

Town of Somers MS4 Report 2013-2014

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The Planning and Engineering Department undertakes environmental determinations, and reviews applications for environmental permitting (steep slopes, wetland, stormwater & erosion and sediment control, land disturbance, etc.) and land development (subdivisions and site plans). Since the implementation of the Town's outreach and education program, these submissions include consideration of water quality best management practices and low impact development techniques. These techniques do not arise through the planning process, but rather from the onset of an application. Educational materials were disseminated and posted on the website.

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Two public hearings were held during the reporting period. Comments related to stormwater quality were made at each of them. The public hearings are related to a public scoping for a project DEIS. There was no Earth Day celebration, but a townwide roadside cleanup was held from April 12-22, 2013 coinciding with the citizen initiated Somers Litter Task Force clean up period.. A total of 265 bags of garbage were collected from April 18 through May 18, more than twice as much as the previous year.. Pick-ups were made April 18 through May 8, 2013, more than twice as much as the previous year. Education of construction site operators occurred at all 9 active construction sites and there were over 200 inspections of these construction sites during the reporting period.

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The Town did not have any illicit discharges during the reporting period. There were no calls to the hotline. The Town does have a septic system maintenance law, consistent with what was approved by DEC. Over 200 site inspections were undertaken during the reporting period. There were 1,135 septic systems cleaned and inspected from March through December 2013. Although information is not available at this time for January and February 2014, if it is similar to that of the last quarter of 2013 at 190, it would be a total of 1,325 septic systems cleaned during the reporting period. These observations were monitored every day. The Town previously worked with DEC to secure a contract, hired a consultant and completed its own conveyance mapping and facilitated the initiation or completion of this process for CKWIC member communities during the prior reporting period.

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Hand held devices were not used, however the paper forms were utilized and some computer logging of information occurred. 201 catch basins were inspected and maintained during the period December 2-6 2013 with a total of 36 cubic yards of material removed. From April to December 2013, catch basins at 10 locations were cleaned and 107 cubic yards of material collected. May through October 2013, 27 silt pits were cleaned and 158 cubic yards of material was collected. A total of 301 cubic yards of material was removed from these basins.- three tiems the amount of the last reporting period.