was shared as a social media post to the Neponset River Watershed Association's social media accounts including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Neponset Stormwater Partnership member communities were asked to share/retweet it on their own social media accounts where available. Additionally, towns were tagged on their respective town accounts (where available) for ease in distribution. Below highlights the days posted, content, and reach. (Note that Twitter posts were shortened to meet character requirements.)

The social media post read as follows on July 12, 2022: *"Pet waste contains bacteria and parasites that get washed to the nearest waterway when it rains.*

Every time you walk your dog, please:

- carry a bag to pick up pet waste,
- dispose of waste in a trash can,
- never toss anything down a storm drain!

Learn more about keeping your local waterways clean at yourcleanwater.org"

Additional Town-Specific Details:

Avon: The paid Facebook ad campaign reached 2,482 Avon residents.

Canton: The Town of Canton shared the social media message was shared by the Canton Conservation Commission Facebook account with the following message *"1600 registered dogs in Canton, ¾ pounds of poop per dog per day means OVER 400,000 pounds of dog poop produced in Canton per year. Our rivers and streams are unswimmable due to E. coli bacteria. Do your part*

as a community member and properly dispose of your dog's waste. All storm drains lead to our stream and rivers." Additionally, the paid Facebook ad campaign reached 11,816 Canton residents.

- Dedham: The Town of Dedham reshared the social media post by the Town of Dedham DPW Facebook page with the following message: *"Pet waste is a major source of pollution to our waterways!! Please do your part to pick up after your pets and to properly dispose of the waste!"* Additionally, the information was shared by the Town Engineering Department Twitter account, and the Town's Instagram account. The paid Facebook ad campaign reached 15,184 Dedham residents.
- Foxborough: The Town of Foxborough reshared the social media post on the Town of Foxborough's DPW Facebook page and the Foxborough Conservation Commission Facebook. Additionally, the paid Facebook ad campaign reached 8,056 Foxborough residents.
- Medfield: The paid Facebook ad campaign reached 5,888 Medfield residents.
- Milton: The Town of Milton reshared the social media post on the Town of Milton Facebook page. The paid Facebook ad campaign reached 11,652 Milton residents.
- Norwood: The Town of Norwood reshared the social media post on the Norwood Conservation Commission Facebook page. Additionally, the paid Facebook ad campaign reached 16,800 Norwood residents.
- Quincy: The City of Quincy liked the NepRWA Twitter post.
- Randolph: The Town of Randolph used the social media post as content for their town website under Stormwater. Additionally, the paid Facebook ad campaign reached 15,700 Randolph residents.
- Sharon: The Town of Sharon reshared the social media posts on the Town's Facebook and Twitter account.

Additionally, the paid Facebook ad campaign reached 7,098 Sharon residents.

Stoughton: The Town of Stoughton reshared the social media post on the Stoughton Recreation Department Facebook page. Additionally, the paid Facebook ad campaign reached 14,680 Stoughton residents.

Walpole: The Town of Walpole signed on for paid social media outreach in December 2022. Therefore, NepRWA ran the Walpole paid Facebook ad campaign from January 27- February 24, 2023, which coincided with most pet license renewals. The paid Facebook ad campaign reached 17,734 Walpole residents.

Westwood: The paid Facebook ad campaign reached 7,046 Westwood residents.

Target Audience: Residents, Business, and Industry

Measurable Goals: Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach at least 1,000 people in the NSP region through social media.

Results: NSP communities participated by redistributing one or more of the campaign materials with most communities participating in multiple distribution methods. The paid Facebook Ad Campaign reached a total of 114,464 people in participating towns, 2,792 through NepRWA's Facebook post, 1,393 people through NepRWA's Twitter account, and 101 through NepRWA's Instagram account

Date(s): July 5 through July 29, 2022.
Paid ad ran January 27 through February 24, 2023 in Walpole only

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL): Yes

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): Yes

Public Education BMP 5: Fall Leaf Waste Campaign

Description: Prepared one paid Facebook/Instagram ad campaign about the proper disposal of leaf waste. Additional social media materials were posted to the Neponset River Watershed Association's social media accounts including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Neponset Stormwater Partnership member communities were asked to share/retweet it on their own social media accounts where available. Additionally, towns were tagged on their respective town accounts (where available) for ease of distribution. Below highlights the days posted, content, and reach. (Note that Twitter posts were shortened to meet character requirements.)

The following social media messages were posted throughout the campaign period:

- The October 5, 2022, social media post reached 539 on Facebook, 837 on Twitter, and 79 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“Cleaning out your catch basins of leaves and other debris can reduce flooding in your neighborhood and keep trash from entering our waterways.

For more tips on managing your yard waste visit: <https://yourcleanwater.org/yard-waste-disposal/>”

- The October 11, 2022 social media post reached 143 on Facebook, 198 on Twitter, and 86 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“You've raked your leaves! Now what?”

Know how to properly dispose of yard waste in your town by following this link! Properly disposing of leaves can reduce water pollution and prevent flooding.

<https://yourcleanwater.org/yard-waste-disposal/>”

- The October 17, 2022, social media post reached 534 on Facebook, 1,145 on Twitter, and 89 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“Don’t forget to add leaves to your compost!”

Composting with leaves contribute to healthy nutrient rich soil. Many composting companies have started servicing towns and cities within the watershed and do leaf pick-up during the fall months!

For more information on proper leaf and yard waste disposal visit: <https://yourcleanwater.org/yard-waste-disposal/>“

- The October 25, 2022 social media post reached 1,124 on Facebook, 1,123 on Twitter, and 148 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“As leaves and grass clippings decay, they release nutrients that can cause harm to our waterways. If the decay happens in water, such as a slow-flowing stream, it also uses up oxygen in the water and suffocates organisms that need it.

If you are concerned about improper leaf disposal in your neighborhood please feel free to report it anonymously to our Stormwater Hotline by either visiting <https://yourcleanwater.org/report/> or calling us at 781-575-0354 x 300”

Additional Town-Specific Details:

- Avon: The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 2,420 Avon residents.
- Canton: The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 11,392 Canton residents.
- Dedham: The Town of Dedham liked the Twitter social media post from 10/5 on the Dedham-Westwood Water District Twitter account. Additionally, the DPW posted information on their Facebook page about properly disposing of yard waste during the month of October 2022 and the Engineering Department tweeted the same message. NepRWA also provided PDF flyers for Dedham to distribute through the

Town's website, DPW Facebook page, and the Engineering Department Twitter account. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 15,252 Dedham residents.

Foxborough: The Town of Foxborough shared the Facebook social media post on 10/5 to the Conservation Commission Facebook account page and liked the Twitter post from 10/11. Additionally, they posted information about 5 ways to use fallen leaves on Facebook. This included composting, leaf molding, mulching, spreading, and insulation. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 8,044 Foxborough residents.

Medfield: NepRWA provided PDF flyers for Medfield to distribute. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 5,488 Medfield residents.

Milton: The Town of Milton shared the Facebook social media post from 10/5 on the Town of Milton DPW account page. The official Town's Twitter page reshared the post from 10/24. Additionally, the paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 11,820 Milton residents.

Norwood: The Town of Norwood shared the Facebook social media posts from 10/5 and 10/24 on the Norwood Conservation Commission account page. on the Town's Facebook and Twitter accounts. The Town's official Facebook page shared the 10/24 post and shared the 10/5 post to their Twitter account. In addition, the Conservation Commission shared several messages on their Facebook page regarding cleaning catch basins, composting leaves, and promoting the Stormwater Hotline as an avenue to report improper yard waste disposal. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 16,920 Norwood residents.

Quincy: The City of Quincy shared the Twitter social media posts from 10/5, 10/17, and 10/24.

Additionally, they posted about their yard waste pickup schedule in October 2022 on their city Facebook page.

- Randolph: The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 15,351 Randolph residents.
- Sharon: The Town of Sharon shared the Facebook and Twitter post from 10/24 on their official Town account. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 6,962 Sharon residents.
- Stoughton: The Town of Stoughton posted on a flyer on the Town's Stormwater webpage. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 13,936 Stoughton residents.
- Walpole: The Town of Walpole signed on for paid social media outreach in December 2022. Therefore, NepRWA ran a paid social media campaign for yard cleanup from May 8 through June 2, 2023. The paid Facebook ad campaign reached 16,396 Walpole residents.
- Westwood: The Town of Westwood liked the Twitter post from 10/5 from their Dedham-Westwood Water District account. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 6,430 Westwood residents.

Target Audience: Residents, Businesses, Industry

Measurable Goals: Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach to at least 1,000 people in the NSP region through social media.

Results: NSP communities participated by redistributing one or more of the campaign materials, or by using previously prepared town materials, with most communities participating in multiple distribution methods. The paid Facebook and Instagram Ad Campaigns reached a total of 107,231. Additionally, NepRWA made four additional posts on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages resulting in a reach total of 2,296 on Facebook, 399 through Instagram, and 3,236 people through Twitter.

Date(s): October 2022; Walpole May 8 through June 2, 2023

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL): Yes

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): Yes

Example Materials: [Appendix A-3](#)

Public Education BMP 6: Spring Fertilizer and Grass Clipping Campaign

Description: Prepared one paid Facebook/Instagram ad campaign directed at the proper disposal of leaf waste. Additional social media materials were posted to the Neponset River Watershed Association’s social media accounts including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Neponset Stormwater Partnership member communities were asked to share/retweet it on their own social media accounts where available. Additionally, towns were tagged on their respective town accounts (where available) for ease of distribution. Below highlights the days posted, content, and reach. (Note that Twitter posts were shortened to meet character requirements.)

The social media post on April 10, 2023 reached 1,006 on Facebook, 467 on Twitter, and 205 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“Please don’t ‘P’ on your lawn! We know better!

Adding fertilizer with phosphorous (P) is illegal in Massachusetts without a soil test stating it is necessary. UMass Amherst offers convenient soil testing options.

For more information regarding testing and application visit: <https://yourcleanwater.org/lawn/>”

A second post regarding fertilizer use was also shared across NepRWA’s social media platforms on April 20, 2023. Similarly with the intent that town’s had multiple options for sharing/retweeting.. [The fertilizer and lawn care section of the NSP website](#) was included in the post. Below highlights the days posted, content, and reach. Please note that Twitter posts were shortened in order to meet character requirements, however the content was similar to what is described below.

The social media post reached 2,258 on Facebook, 955 on Twitter, and 195 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“Be careful where you put your lawn fertilizer! Rain or irrigation runoff can wash fertilizer into ponds and streams - and harm fish and wildlife, cause smelly algae blooms, and affect our drinking water.

Learn more about how to protect our waterways at: <https://yourcleanwater.org/lawn/>”

Additional
Town-Specific
Details:

- Avon: The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 3,142 Avon residents.
- Canton: The Town of Canton shared their own fertilizing message on their Town website and on the Town select board website. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 14,204 Canton residents.
- Dedham: The Town of Dedham shared the social media post from 4/10 on the Town’s Engineering Department Twitter and shared and liked on the Official Town Twitter page. The 4/20 post was reshared on the Town of Dedham DPW and Official Town Facebook pages and retweeted on the Town of Dedham DPW, Engineering Department, and Official Town Twitter pages. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 18,375 Dedham residents.

- Foxborough: The Town of Foxborough shared the social media post from 4/10 on the Town's DPW and Conservation Commission Facebook page. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 9,060 Foxborough residents.
- Medfield: The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 10,904 Medfield residents.
- Milton: The Town of Milton shared the social media post from 4/20 on the Town of Milton DPW Facebook page and reshared content on their official town Twitter page. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 14,468 Milton residents.
- Norwood: The Town of Norwood shared the social media post from 4/20 on the Town's Conservation Commission Facebook page. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 19,916 Norwood residents.
- Quincy: N/A
- Randolph: The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 18,164 Randolph residents.
- Sharon: The Town of Sharon shared the social media post from 4/20 on the Town's Facebook page. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 7,471 Sharon residents.
- Stoughton: The Town of Stoughton shared the social media post from 4/20 on the Public Works and Recreation Department's Facebook pages. The Town requested a flyer with fertilizer and lawn maintenance information, which they posted online and in a few public offices. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 16,740 Stoughton residents.
- Walpole: The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 13,408 Walpole residents.
- Westwood: The Town of Westwood shared the social media post from 4/20 Town's Facebook page and liked the post on Twitter. The paid Facebook/Instagram social media campaign reached 7,722 residents.

<u>Target Audience:</u>	Residents, Businesses, Industry
<u>Measurable Goals:</u>	Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach to at least 1,000 people in the NSP region through social media.
<u>Results:</u>	NSP communities participated by redistributing one or more of the campaign materials with most communities participating in multiple distribution methods. A total of 153,574 people were reached through the paid Facebook Ad Campaign 3,264 via the two Facebook social media posts, 1,422 via the two Twitter posts, and 400 between the two Instagram posts.
<u>Date(s):</u>	April 10 – May 6, 2023
<u>Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):</u>	Yes
<u>Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters):</u>	Yes
<u>Example Materials:</u>	Appendix A-4

Public Education BMP 7: School Outreach Program

<u>Description:</u>	During the 2022-2023 school year all lessons took place in person. The program focused on drinking water, stormwater infrastructure, local water resources, wastewater systems, water conservation, and stormwater pollution prevention techniques, and the curriculum aligned with the MA 5 th grade science curriculum standards. Information was presented using a PowerPoint presentation, a groundwater model, and an enviroscape model. The program was delivered at the individual classroom level by a watershed educator over the course of ONE VIST (Avon, Norwood, Quincy) or TWO VISITS (Canton, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Sharon, Stoughton, Dedham, Walpole, and Westwood). Each visit took 45-60 minutes. The educator also provided teachers with follow-up materials to share with students and families.
<u>Target Audience:</u>	Residents

Measurable Goals: Reach at least 80% of households with 5th grade children in participating communities, and 100% positive feedback from participating classroom teachers.

Results: During the 2022-2023 school year a total of 266 classrooms were visited, representing an estimated 3,000 families. (52 classes were visited once and 107 classrooms were visited twice.) Feedback from teachers was exceedingly positive for the on-line and in-person presentation materials.

Date(s): September 2022 through June 2023

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL): N/A

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): N/A

Example Materials: [Appendix A-5](#)
Water Conservation and Stormwater PowerPoint Slides are available upon request.

Public Education BMP 8: Regional Education Mailing

Description: An educational mailing was prepared and distributed to all residential and business addresses in participating communities (Avon, Canton, Dedham, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Norwood, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Westwood, and Walpole) totaling 112,889 mailing addresses in all. The mailing was an 11x6 postcard that highlighted general stormwater pollution prevention tips. The mail piece referenced key information on fertilizer, lawn maintenance, methods to reduce stormwater runoff, pet waste management, and septic system maintenance, and referred readers to additional information available at the NSP website and the stormwater hotline.

Target Audience: Residents and Businesses

Measurable Goals: Reach 100% of addresses in participating towns, including those who do not use social media or follow town government communication channels.

<u>Results:</u>	100% of addresses in the target area were reached, including all businesses and residential addresses, (112,889 addresses total).
<u>Date(s):</u>	June 2023
<u>Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):</u>	Yes
<u>Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters):</u>	Yes
<u>Example Materials:</u>	Appendix A-6

Public Education BMP 9: Outreach to Septic System Owners

Description: Prepared five social media posts directed at septic system owners in member communities. The campaign was designed to coordinate with the U.S. EPA’s SepticSmart Week in the month of September and included EPA-developed graphics. NepRWA’s shared the campaign on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and tagged available municipal social media accounts for ease of sharing within each community. Below highlights the days posted, content, and reach. Please note that for Instagram posts a photo was used in lieu of a video, however the videos were linked in the description.

- The September 19, 2022, social media post reached 737 accounts on Facebook and 107 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“Sept 19-23 is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [#SepticSmartWeek](#)

A septic system is an underground wastewater treatment structure that treats wastewater from bathrooms, showers, kitchens and laundry.

Maintain your septic system to save thousands of dollars in repairs AND help keep our groundwater clean. Do your part to be [#SepticSmart](#)

For more information

visit: <https://yourcleanwater.org/septic-system-maintenance/>”

- The September 20, 2022, social media post reached 693 accounts on Facebook and 121 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“A septic system is an underground wastewater treatment structure that treats wastewater from bathrooms, showers, kitchens and laundry.

Maintain your septic system to save thousands of dollars in repairs AND help keep our groundwater clean. Do your part to be [#SepticSmart](#)

Don't overload the commode! A toilet is not a trash can and putting unnecessary items down the toilet can ruin your septic system.”

- The September 21, 2022, social media post reached 429 accounts on Facebook and 70 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“A septic system is an underground wastewater treatment structure that treats wastewater from bathrooms, showers, kitchens and laundry.

Maintain your septic system to save thousands of dollars in repairs AND help keep our groundwater clean. Do your part to be [#septicSMART](#)

Learn the importance of testing your well water and its relationship with your septic tank with this helpful video.”

Video link can be found [here](#).

- The September 22, 2022, social media post reached 695 accounts on Facebook and 88 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“A septic system is an underground wastewater treatment structure that treats wastewater from bathrooms, showers, kitchens and laundry.

Maintain your septic system to save thousands of dollars in repairs AND help keep our groundwater clean. Do your part to be [#SepticSmart](#)

Learn more about septic drainfields, including how it works, and how to protect it in this short video.”

Video link can be found [here](#).

- The September 23, 2022, social media post reached 1,184 accounts on Facebook and 79 on Instagram. The post read as follows:

“A septic system is an underground wastewater treatment structure that treats wastewater from bathrooms, showers, kitchens and laundry.

Maintain your septic system to save thousands of dollars in repairs AND help keep our groundwater clean. Do your part to be [#SepticSmart](#)

Don't strain your drain! Running water in multiple areas around the home at once can be overwhelming on your septic system. Try to conserve water as much as possible. It's good for the environment and for your wallet!”

Additionally, 35 written letters were mailed to new owners of homes with septic systems within participating towns along with an informational rack card.

700 rack cards were distributed to 7 of the top real estate agencies within the watershed to distribute to homeowners purchasing a home on septic systems.

Target Audience:

Septic System Owners

Measurable Goals:

Participation by 100% of NSP communities and reach to at least 1,000 people in the NSP region through social media.

Results:

Reached 3,738 accounts via Facebook, 465 accounts on Instagram, 700 rack cards distributed to local real estate agents, and 35 letters written to new homeowners. One or more social media posts during Septic Week were re-

shared by the following towns: Canton, Dedham, Milton, Norwood, Sharon, and Westwood.

Date(s): September 19-23, 2022

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL): Yes

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): Yes

Example Materials: [Appendix A-7](#)

Public Education BMP 10: “Problem Area” Outreach

Description: Maintain a list of “problem areas” relying on the knowledge of Town officials as well as communications via the stormwater hotline. Address these “problem areas” with methods designed to correct stormwater pollution problems.

Target Audience: Residents, Businesses, Industry, Developers

Measurable Goals: Respond to identified “problem areas” with methods designed to correct specific pollution-generating behaviors.

Results: There were no “problem areas” that were brought to our attention.

Date(s): 2022/2023

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL): Yes

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): Yes

Example Materials: N/A

Public Education BMP 11: Storm Drain Marking

<u>Description:</u>	This program consists of providing volunteers with all materials and information they need to mark storm drains and draw public attention to their function. Aluminum medallions are attached to the curb or pavement adjacent to storm drains using construction adhesive. The medallions have one of 3 messages “No Dumping, Only Rain in the Drain,” “Drains to Neponset,” or “No Dumping, Drains to Ocean.” Volunteers are assigned areas that have been identified by NepRWA or Municipal Staff as high traffic and/or problem areas. Records of which catch basins have been marked are maintained by the NSP in a GIS database.
<u>Target Audience:</u>	Residents, Businesses, and Institutions
<u>Measurable Goals:</u>	Regularly distribute drain marking kits to interested volunteers.
<u>Results:</u>	A total of 245 storm drain markers were applied throughout the watershed. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 33 in Canton• 51 in Dedham• 32 in Milton• 52 in Sharon• 37 in Stoughton• 46 in Walpole
<u>Date(s):</u>	Ongoing throughout year
<u>Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):</u>	Yes
<u>Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters):</u>	Yes
<u>Example Materials:</u>	Appendix A-8

Public Education BMP 12: Regional Water Quality Forum

Description

Organized a public presentation on data from the 2022 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program (Public Participation BMP 2). The presentation covered the results from the 2022 sampling season and how they fit into the broader context of long-term water quality trends in the watershed. Also discussed were remaining challenges facing various waterways in the Watershed, and actions individuals can take to address those challenges. Due to COVID protocols, the event was held in a hybrid model, both in person at the Canton Library and live via Zoom. Additionally, a recording of the presentation was posted to the [NepRWA website](#) and [YouTube](#).

Results from 2021 water quality season were also used to generate a Boston Harbor report card (with the Charles River Watershed Association, Mystic River Watershed Association, and EPA). River segments were graded on how well they met bacteria swimming and boating standards. An event was held July 15, 2022 with all 3 watershed associations, with remarks from US Senator Ed Markey, as well as EPA Region 1 Deputy Director of Water Thelma Murphey, MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg, MWRA Exec. Director Fred Laskey, and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Member Hartman Deetz.

Target Audience:

Residents

Measurable Goals:

Deliver detailed site-specific water quality data to interested residents and local officials in addition to general “state of the watershed” information for broader audiences.

Results:

There were more than 45 registrants for the Regional water quality forum event across both in-person and Zoom. Additionally, a recording of the presentation was uploaded to NepRWA’s [YouTube channel](#), and included on the [NepRWA website](#) where it has received 22 views to date.

The report card event was attended by several media outlets and state and federal agency staff, with Senator Markey’s recording on Facebook receiving more than 750 views.

Date(s):

Regional Forum: February 6, 2023
Report Card Event: July 15, 2022

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):

N/A

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters):

N/A

Example Materials:

Water Quality Annual Report presentation recording:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXKnKj7h_Rc

NepRWA Website: <https://www.neponset.org/home-a-level/2022-annual-neponset-river-water-quality-report/>

Link to report card information:
<https://www.neponset.org/happenings/neponset-river-report-card-2021/>

Archived Boston Globe story on 2021 report card:
https://www.neponset.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Boston-Globe-report-card-story_JULY-20-2022.pdf

Story from Norwood, referencing report card grade for Meadow Brook, [Appendix A-9](#)

Public Education BMP 13: Regional Water Quality Data Reports and Press Releases

Description:

Organized data from the 2021 (May-October 2021) and 2022 (May-October 2022) Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Programs (Public Participation BMP 2) into town-specific reports and press releases. These materials were provided to participating towns to aid in the dissemination of the results of the water quality monitoring program to residents and/or the media. Years are offset, as data collected in 1 year (e.g. 2021) are analyzed and reported in the following year (i.e. 2022).

Target Audience:

Residents, Businesses, Institutions

Measurable Goals:

Produce materials for each participating town to use in disseminating the results of this year's water quality monitoring program.

Results:

A report and press release were each prepared for all 5 participating towns (Canton, Dedham, Foxborough, Milton, and Westwood).

<u>Date(s):</u>	Reports for the 2021 Water Year: Completed November 2022; Reports for the 2022 Water Year: Completed June 2023
<u>Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):</u>	N/A
<u>Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters):</u>	N/A
<u>Example Materials:</u>	Town reports and press releases available here, https://www.neponset.org/town-water-quality-reports , yourcleanwater.org , and upon request, example in Appendix A-10 Coverage in the Dedham Times, Milton Times, and Foxborough Sun Chronicle; articles available upon request.

Public Education BMP 14: Educational Outreach Evaluation

<u>Description:</u>	Conducted a survey that was included in the general mailer (BMP 8) to over 112K residents to determine the extent of the public's knowledge regarding stormwater pollution prevention and the impact of the outreach campaigns thus far. The survey also served as an educational opportunity, as information on why a particular answer was correct was revealed after the user submitted their responses. The survey was also advertised via social media channels. The intent is to repeat this survey regularly and monitor results over time.
<u>Target Audience:</u>	Residents, Businesses, Institutions
<u>Measurable Goals:</u>	Produce results to compare future surveys against. In the results, determine the number of respondents who recall seeing previous NSP outreach materials, and quantify the correct responses to basic stormwater pollution prevention questions.
<u>Results:</u>	The survey had over 2000 respondents. However upon closer examination, an overwhelming majority appeared to be auto-generated "bot" responses. Because so few responses appeared authentic, we don't feel that we can accurately report meaningful. Additionally, the mailer was held up at the printer and most residents didn't get the

mailer until shortly before or even after the survey closed. The goal for the following year is to add verification to eliminate bots.

Date(s): June 2023

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL): N/A

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): N/A

Example Materials: [Appendix A-11](#)

Public Education BMP 15: Stormwater Education Presentations

Description: Delivered several stormwater-related presentations to various groups of residents. At these events, residents received basic information on stormwater pollution and tips to prevent it around their own residences and places of business. At some presentations, residents were also educated on stormwater utility programs and how they can help to provide the funding needed for stormwater system management, upgrades, and enhancements.

Target Audience: Residents, Businesses, Developers and Industry

Measurable Goals: Present pertinent stormwater-related information to gathered groups as the opportunity arises.

Results: The following presentations on stormwater awareness, pollution prevention and climate impacts to stormwater occurred this year:

- Public stormwater presentation at joint meeting of Medfield Conservation Commission and Medfield Board of Health, who each have some authority over stormwater management. September 29, 2022
- Protecting Natural Resources in the Age of Climate Change - Sharon Friends of Conservation on April 15, 2023
- Presentation re: climate-driven stormwater and other impacts for Medfield Board of Health. February 7, 2023

- Presentation re: climate-driven stormwater and other impacts for Medfield Conservation Commission. February 14, 2023
- Presentation re: climate-driven stormwater and other impacts for Medfield Sustainability Committee. February 24, 2023
- Presentation re: climate-driven stormwater and other impacts for Medfield Conservation Commission. March 2, 2023
- Presentation re: climate-driven stormwater and other impacts for Medfield Board of Selectmen. March 21, 2023
- Presentation re: climate-driven stormwater and other impacts for Westwood Conservation Commission. June 14, 2023

Date(s): Throughout the Permit Year (see above)

Applies to Appendix F (TMDL): N/A

Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters): N/A

Example Materials: N/A

Public Education BMP 16: Developer/Construction Outreach

Description: Prepared and provided a construction-focused stormwater pollution prevention brochure for Building Departments and Conservation Commissions to distribute with permits involving earth work related activities, or display with online permit applications.

Additionally, in cooperation with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and the Center for Watershed Protection, NepRWA coordinated the development of four training workshops for the developer/construction community. The workshops were promoted on NepRWA’s Facebook and Twitter accounts, through the NSP network, and through statewide organizations. The trainings were held live online, and edited as an on-demand series, which is available through the NSP [website](#). These trainings were made possible through an MS4 Municipal Assistance Grant provided through MassDEP.

<u>Target Audience:</u>	Developer and Construction
<u>Measurable Goals:</u>	Provide construction-focused stormwater pollution prevention information to companies who engage in land-disturbing activities in participating towns.
<u>Results:</u>	An outreach brochure was developed, and electronic copies were shared with Building and Conservation Departments throughout the year to permit applicants. A total of 65 participants registered for the live training series.
<u>Date(s):</u>	Outreach distributed Spring 2023.
<u>Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):</u>	N/A
<u>Applies to Appendix H (WQ Limited Waters):</u>	N/A
<u>Example Materials:</u>	Appendix A-12

Public Education BMP 17: Industrial Outreach

<u>Description:</u>	Prepared and provided stormwater best management practice information to over 1000 industrial facilities in participating towns.
<u>Target Audience:</u>	Industry
<u>Measurable Goals:</u>	Provide industrial land use-focused stormwater pollution prevention information to all industrial properties in participating towns as determined by GIS.
<u>Results:</u>	An informational brochure was developed and directly mailed to over 1000 industrial properties (identified by GIS) in participating towns.
<u>Date(s):</u>	Outreach distributed on Spring 2023
<u>Applies to Appendix F (TMDL):</u>	N/A

Applies to Appendix H
(WQ Limited Waters):

N/A

Example Materials:

[Appendix A-12](#)

MCM 2: Public Participation

General Public Participation Activities

- Provided a representative to participate in the quarterly meetings of the Quincy Stormwater Advisory Committee.

Public Participation BMP 1: River Clean Up Days

Organized volunteer-based river cleanup events with sites throughout the watershed on September 17, 2022, and April 22, 2023. At the fall event, more than 200 volunteers worked at 14 locations to remove an estimated 230 bags of trash and debris as well as 500 pounds of metal debris from various waterways, parks, and wetlands. The spring event had 10 locations with approximately 350 volunteers to remove an estimated 260 bags of trash and nearly 8 tons of debris.

Public Participation BMP 2: Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program

Organized a volunteer-based water quality monitoring program with 41 sites located throughout the Neponset River Watershed. Approximately 60 volunteers are involved in the program and it is operated under the terms of a MassDEP-approved QAPP. The results are used to more meaningfully engage the public in the health of local waterways and the implementation of the MS4 program, to inform municipal IDDE efforts, to track overall progress in improving stream health and attaining designated uses throughout the watershed, and to provide local data that provides context for public outreach and education programs. Collected data is also used to calculate annual report card grades for water quality in the Neponset based on E. coli levels and swimming and boating criteria compliance rates. Participating municipalities also receive Town-specific annual reports regarding the waterways in their jurisdiction. Additional, "Hotspot", sampling was conducted at a newly added sampling location on Sucker Brook in Sharon to help identify problem areas for E. coli draining into Lake Massapoag.

Public Participation BMP 3: Regional Water Quality Forum

Organized a public presentation on data from the 2022 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program (Public Participation BMP 2). The presentation covered the results from the 2022 sampling season and how they fit into the broader context of long-term water quality trends in the watershed. Also discussed were remaining challenges facing various waterways in the Watershed, and actions individuals can take to address those challenges. Due to COVID protocols, the event was held as a hybrid meeting on Zoom and at the Canton Library. The event was publicized across the entire NSP service area and drew attendees from numerous communities with questions about water issues. Additionally, a recording of the presentation was posted on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXKnKj7h_Rc.

MCM 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination BMP 1: IDDE Training

Provided in person IDDE training to Milton Public Works Field Staff and Stormwater Coordinator on April 7, 2022. The training was an IDDE “awareness” training that covered identifying and reporting illicit discharges as well as some general information on IDDE activities that were being conducted by parties not in the training sessions..

MCM 4: Construction Erosion and Sediment Control

Construction Erosion and Sediment Control BMP 1: Bylaw and Regulation Review

Most participating towns updated stormwater bylaws and regulations by June 30, 2021. For those towns for whom COVID-related impacts delayed adoption, technical assistance and public outreach support was provided, including distribution of model bylaws/regulations, and submission of feedback on drafts.

MCM 5: New Development and Redevelopment

New Development and Redevelopment BMP 1: Bylaw and Regulation Review

Most participating towns updated stormwater bylaws and regulations by June 30, 2021. For those towns for whom COVID-related impacts delayed adoption, technical assistance and public outreach support was provided, including distribution of model bylaws/regulations, and submission of feedback on drafts.

New Development and Redevelopment BMP 2: Zoning and Bylaw Analysis

There were no applicable NSP activities for this MCM during the current permit year, as it was completed in 2022.

New Development and Redevelopment BMP 3: Evaluation of Retrofit Tools

NSP and MAPC continue to maintain tools and conducted field evaluations of potential stormwater retrofit locations toward satisfaction of the Retrofit Property Inventory requirement.

The tool consists of three main components.

- 1) The first prioritizes properties based on soil type, estimated recharge capacity, estimated pollutant load (based on the pollutant the user is targeting), AUL site presence, wetland presence, wellhead protection zone presence, sewer outfall / pipe presence, parcel impervious context, land use, and % impervious. The user can also filter out parcels with certain characteristics, such as parcels that are privately owned, to further refine their search. The tool can then output a ranked list of parcels for further on-the-ground inspection.

- 2) The second component is a mobile GIS field collection form using ESRI's Survey 123 smartphone app that can be used to complete the on-the-ground inspection. It allows for the user to confirm conditions in the field and identify constraints and opportunities that may not be evident from available GIS data, and to rank the sites based on feasibility of constructing a BMP retrofit on the site. The user can also collect photos of noteworthy aspects of the site.
- 3) The third component of the tool allows the user to export the field inspection data into a single page fact sheet describing each site, detailing pertinent information, and showing any collected photographs. The sheets could then be assembled into a "BMP opportunity catalog" that contains the field inspection results of all visited parcels.

This tool can be used to provide information about offsite mitigation opportunities for redevelopment projects that are unable to meet the runoff standards. The fact sheets can also be used by the town to identify opportunities to meet their Appendix H and demonstration practice permit obligations.

Pilot testing of the tool was completed in year 3. In year 4 the tool was introduced to NSP towns at quarterly meeting. An ArcGIS Online Group has been formed for sharing the tool and the tool has been shared with two towns who have expressed interest in its use (Randolph and Westwood). ArcGIS Online users may access the tool, define which pollutant they would like to target, filter out any undesirable parcel characteristics, and receive a list of sites for potential visits. They can then continue with site inspection using the mobile form. The tool has also been used to document several dozen BMP retrofit opportunities in Medfield.

MCM 6: Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention

There were no applicable NSP activities for this MCM during the permit year.

Activities Not Corresponding to an MCM

General Coordination and Training

The activities in this category do not fit neatly into the six MCMs and/or apply to multiple MCMs and so have been aggregated under this heading.

The NSP held three virtual meetings this year. Meetings included training opportunities for staff of the participating communities through guest presentations, staff presentations, inter-municipal information sharing, and discussion. The major presentation topics during the reporting period included:

- Thursday, July 28, 2022: William Guenther, Project Manager with Fuss & O'Neill presented "*Foxborough MVP Action Grant Project*"
- Thursday, November 17, 2022: Marina Fernandes, Town Engineer, Town of Milton, MA presented "*Successfully Overcoming Challenges of Green Infrastructure to Transform Public Spaces*"
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023: James Houle, Department of Engineering, University of New Hampshire presented "*New England Stormwater Retrofitting Guide*"

In addition to these meetings, various stormwater-related webinars and training opportunities were shared with NSP members via regular email updates.

The NSP also provided delegates to participate in the meetings of the MA Statewide Municipal Stormwater Coalition (Statewide Coalition) during the project period:

- Participants on behalf of the NSP included Ian Cooke, NepRWA Executive Director, and Kerry Snyder, NepRWA Managing Director for Community Resilience.

APPENDICES

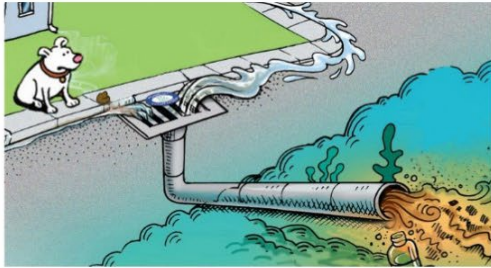
Appendix A-1: Example Materials for Public Education BMP 3

Contents: Rack Card Included with Dog Licenses

Dog owners— we need your help!

Dog waste that's left on the ground is a public health issue that you can help prevent.

When dog waste is not picked up by owners, rain water and snow melt washes the bacteria and parasites from the waste into storm drains, which then lead directly to local streams, ponds, and lakes.



Bacteria and parasites from dog waste cause water quality problems that affect drinking water resources, recreation, and wildlife.

Every time you walk your dog, please:

- carry a bag to pick up pet waste,
- dispose of waste in a trash can,
- never toss anything down a storm drain!

Your Department of Public Works thanks you for helping to keep local waterways clean.



Let's keep it clean out there!

Not only is dog waste gross to look at, it can cause significant health issues, including:

- **Campylobacteriosis:** A bacterial infection that causes diarrhea in humans.
- **Giardiasis:** A protozoan infection of the small intestine that can cause diarrhea, cramping, fatigue, and weight loss.
- **Salmonellosis:** Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting & diarrhea.
- **Toxocariasis:** An animal to human infection that is caused by roundworms found in the intestines of dogs. The parasite can cause vision loss, rash, fever or cough, and is a particular threat to children exposed to parasite eggs in sand and soil.

An easy way to avoid these health issues is to just pick up after your dog. It's a simple thing to do and it makes a big difference for all of us!



Learn how we're improving
water quality in your town.
YourCleanWater.org

Your town is part of the Neponset Stormwater Partnership, which aims to help communities reduce water pollution, and save money while doing so.

Please contact the Neponset River Watershed Association for more information.
stormwater@neponset.org (781) 575-0354 x300

Appendix A-2: Example Materials for Public Education BMP 4

Contents: Facebook Ad/Campaign, Twitter, and Instagram Social Media Graphics



Image 1: Graphic used for Facebook Ad/Campaign, Facebook post, Instagram Post, and Twitter Post (July 12, 2022)

Appendix A-3: Example Materials for Public Education BMP 5



Photo 1: Graphic used for Facebook Ad/Campaign, Instagram Post (October 5, 2022), and Twitter Post (October 5, 11, and 17, 2022)



Photo 2: Graphic used for Facebook and Instagram Ad/Campaign for the Town of Walpole



Photo 3 (left): Instagram graphic used for post on October 11, 2022.

Photo 4 (right): Facebook and Instagram graphic used for post on October 17, 2022.

Appendix A-4: Example Materials for Public Education BMP 6



Photo 1: Graphic used for Facebook Ad/Campaign, Instagram Post (April 10, 2023), and Twitter Post (April 10 and 20, 2023)



Photo 2: Instagram graphic used for post on April 20, 2023

Appendix A-5: Example Materials for Public Education BMP 7

Hand out for students to take home.

We all have a role to play in protecting our drinking water resources.

Follow these simple tips to help conserve water.



- Turn the faucet OFF when brushing your teeth, washing hands, and doing dishes.
- Take shorter showers. This also saves the energy it takes to heat the water.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can.
- Make sure dishwashers and clothes washers are fully loaded before using them.
- Fix leaky faucets, showerheads and toilets.
- Upgrade to water efficient toilets, faucets, showerheads, and clothes washers. View appliances at epa.gov/watersense
- Check with your city or town for toilet or clothes washer rebates.
- Landscape with drought-tolerant, native plants and grass to reduce wasteful irrigation.
- Never water your lawn during a drought.
- Always follow the outdoor water restrictions issued by your city or town.



2173 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021
neponset.org | 781-575-0354 | staff@neponset.org

The Neponset River Watershed Association is a member-supported conservation group working since 1967 to clean up and protect the Neponset River, its tributaries, and surrounding watershed lands.

Be a water hero!

Do your part to protect and save water every day.



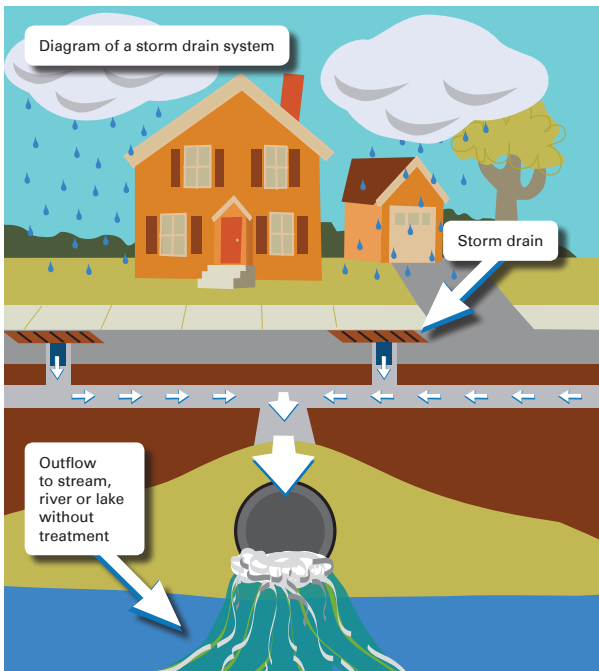


We're working with your community to protect local water resources.

Your student recently participated in a Water Education Program with the Neponset River Watershed Association, in partnership with your local Water/Public Works Department.

Topics included local water resources, infrastructure, conservation, and polluted stormwater runoff.

Next steps. Ask your student what they learned in class—and discuss what you can do to improve water efficiency at home. Follow the suggestions in this brochure to help you get started!



Polluted stormwater runoff comes from contaminants that wash down storm drains and into nearby waterways.

Help reduce polluted stormwater runoff in your town!



- Never put anything down a storm drain keep them clear of trash and debris.
- ALWAYS pick up your dog's waste and throw it into a trash can. Dog waste is full of bacteria and is a big source of water pollution.
- Use lawn chemicals sparingly, if at all. Keep spills off pavement and never use more than the directions call for.
- Don't pile grass clippings, leaves, or yard waste near pavement or storm drains. Phosphorus in yard waste can cause toxic algae growth.
- Redirect downspouts and sprinklers toward grass/shrubs/gardens so that water doesn't run onto pavement and into a storm drain.
- Use ice melt sparingly and choose a product that is non-toxic to pets, plants, and wildlife.
- Choose pervious pavers or crushed stone for patios, walkways, and driveways, so that rain soaks into the ground instead of running off.
- Wash your car where the soap will run off into the grass, rather than into the storm drain.
- Fix leaky vehicles. Any oil, transmission fluid, or coolant that leaks onto your driveway will wash into storm drains.
- Do not discharge pool water directly into a storm drain. Allow two weeks for chlorine to evaporate, then drain it into the lawn.

Report Pollution or Dumping in a Storm Drain

- Call the NepRWA Stormwater Hotline
781-575-0354 x300
- Email us at stormwater@neponset.org

Appendix A-6: Example Materials for Regional Education Mailing BMP

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Neponset River Watershed Association
in partnership with your city or town
2173 Washington Street
Canton, MA 02021

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Boston, MA
Permit No. 54080

*****ECRWSS****
Postal Customer

Let's work together to protect your local water resources.

Polluted stormwater runoff contaminates the streams and ponds in the Neponset, Charles, Taunton, and Fore River Watersheds.





Polluted stormwater runoff is the #1 cause of water pollution in your community and it affects you:

- drinking water
- swimming, fishing & boating
- fish & wildlife

Commit to reducing polluted stormwater runoff at your home or business, and ensure clean water for future generations!

Together, we can make a difference!

Here are some simple steps you can take around your home & business to protect your local waterways.

Pick Up After Your Dog
ALWAYS pick up after your pet and throw the waste into a trash can.



Bacteria from pet waste is a major source of water pollution!

Clean up Spills
Sweep up excess fertilizer, pesticides, or motor oil off of driveways and sidewalks so that chemicals don't wash into storm drains. Use kitty litter for absorption.



Reduce Lawn Chemicals
Only fertilize when needed—do a soil test! Keep yard waste away from storm drains. Fertilizer, grass clippings and leaves can contribute phosphorous pollution to streams.



Wash Cars on the Lawn
Wash your car on the lawn or park it in an area where the water will run off into the grass. Better yet, go to a car wash, which recycles and conserves water.



Build a Rain Garden
Help reduce polluted stormwater and flooding by capturing runoff from your rooftop, driveway, or the street and redirecting it into a rain garden.



Use Pervious Materials
When building walkways, patios, or driveways, use pervious pavers or gravel so that rain can pass into the soil.



Turn Your Downspouts
Redirect downspouts away from pavement and toward a lawn, garden, or wooded area to prevent runoff and allow water to soak into the ground naturally.



Install a Rain Barrel
Install rain barrels to capture roof runoff AND help conserve water. Rainwater is free of chlorine and great for watering potted plants and gardens.





Storm Drains Lead to Streams
Anything you put in a storm drain or leave on the pavement gets washed into the drain when it rains. Then it gets carried to the nearest stream with no treatment.

Take our survey for a chance to win a new rain barrel!
Go to yourcleanwater.org/survey

Your town is a member of the Neponset Stormwater Partnership (NSP), a regional group managed by the Neponset River Watershed Association that is committed to reducing water pollution and complying with federal pollution reduction requirements.
Learn more at YourCleanWater.org




Appendix A-7: Outreach to Septic System Owners BMP 9



Photo 1: Facebook and Instagram graphic used on September 19, 2022



Photo 2: Facebook and Instagram graphic used on September 20, 2022



Photo 3: Instagram graphic used on September 21, 2022



Photo 4: Instagram graphic used on September 22, 2022

Don't Strain Your Drain!



Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances (such as a washing machine) to avoid a back up of your septic system into your house. Learn more at www.epa.gov/septic.



Photo 5: Facebook and Instagram graphic used on September 23, 2022

Welcome to your new home!

On behalf of the Neponset Stormwater Partnership (NSP) I'd like to welcome you to the Neponset River Watershed. Part of NSP's responsibility is to educate residents and businesses about reducing pollution in our waterways. We understand your new home contains a septic system, which provides excellent wastewater treatment when properly maintained. If not maintained, septic systems can leak and release an overload of nutrients and pathogens (bacteria and viruses), which can harm the environment and create public health problems. Discharges can also migrate further to nearby waterways, causing even more damage.

The enclosed information contains some tips about proper maintenance of your septic system. Please reach out to your local Health Department with any questions or concerns.

For more information about this or other ways to reduce pollution of your local water resources please visit: YourCleanWater.org

Sincerely,

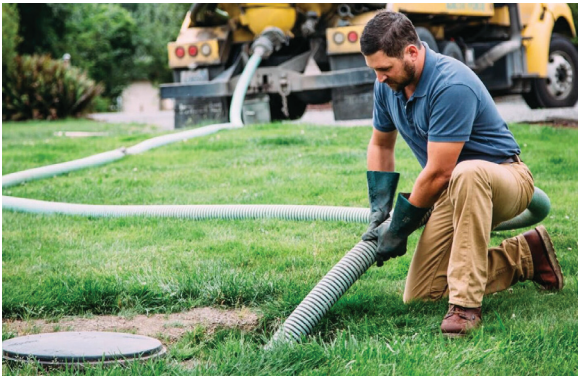
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Stormwater Outreach Coordinator
Neponset River Watershed Association
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Canton, MA 02021
781-575-0354 x 310

Do Your Part, Be Septic Smart!

Maintain Your Septic System to Avoid Expensive Repairs

Neglected septic systems are expensive to repair and pollute ponds, waterways, and even drinking water.

Properly maintained systems will provide years of low cost sewage service.



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A septic system doesn't make solid waste magically disappear. Solids are captured in the septic tank and must be regularly removed to keep the leachfield from clogging. A \$300 pump-out every-other year is a lot smarter than \$30,000 for a new leachfield!

- Have a septic hauler inspect and pump your tank regularly—typically every 2-3 years. This can vary depending on usage, size of tank, etc.
- Check with your Board of Health to see if there are any mandated requirements regarding pumping.
- Property owners with cesspools should be in communication with their Board of Health or other approving authority for a better understanding of maintenance and potential upgrade requirements.

Remove the Garbage Disposal

Garbage disposal waste breaks down slower than other septic system waste and is a leading cause of septic system failures. If you use a garbage disposal, have your tank pumped annually. And try composting instead!

Give it a Healthy Diet

Harsh chemicals can kill the beneficial bacteria that make your system work. Chemicals also pass through your septic system and pollute waterways and drinking water.

- Avoid bleach, harsh chemicals, and antibacterial products
- Spot-clean with bleach instead of using full strength bleach products
- Clear clogged drains with a plunger, a snake or boiling water
- Dispose of paint, motor oil, unused medications at your town's Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Avoid Costly Clogs

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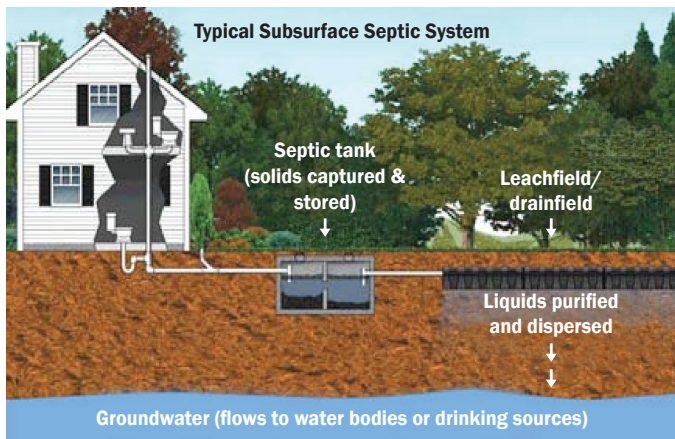
- Cooking fats, oils, or grease
- Tampons or sanitary napkins
- Paper towels and “flushable” wipes (which are not actually flushable)
- Disposable diapers, cat litter, cigarette butts, etc.

Give Your System a Rest

Upgrade to water-efficient toilets, showerheads, faucet aerators, and clothes washers to reduce water use, give your septic system a rest—and lower your water bills.



This message is from your city or town, in partnership with the Neponset River Watershed Association. Learn more about septic at YourCleanWater.org/septic



Appendix A-8: Example Materials for Public Education BMP 10



Appendix A-9: Example Materials for Public Education BMP 12



Meadow Brook saw some white water recently, but not the rapids you might expect from the common usage of the term.

COURTESY PHOTO

White water at the Meadow Brook spurs stormwater concerns

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While the exact reason for the white, milky water seen recently at the Meadow Brook has not yet been determined, Conservation conversations – along with the brook’s recent F grades from the EPA – have spurred many local advocates and officials to look more closely at potential stormwater runoff problems.

While residents of Norwood got a serious education of the damage a flooding event can cause to an overburdened stormwater system (see where the Norwood Hospital used to be), many residents may still be unaware of how a stormwater system actually works.

Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner Holly Jones said many residents may think that stormwater systems are just extensions of the local sewer system. While that might have been the case in years past, Norwood’s system is separated into two flows. She said the stormwater discharge in Norwood actually goes into places like Meadow Brook.

Jones said while there still has been no definitive cause as to what made the Meadow Brook appear like a giant latte,

she said the investigation of its cause did yield a positive result. She said because the outflow looked like it could have been cement dust or talc or some other very fine dust, probably related to construction, she considered the largest construction site in Norwood currently: Norwood Hospital, as a potential source.

Jones said the demolition has a permit from the EPA based on the size of the project requiring them to have a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that negates any runoff going into the system. She said they conduct regular inspections and other as-needed inspections after serious storms totaling over a quarter-inch of rain.

“And so I asked to join them recently on one of their SWPPP inspections to see for myself if all of their erosion control measures and management best practices were in place,” she said.

Jones said they use what is called a silt sack to filter out water runoff from the demolition. The demolition teams have had multiple water sprayers in operation during the entire demolition process to trap and ground any dust coming from the site. That dust, which could cause respiratory issues

if not contained, then travels down into the storm drains unless it’s caught by one of these silt sacks.

“It’s like a woven plastic insert that goes into a catch basin and filters the water that goes through,” she said. “There was one location that didn’t have the silt sack where water was entering the system.”

Jones said, however, the white coloring of the Meadow Brook went away almost two weeks ago and the silt sack was still missing up until more recently, so there is little if any reason to point to the hospital site as a cause of the discoloration specifically.

“We didn’t see anything in the stormwater system that was similar to what was seen in Meadow Brook, and so it’s hard to say,” she said. “They did immediately fix the problem at the hospital, which is good.”

Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) Executive Director Ian Cooke said Meadow Brook and Germany Brook have both been sources of confusing results lately. He said both have gotten F ratings in the EPA’s re-

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Planning Board approves St. Catherine’s turf 259 Lenox and 3A zoning considered

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met in a hybrid format on Aug. 29 in the Norwood Senior Center and quickly went through several appointments and informal discussions.

First was a site plan review for the St. Catherine of Siena School on Nahatan Street. Civil Engineer Tim Power (and a St. Catherine’s School parent) said they are requesting that the site plan be split up into five phases, starting with the construction of a new soccer/lacrosse field behind the elementary school. Powers said the new turf field will replace what is now essentially convenience parking for after school hours events.

Board Chair Ernie Paciorkowski asked about lighting for the field so local Norwood teams could rent it during non-school hours, but Powers said they are not considering that at this time.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said he and the school hashed out an idea for phasing the master plan be-

cause then there wouldn’t have to be as many public hearings for what is essentially one project. But he said his only issue right now is the Planning Department doesn’t have a full landscape plan for the field.

“We don’t have a landscape plan that specifies the types of plantings and so forth,” he said. “And as each element moves forward we would run it by (Department of Public Works Director) Mark Ryan to make sure it’s not going to cause any stormwater problems. Right now this is all asphalt, and the water only goes to one place. This plan is going to disturb that so we have to make sure there’s no ponding that’s created.”

The Board voted unanimously to give the school five years to start building the field.

Also discussed was the Zoning Overlay District idea from the developer proposing a new building at 259 Lenox St.

Developer Jacob Vance and attorney Phil Macchi went over the changes to the design

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CPC reviews update on pool renovations

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) heard an update from Norwood Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent Travis Farley at its most recent meeting on Aug. 24.

Farley thanked the CPC for its approval for a feasibility study on the needed repairs to the Town’s two public swimming pools: the Hawes Pool on Washington Street in South Norwood and the Father MacAler Pool off of Hawthorne Street near the Highland Cemetery.

“It was a long process and

it couldn’t have been started without CPC funding, and so obviously we’re incredibly appreciative of you allowing us to start this process,” he said.

Farley said while the Father Mac’s pool is older and definitely in need of repairs, they chose to work on the Hawes, since it sees much more use.

“Excluding the bath house, Father Mac’s is close to 60 (years old),” he said. “We really have some decisions we have to make in the next five or 10 years and this study really helped us start

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cent Water Quality Report Card (<https://bit.ly/3pTAsa9>) with high levels of phosphates and E. coli found during sampling conducted in 2021.

Phosphates can come from fertilizer, and so Cooke said residents should consider their lawn fertilizers first. While it's not likely to be the overall source of the failing grades, Cooke said it's an easy fix for residents to help out.

"Phosphorus and nitrogen are similar but different," he said. "They're both used in fertilizer, nitrogen being the main ingredient that plants need. Phosphorus is an additional component that is usually a small amount as compared to nitrogen, but particularly in streams a very small amount of phosphorus pollution can have a big impact because it stimulates excess plant growth and can stimulate toxic algae blooms."

Cooke said such blooms have not been much of a problem this year due to the drought, but last year there were quite a few and many beaches and recreation areas had to be shut down. This year hasn't been as big of a problem, but it can happen when too much phosphorus and nitrogen get into waterways from overuse of fertilizer.

Cooke pointed out that it is illegal to use phosphorus in lawn fertilizer in Massachusetts, unless you can prove a soil issue that negates lawn growth. If you're worried about your fertilizer, look on the back for a sticker with "Lawn Fertilizer" on it above three numbers. The middle number is phosphorus levels, whereas the first is nitrogen and the third is potassium. The middle number should be zero.

"Many of them are free of phosphorus, and they're readily available but it's easy to grab the wrong one," he said. "And nitrogen is also a concern here. Often a lot of people, when they fertilize their lawn, assume that if the amount the bag says you should use is good then maybe more is better. The fact is the amounts that the bags recommend are really pretty high, higher than recommendations for environmental purposes, so perhaps using less than the bag indicates is a good idea, or using none if at all possible. Lawn fertilizer is an easy area to help reduce your impact."

The Board of Selectmen recently voted to recommend all charity car wash events use phosphate-free soaps and detergents to help reduce inflow, as even very small amounts can cause increased growth. Jones had also said that if you're washing your car or using soaps outside, to try to let them drain into a grassy or vegetated area so the chemicals are distributed there rather than concentrated into the local stormwater system.

But when it comes to the waterways in Norwood, Cooke said the Town is doing a great job protecting them. He pointed out the sewer relining project currently taking up so much of the Department of Public Works' (DPW) schedule that will ensure that sewage does not run off into the local waterways through the stormwater system.

In fact, both he and Jones wanted to make one point clear: sewer and stormwater are two very different systems, and you should not dump any materials into the storm drains you would not want to see in a stream.

"Many people think it all goes to a treatment plant or something so they will pick up trash and put it in a storm

drain," he said. "In fact, that's going right into the streams."

Cooke said regarding the two F grades that Meadow and Germany Brooks received, NepRWA has been testing and searching for the sources of the increased E. coli and phosphorus levels in both streams – it's been a problem there for a while – but have come up short. For E. coli, he said they are looking to use DNA tests to figure out if the bacteria levels are being affected by human waste or possibly animal waste, like geese or other fowl. For the phosphorus, he said it is a much more complicated issue.

Cooke said his organization and the Town of Norwood have tried several different methods in searching for any source of the phosphorus, but it could just be that Norwood was built when stormwater systems weren't considered for this kind of work and that a slow gradual installation of modern control methods – like using soil and vegetation to filter out pollutants in a bioswale or a rain garden – would be needed.

"It may just be a matter of slowly over time having to retrofit those stormwater control measures where things can soak into the ground and get filtered by the soil," he said. "There's a bunch of different ways to do this."

Jones said that if you see something, say something. If you see any pollutants going into the river, reach out to the Conservation Commission at Conservation@norwoodma.gov or call them at the Town Hall at 781-762-1240. Jones said incidents will likely not be as stark as the skim milk-like discoloration at the Meadow Brook, but any help would be appreciated.

For more information on NepRWA, go to <https://www.nepnset.org/>.

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Estate of: **Patricia Anne Melanson** Norfolk Probate and Family Court
Also known as: **Patricia Melanson** 35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
781-830-1200

Date of Death: 07/11/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paula O'Brien of Braintree, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Paula O'Brien of Braintree, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of **09/28/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court
Date: August 25, 2022
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When Irish roots call you back

McDonagh and band to play Clifden Arts Festival

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood's Michael McDonagh Jr.'s love of traditional Irish music goes back a long way, both in his personal history and that of his family tree.

"It's in my DNA," he said.

And while he said he's completely 100 percent sure about that, that doesn't mean that as an American he's not nervous about heading over to the homeland on Sept. 18 to perform for his potential extended family at the Clifden Arts Festival in Clifden County Galway with his music group the Connacht Band.

"It's actually just outside my father's home village and the bunch of us are going for that," he said. "It's making me kind of nervous."

McDonagh said he feels he might be preaching to the choir, as locals may scoff at a bunch of "yanks" coming over to play Irish music.

"Someone told us even here that it might not be the best idea for 'a bunch of yanks to go over there and play Irish music, so you better bring it,' you know?" he said with a laugh.

For that reason, McDonagh said they will also include Irish-inspired songs like Steve Earle's Galway Girl (not related at all to Ed Sheeran's song of the same name) to bring a unique flavor of the Celtic music genre to Ireland's shores.

During the selection process they had to play up every angle they had, and so McDonagh told the festival committee about his father and his efforts in Norwood back in the 1960s to bring Irish music to the masses here in New England.

"We sent our promo kit over there and my cousin who lives there presented it to the festival committee," he said. "The committee reviews tapes and CDs, and we really played up the heritage part of it, the festival being in my father's home village. We tried every angle we could to get ac-



The Connacht Band is moving out of Norwood for a bit to play Irish music in Ireland.

COURTESY PHOTO

cepted and it worked. We're really looking forward to it."

McDonagh's father, Mike McDonagh Sr., started the Norwood Irish Music Club back in the 1960s when he emigrated to the United States.

"He and my uncle, well it was their brainstorm in our basement in 1962," McDonagh said. "They said, 'Let's bring the Irish music here.' He's an all-Ireland Accordion Champion and when he emigrated in the 50s, he started a band here, the Connacht Kali Band, and they were playing all over Boston. And then they thought 'Why not have the people come to us?'"

And the club still meets regularly at the Knights of Columbus at 572 Nichols St.

"It's been in the family for generations now," he said. "When I was a kid they'd have a big float in the Town parades, so the Irish music is just a part of us, you know?"

McDonagh said he formed the current lineup of the band when the pandemic started. They were all involved in other projects, but then the gigs dried up due to pandemic restrictions, so they all found each other. The group's first album, the Perfect Storm, reflects that origin.

"It means that COVID is the perfect storm, and we needed such a perfect storm to get together," he said.

The band will also be performing this year at Norwood Day.

"I thought we were going to be in Ireland, but I was able to get in touch with them last minute and we'll be in front of Conrad's at 2 p.m.," he said. "We had been playing at Napper Tandy's until June and will probably start up again in the fall. They just didn't want to do music during the overly hot summer this year."

For information on the band's upcoming shows, including Sept. 1's show at the Norwood Space Center, go to <https://connachtband.com>. The band also regularly plays at the Red Rooster in Wrentham.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Holly Aldrich, representing McDonald's USA LLC and Brian Sheedy (Case #22-21) with respect to property located near **32 Broadway, Norwood, MA 02062, in the Central Business (CB) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/464775693>
United States: +1 (669) 224-3412
Access Code: 464-775-693

This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.2.1 [Change or Substantial Extension of Use] to allow the construction of a second drive - thru lane and ordering board to serve the food establishment. No additional windows are proposed.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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Letters to the Editor

Fabric of Norwood being challenged

To the Editor:

It is interesting that the Department of Housing and Community Development has proposed guidelines to increase a city or town's multi-family housing around transit hubs. It also is interesting that a city or town's existing 40B housing complexes do not count in the new law. Norwood already has a higher density than surrounding towns, but unlike our neighbors who are larger with fewer stations, Norwood is only 10.54 square miles in size, but has three (3) commuter train stations.

What is notable here, however, is the purpose and timing of everything including the high capacity of 2700 units. The fabric of Norwood and America will change forever. Why is all this happening? Because of the estimated five or six million illegal persons from around the world who have been allowed to flood the United States through the country's open southern border who are being bussed around the country including Massachusetts.

One only has to read national papers or see snippets of television news to learn of the increase in violence in America and the addiction to and distribution of drugs including fentanyl, which have already impacted Norwood and America..

So, here are a few questions to ponder. What if the Norwood Hospital is not built, but instead the empty property is sold to a developer to build 2700 apartment units right across from the Norwood Central Train Station to make room for illegals (many of whom do not speak English and have no skills) and others looking for housing? How will all that affect Norwood's Police and Fire Departments and of course, how will it impact Norwood's schools?

Judith Howard
TMM - District 3



Norwood student Johnathan Rizzo is collecting donations of school supplies for students in need.

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Rizzo is stocking the supply shed

Greta Gaffin
Staff Reporter

The first day of school in Norwood is right around the corner. For some families, this means worry and struggle as they try to balance buying necessary school items for their kids along with their usual household expenses.

Norwood student Johnathan Rizzo decided to help families by collecting supplies for students whose families may not be able to afford them as part of his National Junior Honor Society community service project.

"I became interested because I wanted to find a way to help the schools and local students. School is coming back and people

need school supplies so I thought that I should hold a drive for the elementary school kids in Norwood who might not be able to afford school supplies," he said.

So far, he has collected over three dozen items, mostly through a drop box at the Morrill Memorial Library.

Teachers across the country have increasingly been expected to provide supplies for students, with the cost of doing so being higher than in years past partly because of hygienic concerns of sharing supplies, along with inflation and supply chain shortages. The poverty rate of children under 18 is also up in recent years, due to COVID-19

2022-2023 SCHOOL OPENING INFORMATION

Dr. David L. Thomson, Superintendent of Schools, announces the following information explaining the plans for the opening of the Norwood Public Schools on September 7, 2022.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Grades 1-5 7:50 A.M. Opening Bell on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 - 2:05 P.M. Dismissal.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS WILL COMMUNICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AROUND SCHOOL-SPECIFIC LOGISTICS, INCLUDING FIRST GRADE ORIENTATION, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR VIA EMAIL.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6, 7, 8 is an 8:45 A.M. Opening Bell on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 with a 3:20 P.M. Dismissal

DR. FRACZEK, PRINCIPAL WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT DROP-OFF PROCEDURES FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN HER AUGUST 19, 2022 NEWSLETTER EMAIL. INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE COAKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL WEB SITE

BY AUGUST 19, 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 8:15 A.M. Opening Bell is Wednesday, September 7, 2022 with a 2:50 P.M. Dismissal.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION ON AUGUST 25

FROM 10AM - 12PM AT NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL.

PRE-SCHOOL ORIENTATION - Orientation for Pre-School Classes - Thursday, September 8, 2022.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION - Orientation for Kindergarten - Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN

Kindergarten Classes 8:10 A.M. - 1:40 P.M. Friday, September 9, 2022.

Pre-School Classes - Friday, September 9, 2022 - Morning Session 8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - Afternoon Session - 12:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. Full Day Session 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Kids to eat free at Norwood schools this year Parents are still encouraged to fill out application

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

When Norwood Public Schools students return to school on Wednesday, Sept. 7, they will all begin receiving free meals for the entire academic year, thanks to a Massachusetts state law extending the "School Meals for All" program created in response to the pandemic.

But parents who are interested in receiving other income-related benefits are still encouraged to fill out the application for free or reduced meals regardless, according to Eli Norris, the NPS director of dining services. An approved application garners other benefits, such as transportation and Chromebook insurance protection.

Norris explained in an Aug. 30 interview that while the free meal initiative was discontinued federally, Massachusetts became one of five states to adopt the program this year on a state level, along with California. And filling out the application can lead to other benefits for families burdened by the rising costs of food and supplies during this period of inflation.

"We are asking that families still fill out the application even though the meals are universally free this year," he said. "Approval can make families eligible for the pandemic EBT

(Electronic Benefits Transfer) program. There are other benefits, such as transportation assistance and Chromebook insurance."

The application for free or reduced lunches is available online at www.norwood.k12.ma.us/food-services/free-and-reduced-application or at each school.

"So the free school meal program became a federally-funded program since COVID," he explained. "Before, schools were reimbursed at the federal level. Now states have the option of picking up the program, which Massachusetts did."

He added that the state will not bear the entire cost.

"The federal government will pay a portion, while the state will pick up the rest," Norris said, although he did not have the percentages available.

On July 28, Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a one-year, one-time extension of the program, called "School Meals for All," for the 2022-23 school year, according to a statement from Project Bread, a Boston-based nonprofit organization that provides food assistance for families. The state's \$52.7 billion budget allocated \$110 million for this program.

"Universal free school meals in Massachusetts have been an enormous success over the past

two school years," according to the Project Bread release. "In March 2022, lunch participation was 42.3% higher for school lunch over pre-pandemic (March 2019) participation rates in schools not previously able to provide universal school meals. Statewide this represented an additional 53,744 more students eating lunch daily when free from the barriers of the old rules of the National School Lunch Program."

In addition to saving families an average of \$1,000 per year per child, according to Project Bread, it increases student self esteem by removing the social stigma of receiving food at a free or reduced rate.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Education, 40.1 percent of Norwood Public Schools students are classified as being "low income." This means a student is at least one of the following: eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; is eligible for cash benefits through the Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC); or is eligible for SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program formerly known as food stamps.

The percentage of low-income students varies widely

Lunch

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and increased costs of living tied to inflation.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Education, 40.1 percent of Norwood Public Schools students are considered "low income". This means a student is at least one of the following: eligible for free or reduced price lunch, is eligible for Transitional Aid to Families (Massachusetts' cash welfare program), or is eligible for food stamps.

Norwood schools vary in the percentage of low income students. At the Prescott School it is 27 percent, Norwood High 37.2 percent, Oldham, 39.2 percent, Willett, 40.1 percent, Callahan, 41.3 percent, Coakley 42.8 percent, and Balch, 61.2

percent. The Balch, Callahan, Oldham, and Willett schools all receive additional funding for English teachers through Title I, a federal program intended to help low income students. Norwood Public Schools receive about \$420,000 a year from the federal government by way of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Special Education.

The US Census Bureau states 8.1 percent of Norwood residents live in poverty (yearly household income of \$27,750 or less for a family of four). Students can qualify for reduced price lunch of up to 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. There are also many families who, while their family income may not

mean they qualify for assistance, are nonetheless struggling because of an increased cost of living and because of other issues such as medical debt or needing to support an extended family.

You can drop off items at Morrill Memorial Library (across from the circulation desk) until September 7, when items will be distributed to students at Norwood's elementary schools, or donate in cash to @Katie-Neal-Rizzo on Venmo. He is looking for dry erase markers, pencil cases, backpacks, glue sticks, crayons, and pencils. Please only donate new items for health reasons. You can email Johnathan at jrizz7@icloud.com for more information.



The Halfway to St. Patrick's Day fundraiser will once again hit the Elks to raise money for ALS research. COURTESY PHOTO

Norwood resident fighting back against ALS Fundraiser set for Sept. 17 at Elks

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Halfway to St. Patrick's Day "Fun" Raiser is set to raise money to fund Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) research at the Norwood Elks on Sept 17 at 7 p.m.

The inspiration for the fundraiser is resident Tara O'Brien, diagnosed with the disease about two years ago. Her husband Christopher Rull said while to most people ALS is considered a death sentence his wife refuses to bend to it and is taking the fight head on.

"She was handed a death sentence with ALS. Her reaction was not to succumb to the disease but to fight it with her three children by her side," he said.

Rull said Tara formed the 4YouWillFight organization, which can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Ky9oa2>, to fund research into ALS and raise money for four other organizations. Those charities include ALS One, MGH Healey Center for ALS, Compassionate Care ALS (CCALS), and I am ALS. Though the charity has only been around for a couple of years, Rull said they have raised more than \$400,000.

"We give 100 percent of our funds to those organizations," he said. "It's a grassroots thing and we have a lot of support. Tara spent her life being a good person and people now want to give back to her. If you shine a light on a problem people don't understand – and I work in clinical research and drug development –

people will respond when educated. Lastly, we feel this creates a community of people who never knew each other rallying around a common purpose. We have met a lot of people over the last two years forming new friendships around Tara's fight against ALS."

Rull said they are a blended family, the couple's six children being from previous marriages. He said when they first started dating Norwood played an important part in their relationship

"She raised her family in Walpole and I raised mine in Westwood. We decided on Norwood as a perfect meeting ground after our divorces," he said. "The outpouring of support in Norwood for our cause since

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that process.”

Farley said through the feasibility study, they decided to focus on Hawes Pool upgrades to the pool with an updated spray park, a wading pool and a zero-entry element into the pool.

“We did identify Hawes Pool as the pool we wanted to update first, and that was for a whole variety of reasons,” he said, “including ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility. It’s also on the Route 34 Bus Line and, out of the two pools, it does see the most use. We have decided to take some more time to consider Father Mac’s.”

Farley said they hope to start the design process with funds from the Capital Outlay budget next fall, with construction from the same budget to start the following fiscal year.

He added the Father Mac’s Pool will need a bit more conversation, as some of the options that were presented during the public outreach phase of this study were drastic. The most expensive option presented was an indoor, year-round pool costing about \$12 million. Farley said before the Parks and Recreation Department make a decision like that, the department should make sure that’s how they want their money spent on the pool.

“It comes down to figuring out what that pool and facility is going to look like,” he said. “Hawes is a little more straightforward, we’re going to update the pool. Father Mac’s needs more thought and public feedback. We do have a couple of options that Kuth Ranieri was able to provide us, with price options, but I think we’re going to need to take some time to get more feedback from

the community.”

That’s in addition to the already large amount of public input the pools have gotten so far.

“We had, I think, three community forums and there were over 250 surveys filled out so people were definitely engaged with this,” said CPC member and Selectman Matthew Lane. “I think the path we’re going on is the right one in terms of identifying the need at Hawes and, hopefully down the road, be able to do Father Mac’s as well.”

Farley added that Kuth Ranieri was very helpful on this.

Farley also gave updates on the poured rubber upgrade at the Murphy Playground. The playground converted from mulch to poured rubber, making it a bit safer for its clients.

“I think it looks terrific; it’s our second poured-rubber surface in Norwood and it makes the colored ground a heck of a lot more visible,” he said. “We are very excited about that.”

Farley said he considers that project completely done (it included a resurface of the nearby basketball court and an accessibility ramp installation in a previous funding cycle).

Farley also gave an update on the Lower Balch School court resurfacing project. He said the street hockey and basketball court was resurfaced, the fences have been repaired and benches were added to the area, but they’ve run into a bit of trouble when it comes to the ADA ramp coming from the upper school to the lower school.

“We still have roughly \$75,000 left to complete that ramp, but the way the timeline worked out and the pandemic procurement

costs going through the roof, it’s been a struggle,” he said. “We worked with (Town Engineer) Mark Ryan and the Engineering Department to come up with a design to get out to bid, but some of the preliminary costs after the two-year break due to COVID came back almost double what we have left to spend. That is the only aspect of the project that is still incomplete... the cost of materials and labor is much different than it was in 2019 when we got the money to start this process.”

Farley said he and Ryan think making the St. George Street entrance to the Lower Balch School accessible would be a cost-effective alternative.

“But that is the only aspect of that project that is not complete,” he said.

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we got here – we’ve only been here two-and-a-half-years – is amazing. It’s a grassroots mentality that wants to do the right thing and we don’t want this to be just people who know Tara, we want to open this up to everyone. There are about 300 spaces for this event, and I don’t want people to be shy. We want to meet new people and we want more people to get involved in this cause.”

“Tara comes from a very rich Irish Catholic heritage with both of her parents being Irish citizens,” he said. “Irish tradition is so important to Tara... I mean she would take St. Patrick’s Day off every year.”

Rull said it’s difficult to hold a fundraiser on St. Patrick’s Day itself, so this halfway fundraiser makes a lot more sense.

“She created this in her own image and it is everything you would want from a St. Patrick’s Day festival,” he said.

The night will feature live music from The Old Brigade Band along with DJ Ed Charland and a performance of Irish step dancing. Fundraising will feature a cash bar, door prizes, raffles, a silent and live auctions. Rull said they’ve got some great stuff up for grabs, included sports packages and vacations.

“We’re hoping this will be a \$50,000 event for us, which I think is pretty realistic,” he said. “We don’t take any money out of the donations to fund the event. We privately fund everything ourselves, and 4YouWillFight gives 100 percent of its proceeds direct to the four nonprofits I referenced earlier, unlike a lot of 5013c nonprofits... We don’t take a single dime off the top for anyone involved.”

For more information on the event itself, go to <https://bit.ly/3CJNzCv>.

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of the site, which met with no vocal opposition from the Planning Board. The basic idea was to shrink the site and the potential uses for commercial properties allowed by zoning. While the Board had no authority to approve anything presented – that’s up to Town Meeting – Macchi said he wanted to get the plans before the Board and get their opinions on what Town Meeting members might be concerned about.

Macchi said they’ve talked to the Planning Department and Board of Selectmen Chair and felt that the draft they have now would be much more amenable to Norwood residents. Or so he hopes.

In terms of commercial uses, he said the only things allowed now would be a small “flex-based” restaurant that would serve patrons standing or sitting outside. They also would put in a 15-foot rear-yard setback, increase open space by 30 percent and reduce the density of the project.

“I think we went in the right direction,” Macchi said. “Hopefully.”

The zoning requirements would allow for a maximum of 165 units.

The warrant schedule and the Planning Board schedule made getting the required number of public meetings in before Town Meeting’s several

deadlines tricky, and so it is likely 259 Lenox will be before Town Meeting in 2023.

Developer John Shelby then came in to discuss the Downtown Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD) bylaw. Halkiotis has been saying for some time now that the Downtown MUOD hasn’t had the intended amount of reinvestment in the Downtown area desired, and that they’ve been toying with ideas to change that.

Paciorkowski touched on the MUOD during the Lenox discussion, and said he felt that MUODs, like the Downtown one and the proposed overlay for Lenox, should not concern themselves with a units-per-acre limit but rather on building envelopes based on setbacks and height requirements. Halkiotis, Shelby and Paciorkowski all agreed this was worth looking into, and Paciorkowski added he feels that putting a per-acre limit can give residents the wrong idea.

“People look at the building, I mean you can drive by Olivadi’s everyday and nobody knows how many apartments are in there, they can drive by the Talbot Block and nobody knows how many apartments are in there, but they see the building and that’s what stands out to people,” he said. “This dwelling unit thing, I think people look at it and say, ‘Oh my God, 30 units per acre? Well, I have a half-acre lot and there’s no way I could put in 15 units on it!’ I like the idea of you constructing the building and what you do inside, well who cares.”

Halkiotis said he felt that method would allow the design of the building to dictate the unit count. Paciorkowski added that the builder would still need to put in the required parking spaces per unit that the Zoning Bylaw currently requires.

The Board agreed they would come back to the discussion at a later date.

Also discussed was the 3A MBTA Communities Law that readers may remember will require communities with MBTA transit stations to increase allowed density around those stations. Assistant Town Planner Sarah Bouchard said the new guidelines are out now, and they have made a few changes that affect Norwood but are mostly designed with communities farther out from the Greater Boston Metro Area.

Bouchard said some of the key takeaways are that the build-out capacity is slightly lower than it used to be and that Norwood is now considered a Commuter Rail Community rather than a bus service community, which is a designation that has since been eliminated.

“So we have more time to come into compliance with this law; we’re only looking at our Commuter Rail Stations and some of the standards have been softened a little bit,” she said.

Bouchard said the Norwood MBTA Communities Task Force will meet on Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Daniel Fonseca (Case #22-17) with respect to property located at **28 Hickory Road (Map 13 Block 8 Lot 58), Norwood, MA 02062, in the Single Residence (S) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/464775693>
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Access Code: 464-775-693

This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4.4 [Nonconforming Structures] to allow the construction of a second story addition to the existing single family home. The current structure is preexisting nonconforming on side setbacks.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.



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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Brian C. Almeida, Esq., representing Jeffrey Feuerman (Case #22-19) with respect to property located at **41 Chapel Court (Map 3 Block 6A Lot 51), Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Residence (G) Zoning District.** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

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This Application requests a Variance under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.3.3 [Nonconforming Structures] and 4.1.1 [Dimensional Requirements] to allow the reconstruction of an existing structure that encroaches into the side, rear and front setbacks.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Norwood Record: 08/25/22, 09/01/22

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division **Docket No. NO22P1216PM**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the matter of: Guido Ciannavei **RESPONDENT**
Of: Norwood, MA **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Health & Social Services, Consortium of Norwood, MA**

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Guido Ciannavei** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that:
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/21/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court
August 19, 2022
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate *Norwood Record: 09/01/22*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division **Docket No. NO22P2263PM**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the matter of: Sandra Mae Gould **RESPONDENT**
Of: Norwood, MA **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Leanne S. Bernat of Tucson, AZ**

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Sandra Mae Gould** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that:
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **09/28/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court
August 25, 2022
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate *Norwood Record: 09/01/2022*

Celebrate Norwood Day with us!

Celebrate the Norwood Day on September 10, by stopping at the Morrill Memorial Library table. Visit our booth to score some free henna from Noureen Designs! Come early and skip the wait, our booth is busier in the afternoon. See you Saturday September 10th from 10:30-2:30!

Climate Change: What it means for New England

The Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with the Ashland Library and other Massachusetts libraries to bring a virtual program to our communities on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Quentin Prideaux presents the basic science of climate change and its effect on New England. Combining powerful images of the early effects of climate change with concrete data on what is happening right now, this presentation is both moving and enlightening. The talk will cover the impacts and causes of climate change, the actions we need to take, and what it all means for the Northeast.

Quentin Prideaux is a Partner in the management consulting firm Alder Associates, and a Board member of Sustainable Wellesley. He has a degree in Physics, an MBA, and a Masters in Sustainability from Harvard Extension School. He lives in Wellesley with his family.

Quentin has long been engaged with climate change action and began giving talks in 2012. He continually updates his material to cover the science, the impacts of climate change, the actions we need to take, and what it all means for Massachusetts and the Northeast.

Registration is required. Please register by visiting the library's website, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar.

Discussion with the author of "The Family Roe"

Join the Morrill Memorial Library, Newton Free Library, and over a dozen other MA libraries on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm for a virtual talk with Investigative Journalist Joshua Prager about his deeply researched book, *The Family Roe: An American Story*. With abortion rights poised to fall, *The Family Roe*, which was named a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize, offers extraordinary insight into the Su-

preme Court's most divisive case and its plaintiff, Norma McCorvey.

The Family Roe is an engrossing family saga that confronts a half-century of propaganda and myth. Prager spent years with Norma; discovered her personal papers, a previously unseen trove; and witnessed her final moments. He also found the unknown Roe baby, Shelley Thornton, whose conception occasioned the lawsuit. Prager's profile of Thornton for the Atlantic, adapted from the book, made worldwide front-page news. Hailed by critics on both sides of the debate, Prager's astonishing book helps us to look with honest eyes at the five decades of struggle that brought us to where we are today.

Joshua Prager has written for the Atlantic, Vanity Fair, the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. A former Nieman Fellow at Harvard, he is the author of *The Echoing Green*, a Washington Post Best Book of the Year.

We are delighted to welcome Tiziana Dearing, host of Radio Boston, as our moderator.

Registration is required for this virtual event. Please visit the Norwood Library's website to sign up and receive your Zoom link: norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar.

The Building of Route 128: The Road We Love to Hate

The Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with the Ashland Library, Ashland Senior Center, and other Massachusetts libraries to bring an afternoon virtual program to our communities on Thursday, September 22 at 1:00pm via Zoom. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Library.

David Kruh, author of "Building Route 128," will present the complete story of Route 128, from its beginning in the 1920s as an ad hoc collection of two-lane roads that formed a rough arc 15 miles from Boston, through the construction of the divided highway in the 1950s, and then how one man's vision became the catalyst for the fantastic growth around the highway.

David Kruh is a former New Yorker and a 1978 graduate of the University of Maryland. While earning his Masters in Computer Engineering at Boston University, David worked as an engineer at WRKO Radio. He has also worked full time as a copywriter, computer programmer, radio producer, radio engineer and, for a few years in the mid-1990s, as a spokesman and webmaster for the Big Dig. He retired a few years ago from a semiconductor manufacturer, where he was the Direct Marketing Manager. He is also the author of several other books, notably two on Boston's Scollay Square and Building Route 128.

Registration is required. Please visit the Norwood Library's website to sign up and receive your Zoom link: norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar.

StashShare Returns!

Sewstainability's (semi!)annual StashShare will take place in the Morrill Memorial Library's Simoni Room on Saturday, September 24, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library's Simoni Room on Saturday, March 12, between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm for Sewstainability's (semi) annual StashShare. At this event, people share with one another rather than having to buy sewing/needlework and crafting materials and equipment. Come drop off materials from your personal Stash that don't seem to get used so others can enjoy them. While there, browse to find things you'd like to work with and take them home. Come even if you don't have anything to bring; this is a Share, not an even swap.

No registration is required: drop in to the event, leave things, browse for yourself, and go home ready for productive and pleasant winter days. Community is how we work, and community works! No money needed. The Share is for people in Norwood and surrounding communities; NO businesses please.

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- Thursday, September 22 between 7:00-8:30 PM;
- Friday, September 23 between 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; or
- Saturday, September 24 between 9-10 AM. We need time to set things out on the tables, grouping by categories, before the actual Share happens.

If you are able to help transport from our storage and help set up the tables in advance on the Friday drop-off date, let us know at: sustain@tgryes.org Call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2 with questions or for more information.

Sensory-Friendly Friday Movie

Join us for our next Sensory-Friendly Friday Movie at the Library, a program specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday September 30, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our September movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday series will be the DreamWorks's *The Bad Guys*, rated PG. The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community. We will be showing a movie in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment on the last Friday of the month for adults with developmental disabilities. This program requires registration, and is intended only for attendees over the age of 18. Please sign up by visiting the Morrill Memorial Library's website, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or by calling 781-769-0200 x2



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Deaths

BARTUCCA

JOSEPH C. of Norwood passed away at home surrounded by his family on August 24, 2022 at the age of 83. Beloved husband of Suzanne (Goodwin) Bartucca. Devoted father of Jeannine P. Joyce and her husband Michael of Norwood and David B. Bartucca and his wife Joanne of Norwood. Brother of the late Frank Bartucca and Concetta Gullo. Cherished grandfather of Drew and Madison Bartucca. Uncle of Teresa P. Dooley of Norwood. Son of the late Bruno and Palma (Stillitano) Bartucca. Joe was a member of the Norwood Italian Social Club. He was a wonderful family man, enjoyed hunting, winemaker, gardening and being in the woods. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the American Parkinson's Disease Assoc. 85 East Concord Street, Ground Floor, Boston, MA 02118 www.apdaparkinson.org/community/massachusetts/ www.Kraw-Kornackfuneralhome.com Norwood, MA 781-762-0482.

ZAVRACKY



Judith Ann Zavracky of Sharon, MA, died Thursday, August 18th, 2022, of complications following a stroke. She is survived by her husband Paul Zavracky, her sisters Jane Strong, Jeanne Connell, and Joanne Rappaport, her children Jacob, Alexander and Gregory, her daughters-in-law Alison, Mary, and Deborah, grandchildren Zoë, Leo, Max, Vivian, and Beatrice, nieces and nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. She is a daughter of the late John and Janet Somsen. Judy was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1944. She graduated from high school in Connecticut and obtained her bachelor's degree in child development from the University of Connecticut. Afterwards she moved to Boston, where she soon met Paul, whom she married in 1970. During the next decade, she bore three sons before settling in Norwood in 1980. Judy became a librarian at the Morrill Memorial Library, where she continued to work until her retirement. She and Paul spent many winters in Boca Raton, Florida. After retirement they moved to Sharon to be closer to family. Judy was kind, thoughtful, and loyal. She was an avid reader and enjoyed word puzzles, games and travel. She was greatly beloved by her family and friends. Her sudden and unexpected passing was a terrible shock and she will be deeply mourned by the many people whose lives she touched. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a donation in Judy's name to the Morrill Memorial Library or to National Breast Cancer Foundation.

LEE



PAUL Francis, of Norwood, passed away on August 24, 2022 at the age of 88. Beloved husband of Frances Theresa (Burchell) Lee. Devoted father of Paul F. Lee Jr. of Norwood, Barbara T. Hoye and her husband Patrick of Franklin, Martin R. Lee and his wife Kathleen of Foxboro and Robert M. Lee and his wife Laura of Norwood. Brother of Martin J. Lee and Marie Therese Lee both of W. Roxbury. Cherished grandfather of 8 grandchildren. Son of the late Martin J. and Eulalia D. (Daly) Lee. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, W. Roxbury, MA.

For the Record

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES!

The Norwood Cultural Council has compiled a list of priorities for its 2023 grant cycle based on the results of a public survey, as well as the historic popularity of specific programs.

Starting on September 1, interested individuals and organizations can access the application at the site <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/norwood/> to determine the current grant cycle's requirements. The Norwood Cultural Council encourages every organization, artist, and creative individual to consider how they could enhance the lives of Norwood residents by offering unique programs to educate, entertain, and challenge the public.

Applications will be accepted from September 1 until October 17, 2022. The Norwood Cultural Council will be offering a workshop to help applicants complete the application, and the Mass. Cultural Council will host a webinar on September 17 for applicants. Register at https://massculturalcouncil.org/event/how_to_apply_localculturalcouncilgrant/

The mission of the Norwood Cultural Council (NCC) is to promote excellence, access, and education in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for residents of Norwood. Comprised of committed volunteer residents, the NCC meets monthly with the purpose of supporting events and programs via grants from the Town of Norwood and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

SEPTEMBER 9TH OLDIES DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging are sponsoring a SPECIAL DANCE EVENT on Friday, September

9th at 7 p.m. with Popular Music from the 60's & 70's. The event will take place at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood with music provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$10.00 per person. Singles and couples are welcome to attend, as there will be lots of dancing to swing music, twisting, line dancing etc.

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The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their September monthly dance, on Friday, September 16th, at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by the D B Band and the cost is \$10.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea & desserts are served & there are also door prizes. We

Calendar

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

NO22P2017EA

Estate of: Jerry Yetta Klein
Also known as: Jerry Y. Klein

Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
781-830-1200

Date of Death: 02/05/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Janey Frank of West Roxbury, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Janey Frank of West Roxbury, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of **09/21/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court

Date: August 17, 2022

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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Monday, August 22

0726 Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Pellana Rd Vehicle and house damaged overnight
 1348 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Hawthorne St Advice given on a neighborhood issue.
 1624 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Franklin St Walk in seeking advice on a past verbal argument he had with an ex girlfriend 2 months ago. N667 advised that party on his 209 rights.
 1838 Phone - Mischief (Kids) *Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reports kids running in the hallway and kicking doors.
 1902 Phone - Well Being Chk Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: American Holt Corp. - Carnegie Row Suicidal male, no weapons and requesting ambulance.

Tuesday, August 23

1202 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller reports a patient cancelled an appointment today because he was feeling suicidal. Riverside clinician responding. Party is a Riverside patient. N666 reports Riverside is on scene they will handle, there is no immediate threat.
 1311 Walk-In - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Winfield St Walk in seeking on a party that is looking to contact her and her daughter whom she does not want any contact with.
 1313 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Walk in seeking advice on a stolen pair of glasses. Party is known to PD she is also a Riverside patient. In house Riverside clinician to handle.
 1343 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Bank Of America (ATM) - Nahatan St Caller reports a male party standing outside the ATM asking people for information. N679 searched the area.
 1821 Initiated - Well Being Chk *Protective Custody Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Passerby reports possible male party lying down in the parking lot.
 2036 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway St Employee reports a female party

walked back behind the counter. N674 reports that party was just getting a cup for her friend, she was moved along.

Wednesday, August 24

0939 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Afinty Dental - Walpole St Report male keeps bothering business. N674 spoke to all parties, advised male that business does not do the certain dental work that he wanted.
 0954 Phone - Complaint Of MV *Report Filed Location/Address: Morse St + Short St N.C.S.O., on private detail, reports motorist brandished firearm at worker over a road incident. BOLO Areawide 3 for white work van, MJD Painting logo, B/M, dreadlocks, item which appeared to be a gun in blue rag.
 1115 Cellular - Lockout Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Kings Rd Dog in car.
 1208 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. - Walpole St Report dog left in work van, windows cracked but dog is panting. N.A.C.O. notified. 1212-Owner returned and drove away.
 1248 Walk-In - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Party in lobby reports 2 dogs attacked him yesterday. N.A.C.O. to handle same.
 1552 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Philbrick St Party in lobby reports she broke up with boyfriend and he will not leave house. Party was gone upon officer's arrival, believed to be getting on the 34E bus. Reporting party satisfied.
 1804 911 - Violation Of Town Bylaw Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: William Shyne Cir Party burning leaves.
 1828 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Mustang Pizza - Lenox St Employee reports a party on scene threatening customers. Party verbally trespassed from establishment and sent on his way.
 1915 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway St Employee reports group of juveniles causing a disturbance. Most parties GOA, one waiting for order and left.
 2217 Initiated - Kids Gathering

Police Logs



Group Moved Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Behind school.
 2303 Initiated - Drunk Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St + Cottage St N676 comes across intoxicated party. Party waiting for MBTA bus. Officers standby to make sure he gets on.

Thursday, August 25

1240 Walk-In - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Ellis Playground - Codman Rd Party turns in found pocketbook. No name match in M/C's, Registry etc. Lost and Found Entry form filled out.
 1547 Phone - Weapons Charges *Report Filed Location/Address: [NOD 3013] Carmax Auto Superstores Inc. - Bos-Prov Hwy Loaded firearm found in the vehicle. Officer returns with the firearm. Firearm listed as stolen out of Brockton. NCIC locate sent.
 1837 911 - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Report of a male party laying in the grass. As a result, N663 placed that party into protective custody and transported him to the station.
 1905 911 - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Vanderbilt Ave 9-1-1 hang up from a non-provisional phone number. 6 meter radius. N679 located caller and placed him into protective custody. NFD responded and transported party to Beth Israel Hospital in Needham.
 1922 911 - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports neighbor pushed her adult daughter.
 2042 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Neponset St + Carpenter St Loose dog.

Friday, August 26

0409 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Ivy Cir Two police agencies, MSP-South Boston and Norfolk PD, called to report female party called them talking about the President coming to her house and the FBI conducting surveillance. Party made no threats of self harm. Female party then called NPD making the same statements. N674 spoke to female party who requested a check of outside of residence. Caller was satisfied.
 0742 Cellular - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports he got a phone call from an unidentifiable number and on a phone number that he only gave out to 5 people. He believes it is one of the 2 girls that have 209A Orders against him trying to get him to violate order. He would not say which girl though. MC5 informed him of his options, no crime.
 0754 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller, translating for his brother who is the victim and does not speak English reports they paid a male cash for a car but have never gotten car and male will not give them their money back.
 0921 Phone - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Saunders Rd Report 1/2 hour ago her elderly mother, dementia, got out of home. BOLO to cars, Area wide 3, Canton K-9, and S.P. Airship notified. 0948 Hrs-N668 locates her 3 houses up from home, all other agencies cancelled. NFD sent to evaluate.
 1044 Phone - Dog Bite NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Quail Run Caller was working on outside of home yesterday, was under the impression that no person/dogs etc. were there. When he entered backyard, a dog ran out of home and bit him. All appears in order.
 1357 Cellular - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St Report Amazon delivered her I-Phone. Someone opened Amazon Box then opened I-Phone box, stole I-Phone, the put boxes back together and left them behind. N669 cell and land lined the caller-no answer, voice mail left. 1538 Hrs- N669 reports the cell phone box's seal was cracked but phone was still there. Informed to come get log entry if needed.
 1427 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports he thinks a girl known to him is lacing his medication. MC5 referred him to his Primary Care Physician.
 1442 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan Terrace Associates - Centennial Dr Doll found in the hall with damage to the head and a note saying help me. Officer reports he spoke with the parent of ten year old. Not aware of any issues with her son but will speak to him.
 1501 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Monroe St E Report passing dog walker lets her dog defecate on caller's lawn and does not pick it up. Female, blonde hair, beige dog, left towards Garfield Ave.
 1849 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Caller concerned for her sister after a phone call. N669 spoke to that resident at length, not a danger to herself at this time. Reporting party notified.
 1943 911 - Mischief (Kids) Services Rendered Location/Address: Tremont St Two juveniles playing ding dong ditch. Officers to search the area in an attempt to speak to them.

Saturday, August 27

1634 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway St Caller reports a female party giving employees a hard time and refusing to leave. N674 reports that party was gone upon arrival, store manager was advised of his options.
 1645 911 - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway St Employee reports same party from call 22-22570 has returned. N674 reports that party has been verbally trespassed from the property and management will get a paper copy of the order
 1922 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Avon Rd Caller reports she has a lost dog in her back yard. NACO notified.
 2124 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Guild St Caller reports her neighbor is possibly hitting his dog. NACO notified.
 2210 911 - Hang up call Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St 3 911 hang up calls from this address. N674 spoke to the calling party who states she had an argument with her father and thought she may need police assistance, her boyfriend arrived and calmed both parties down and the are separated for the night.

Sunday, August 28

0815 Phone - Assist Other Agency Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd Officer and NFD assist the resident after she was locked out with her child inside.
 1131 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: ROJO - Bos-Prov Hwy Gas dispute at the pumps results in one driver out \$8 for using the wrong pump. Matter resolved and she will call the the main office Monday.
 1200 Phone - Disabled MV Assisted Party Location/Address: Pleasant St + Bos-Prov Hwy N674 reports a DMV. Party was able to re-start the vehicle prior to being towed. Party was confrontational, was able to get her own gas. Center responded but was not needed. Party went on her way.
 1455 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Harbor Freight - Bos-Prov Hwy Report that a subject purchased several containers used to store ammunition. FL REG 53BYKY .Fushion Center called to report they find no threats or flags associated with this. They were also contacted by the caller.
 1550 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Kid on the property who was ringing the doorbell. N669 spoke to all parties and parents all were advised.
 1822 911 - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller reports her son is drunk and is breaking things in the house. As a result N663 returns to the station with one male party under protective custody.

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 The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

NORFOLK Division Docket No. **NO22C0298CA**

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME **Norfolk Probate and Family Court**
 35 Shawmut Road
 Canton, MA 02021
 781-830-1200

In the matter of: Jaidyn-Matthew Romeo Pena
 A Petition to **Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Jaidyn-Matthew Romeo Pena of Stoughton, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Jaidyn-Matthew Romeo Dooley-Teixeira**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Norfolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of **09/14/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court
 Date: August 10, 2022
 Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate Norwood Record: 09/01/2022

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among the district's schools. At the Prescott School it is 27 percent, the lowest in the district. But the percentage escalated to Norwood High 37.2 percent, Oldham, 39.2 percent, Willett, 40.1 percent, Callahan, 41.3 percent, Coakley 42.8 percent, and Balch, 61.2 percent. The district receives about \$420,000 annually from the federal government by way of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Special Education.

The US Census Bureau says 8.1 percent

of Norwood residents live in poverty (yearly household income of \$27,750 or less for a family of four), although students can qualify for reduced price lunch at up to 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. There are also many families who, while their family income may not mean they qualify for assistance, are nonetheless struggling because of an increased cost of living and because of other issues such as medical debt or needing to support an extended family.

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look forward to welcoming newcomers. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

NORWOOD 150TH ANNOUNCES ROLLING TOUR OF NORWOOD CHURCHES

The Norwood 150th Evangelical Committee is pleased to announce a seven-week rolling church tour event, from mid-September to the end of October.

In 1972, as part of Norwood's 100th Anniversary celebration, Norwood arranged for anniversary services at 11 of Norwood's places of faith. Each service was the only anniversary-linked religious event on its day, and there were other religious events during the year, including a massed

ringing of the bells and a massed choir event at the Junior High School. In 1997, religious events were scaled way back for Norwood's 125th Anniversary celebration, as were all other types of events. One inter-faith service was held at the First Congregational Church – Norwood's oldest church by a wide margin.

This year, the events at the individual churches are shorter so that the entire program of events will fit into a month-and-a-half, which has been dubbed a "rolling tour." The churches that have signed up and chosen their dates, time slots, and program details have all chosen a program with these elements: An Open House, available tours of the facilities, and information about the church, on flyers, posters, or other medium.

No matter how well you think you know Norwood's faith community, you will learn some interesting facts, see some striking architecture, and meet some fascinating people over refreshments.

Here is the schedule so far. Additional churches have committed to the tour but are still considering dates and times. Their schedules will be announced as they are finalized.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

* St. Catherine's of Siena Catholic Church, 549 Washing-

ton Street, 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

* United Church of Norwood, 595 Washington Street, time TBD.

SATURDAY, SEP 24

* Trinity Community Church, 234 Walpole Street, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

* Heritage Baptist Church, 615 Washington Street, 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

* Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick Street; and

* Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel Street, both from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

* First Baptist Church & Anglican Church of the Redeemer, both located at 71 Bond Street, 12 to 2 pm.

* First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, 2 to 4 pm.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

* Fulfilled Life Ministries, 661 Pleasant Street, 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

SATURDAY, OCT 8

* Waters Church, 668 Walpole Street, 9:30 to 11:30 am.

SUNDAY OCT 30:

* First Church of Christ, Scientist, 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

* St. George Orthodox Church, 6 Atwood Avenue, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

**TOWN OF NORWOOD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Brian C. Almeida, Esq., representing Jeffrey Feuerman (Case #22-20) with respect to property located near **Fairview Road (Map 3 Block 6C Lot 44A), Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Residence (G) Zoning District.** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

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This Application requests a Variance under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 4.1.4.2 [Two or More Principal Buildings], Section 4.1.1 [Table of Dimensional Requirements] to allow the construction of two single family structures on the same parcel that encroach into the side, front, and rear setbacks and exceed maximum building height.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Norwood Record: 08/25/22, 09/01/22




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Canton Streams Experience Issues with Bacteria, Report Finds

Streams in Canton experienced an increase in bacteria levels for the 2022 season over data from the last several years, according to a report from the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA). None of the eight sites sampled by NepRWA met MassDEP swimming standards for *E. coli* bacteria across all six sampling events, although the two sites on the East Branch and mainstem of the Neponset were the closest to reaching swimmable quality. In particular, Pecunit Brook experienced the greatest increase in bacteria levels over prior years. “Unfortunately, these tributaries of the Neponset River continue to have major problems with *E. coli* levels. This is dangerous because *E. Coli* presence provides evidence of fecal contamination that could make people sick if they come into contact with the water during recreation” says Ian Cooke, NepRWA’s Executive Director.

Stormwater runoff carries high levels of *E. coli* when polluted with pet waste or other contaminants. Community members can help reduce these levels by cleaning up dog waste properly and disposing of it in the trash rather than leaving it on sidewalks, roadways, or lawns. Some pet owners mistakenly dispose of pet waste bags in the stormdrains along roadways, thinking that these lead to wastewater treatment areas. However, in Canton and throughout the Neponset River Watershed, these drains lead directly to the nearest stream with no treatment. People can also create opportunities for runoff to infiltrate into the ground by planting rain gardens, installing rain barrels, or designing bioswales. Kristine Meaney, Canton’s Stormwater Manager, says, “The Canton Sustainability Committee has partnered with The Great American Rain Barrel Company to offer rain barrels to Canton residents at a reduced cost. Interested residents can visit the Committee’s website for more information.”

Canton has 1,525 dogs licensed with the Town Clerk as of June 2023 according to Regen Milani, Canton’s Conservation Agent. “According to the U.S. EPA, the average dog produces approximately three quarters of a pound of waste per day. That amounts to over 417,000 pounds of dog waste per year in Canton,” she added. “If it is not picked up and sent to the incinerator, it is going directly into Canton’s brooks and ponds. Dog waste is not fertilizer like cow manure. Dogs consume high amounts of protein, and their waste is highly acidic. It is harmful to lawn grass and loaded with bacteria. The chore of bagging and properly disposing of your pet’s waste might be irritating, but it is essential to being a good community member,” says Milani. Even on private property, stormwater runoff can flow off the lawn and carry pet waste into the street drainage system or an adjacent waterbody or wetland.

However, stormwater may not be the only concern. Bacteria levels in Pecunit Brook and Massapoag Brook were high even in dry weather as early as May. Because dry weather bacteria spikes are less likely to be caused by pet waste and runoff, this suggests ongoing issues with sewage infiltration to these

particular streams. Meaney adds that “Using the sample data provided by NepRWA along with its own sampling data, the Town of Canton is in the process of evaluating its storm drainage system.”

The report also describes water quality parameters important for wildlife, including phosphorus and dissolved oxygen. In comparison to 2020, phosphorus levels from Pequit Brook, just upstream of Reservoir Pond, have fallen but remain at the state recommended level for water entering lakes or reservoirs. Beaver Meadow and Massapoag Brooks just upstream of Bolivar and Forge Ponds respectively are similarly close to the highest recommended level.

“Phosphorus is necessary for plant growth, but naturally is found in very low concentrations. Because of this, it is often the ‘limiting’ resource in the freshwater environment. We tend to see algal growth when phosphorus concentrations increase – because all the other required nutrients are likely already there,” explains Dr. Sean McCanty, NepRWA’s River Restoration Director. “Aside from the aesthetic factor, the real problem is that when these extra plants and algae eventually die, they get eaten by bacteria. This process consumes oxygen - in extreme circumstances the dissolved oxygen levels get so low that fish and other animals die”, he adds. There are three sites in Canton, on Beaver Meadow Brook, Pequit Brook, and Ponkapoag Brook where phosphorus levels were more correlated with decreases in oxygen, suggesting eutrophication may be an issue for these areas. Meaney says that the Town has recently installed stormwater controls at the Earl Newhouse Waterfront, which can help remove nutrients and contaminants before water enters Reservoir Pond and Pequit Brook.

Dissolved oxygen is a major problem at both Pequit Brook and Beaver Meadow Brook in Canton, with water levels frequently dropping below 3 mg/L, a state of very low oxygen that can make large sections of the water uninhabitable by fish and other aquatic life. “We are concerned with the persistently low levels of oxygen in some of these sites, especially when combined with the impacts caused by drought,” McCanty says. He adds, “we hope in the future to look into whether improvements can be made to stream shading, maintaining good water flow, and find ways to prevent decaying material from sucking the oxygen out of these sites.”

The water quality monitoring program that collects this data is part of a larger watershed restoration effort. Throughout the Neponset River Watershed, efforts to improve water quality, restore river and salt marsh habitat, and reconnect the streams to allow fish passage are all underway. “All of these issues are connected,” says McCanty. “Removing old dams helps prepare our communities for climate change, improves fish passage and dissolved oxygen levels, and can limit the amount of algae overgrowth. Replanting along the riverbank helps filter storm runoff and stabilize the banks, improving water quality for fishing, boating, and swimming.,” McCanty adds.

The Neponset River Watershed Association is a local environmental non-profit that publishes an annual report on the health of the local streams and Neponset River in Milton and neighboring towns that drain into the Neponset River. The water quality data used in the report is collected as part of the Association’s volunteer-based “Community Water Monitoring Network” program, that collects samples monthly from May to October to test for constituents that impact safety for recreation and wildlife.

For the full water quality report visit NepRWA’s website: <https://www.neponset.org/town-water-quality-reports>.

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Stormwater Knowledge Survey

This survey is designed to assess the stormwater knowledge among the residents in the Neponset Watershed. Please answer these questions to the best of your ability; do not search for the answers. The results will help us to further develop outreach that can have the greatest impact on improving our local water quality.

Thank you for participating!

* Indicates required question

1. 1. How old are you? *

Mark only one oval.

- 11 to 26
- 27 to 42
- 43 to 58
- 59 to 68
- 69 to 77
- 78 to 95
- 96 to 101
- I choose not to answer

2. 2. What level of schooling have you received?

Mark only one oval.

- High School Diploma and/or GED
- Associate Degree
- Undergraduate Degree
- Masters Degree
- Doctorate
- I did not graduate
- Other: _____

3. 3. Do you speak another language other than English at home?

Check all that apply.

- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Mandarin
- Cantonese
- Haitian - Creole
- French
- Vietnamese
- Russian
- Arabic
- Italian
- Hindi
- Other: _____

4. 4. How do you identify?

Check all that apply.

- White
- Hispanic and/or Latino
- Black and/or African American
- Asian
- American Indian and/or Alaska Native
- Pacific Islander and/or Native Hawaiian
- Two or more races
- I choose not to identify
- Other: _____

5. 5. What is Your Town of Residence? *

Mark only one oval.

- Avon
- Canton
- Dedham
- Foxborough
- Medfield
- Milton
- Norwood
- Quincy
- Randolph
- Sharon
- Stoughton
- Walpole
- Westwood
- Other: _____

6. 6. Do you recall seeing any pollution-themed posts by the Neponset Stormwater Partnership on either Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter? The posts addressed pollution from fertilizer, pet waste, septic, and yard waste. *

Choose all that apply

Check all that apply.

- Yes, on Facebook
- Yes, on Twitter
- Yes, on Instagram
- No, I don't recall seeing any posts
- I don't use social media

7. 7. What flows into a storm drain system? *

Choose all that apply

Check all that apply.

- Toilet Water
- Sink Water
- Shower Water
- Rain and Snow Melt
- Irrigation Runoff

8. 8. Materials that enter storm drains are eventually treated and filtered. *

Mark only one oval.

- True
- False

9. 9. Which of these activities can reduce or eliminate your lawn's need for fertilizer? *

Choose all that apply

Check all that apply.

- "Mulch" mow your grass, so the clippings stay on the lawn
- Allow clover and other legumes to grow along with your grass
- Set your mower higher (leave your grass longer after mowing)

10. 10. What are some ways you can manage yard wastes like leaf litter and grass clippings to reduce water pollution? *

Choose all that apply

Check all that apply.

- Mulch them and leave them on your lawn
- Collect and dispose of them through a town-organized program
- Rake or blow them into the street for disposal
- Compost them
- Rake or blow them into storm drains

11. 11. The best way to dispose of pet waste is to: *

Choose all that apply

Check all that apply.

- Leave it in the grass
- Pick it up and place it in the trash
- Pick it up and place it in wooded areas
- Pick it up and place it in a storm drain

12. 12. How often should you pump out your septic?

Mark only one oval.

- Every 1 to 3 years
- Every 4 to 6 years
- Every 7 to 10 years
- Septic doesn't need to be pumped

13. 13. What is your preferred method of receiving information about environmental issues? *

Check all that apply.

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Email
- Regular (USPS) Mail
- Other: _____

14. 14. Are you aware of any stormwater issues in your neighborhood that could be addressed with direct outreach? Please be specific about location and issue. If you're comfortable with it, please include your contact information in case any follow up is needed. We will work with the corresponding Town on any response.

15. 15. Are you interested in any of the following? If yes, please provide your e-mail address below so we can contact you!

Check all that apply.

- Enter me in the drawing for a \$100 gift card to Home Depot!
- Sign me up for the NepRWA email list.
- I'm interested in future volunteer opportunities with NepRWA.

16. Please enter your email address.

17. Please type: Hidden River *

Google Forms

Appendix A-12: Example Materials for Public Education BMP 16/17

Construction

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Guide

Maintain your BMPs!



Polluted stormwater runoff is a major cause of water pollution. Be sure to follow best practices and local bylaws to reduce your impact on streams and ponds.

Be a Responsible Contractor

Review the Best Management Practice tips inside this brochure and be sure to ask your local Conservation Commission or engineering department for advice on local rules and technical assistance.

Get Your Permit

All construction sites in MA that disturb an acre or more of earth must apply for a "Construction General Permit" from the US EPA.

Local rules vary from community to community, but many communities in our area require a town stormwater permit when you disturb as little as 2,500 square feet of earth.

Get information about the EPA Construction General Permit and application process at YourCleanWater.org

Don't Get Sued!

Cities and towns actively monitor for violations and can take enforcement action, shutdown projects, and levy fines.

In many cases, third party lawyers and environmental groups can also sue contractors who don't comply with construction stormwater permits. When they do, contractors pay the other side's legal costs, plus penalties, plus the cost to correct problems.



Stormwater Runoff from Construction Can Be a Big Problem

There are many construction activities that contribute to soil erosion and water pollution.

Rain that falls on construction sites with disturbed soils can wash off into wetlands, streams, or onto paved surfaces that drain to waterways.

Protect Your Business, Your Clients and Your Reputation

In order to prevent serious environmental issues and the consequences that follow, it's essential to install and maintain construction site stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) properly.

The installation of properly situated stormwater BMPs means that you will avoid fines and work stoppages, protect the waterways your community depends on—and earn a well-deserved reputation.

For more information, visit YourCleanWater.org



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Stormwater and Construction Industry BMPs

Protect Natural Features



- Minimize clearing.
- Minimize the amount of exposed soil.
- Identify and protect areas where existing vegetation, such as trees, will not be disturbed by construction activity.
- Protect streams, stream buffers, wild woodlands, wetlands, or other sensitive areas from any disturbance or construction activity by fencing or otherwise clearly marking these areas.

Construction Entrances



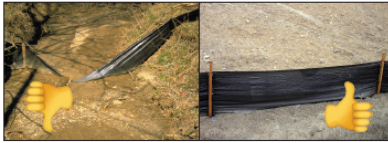
- Remove mud and dirt from the tires of construction vehicles before they enter a paved roadway.
- Properly size entrance BMPs for all anticipated vehicles.
- Make sure that the construction entrance does not become buried in soil.

Construction Phasing



- Sequence construction activities so that the soil is not exposed for long periods of time.
- Schedule or limit grading to small areas.
- Install key sediment control practices before site grading begins.
- Schedule site stabilization, such as landscaping, to be completed immediately after the land has been graded to its final contour.

Silt Fencing



- Install silt fence properly! Make sure the bottom 6" of fabric is buried in the ground, not just tucked under the hay bale.
- Inspect and maintain silt fences after each rainstorm.
- Securely attach the material to the stakes.
- Don't place silt fences in the middle of a waterway or use them as a check dam.
- Make sure stormwater is not flowing around the silt fence.

Site Stabilization



- Vegetate, mulch, hydroseed, install erosion control blankets, or otherwise stabilize all exposed areas as soon as land alterations have been completed.

Slopes



- Rough grade or terrace slopes.
- Break up long slopes with sediment barriers, or under drain, or divert stormwater away from slopes.

Dirt Stockpiles



- Cover or hydroseed all dirt stockpiles immediately.

Vegetative Buffers



- Protect or install vegetative buffers along waterbodies to slow and filter stormwater runoff.
- Maintain buffers by mowing or replanting periodically to ensure their effectiveness.

Storm Drain Inlet Protection



- Use rock or other appropriate material to cover the storm drain inlet to filter out trash and debris.
- Make sure the rock size is appropriate (usually 1-2" in diameter).
- If you use inlet filters or silt sacks, maintain them regularly.

