

Section 4

Control Measure 2: Public Participation and Involvement

4.1 Introduction

The Public Participation and Involvement measure is designed to promote public involvement in the stormwater program implementation, including effectively publicizing public hearings and/or encouraging citizens to take part in activities to protect stormwater quality.

4.2 Requirements

To comply with Control Measure 2, the City must “comply with state public notice requirements at MGL Chapter 39 Section 23B and local public notice requirements”, including providing an opportunity for the public to participate in the implementation and review of the stormwater management program.

4.3 Existing Best Management Practices

The City is already performing many public participation and involvement best management practices (BMPs) that fulfill the requirements of Control Measure 2:

4.3.1 BMP #2-1: Comply with State Public Notification Guidelines

Description: The City already complies with state and local public notification requirements. As the stormwater management program is implemented, the City will continue to comply with these guidelines including continuing to post notices regarding public meetings on a bulletin board in the City Hall and in the local newspapers.

Measurable Goal: Post notices on all applicable meetings or environmental awareness events.

Schedule: Throughout permit term, years 1 through 5.

Responsible department: Planning Board and any City Department holding qualifying meeting.

Cost: No additional costs.

4.3.2 BMP #2-2: Continue Used Oil Collection Program

Description: Continue to hold a collection day monthly, such that residents may drop off waste oil for proper disposal.

Measurable Goal: Collection held monthly.

Schedule: Monthly during entire permit term, years 1 through 5

Responsible department: Board of Health

Cost: No additional cost to the City since program is already in place.

4.3.3 BMP #2-3: Continue Quarterly Collection of Household Hazardous Wastes

Description: Continue to hold a collection day at the City Hall quarterly so that residents may drop off tires, batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent lights and thermometers for proper disposal.

Measurable Goal: Collection held every three months.

Schedule: Quarterly during entire permit term, years 1 through 5.

Responsible department: Board of Health

Cost: No additional cost to the city since program already in place.

4.3.4 BMP #2-4: Continue City-wide Recycling Program

Description: The City currently hires a subcontractor to conduct a 100% curbside recycling program. Pick-up includes, but not limited to, plastic, glass, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard and yard waste.

Measurable Goal: Recyclables collected bi-weekly throughout permit term.

Schedule: Throughout permit term, years 1 through 5.

Responsible department: Board of Health.

Cost: No additional cost to the City since program already in place.

4.3.5 BMP #2-5: Continue Street Tree Planting Program

Description: The City of Woburn currently has a street tree planting program that allows residents to have the City install a public shade tree near their property within the public right of way, at no cost to the resident.

Measurable Goal: Maintain tree-planting program.

Schedule: Entire permit term, years 1 through 5.

Responsible department: Department of Public Works.

Cost: No additional cost to the City since program already in place.