

2015

Town Administrator Shaun Mulholland
TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1/1/2015

STORMWATER BUDGET

The Town of Allenstown is subject to the Municipal Stormwater (MS4) permit requirement from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA Region 1 has established the regulatory requirements of the Clean Water Act for the New England States. As a result of the 2010 US Census portions of the Town are part of the Manchester Urban Area. This status places part of the Town under the MS4 permit requirement.

The permit requirements relate to the Town's system of stormwater drainage that discharges into the Suncook and Merrimack Rivers. The Town must obtain a permit and comply with all of the regulations within MS4. The requirements are extensive and can be very costly. Information in regards to the permit requirements can be found on the Town website, Highway webpage under stormwater.

This budget contains the costs related to the MS4 permit and maintenance of the stormwater drainage system.

1-4312.60-330 Stormwater Administration

Appropriated in 2014 \$36,250

Requested in 2015 \$18,750

This line item covers the cost of developing and updating the stormwater management plan. The Central NH Regional Planning Commission is completing the plan this year. Next year the CNHRPC will be updating the plan and adding the additional components needed to meet the regulatory requirements. CNHRPC will also be preparing the annual report to EPA that is required.

1-4312.60-341 Stormwater Computer/Software

Appropriated in 2014 \$2,160

Requested in 2015 \$2,160

This line item covers the cost of the two VUEWorks licenses that maintain the software for the maps of the stormwater drain system. We share this program with the sewer department.

1-4312.60-350 Stormwater Testing

Appropriated in 2014 \$7,200

Requested in 2015 \$8,500

This line covers the testing of the various outflows of the stormwater systems. Testing is done a minimum of two times per year, dry weather and wet weather testing. The testing is conducted by our engineering firm.

1-4312.60-360 Stormwater Maintenance

Appropriated in 2014 \$6,000

Requested in 2015 \$8,000

This line covers the cost of street sweeping which must be done at least once per year and may be more frequently depending upon the results of water testing. This line also covers the cost of cleaning the storm drain basins. Both of these functions are contracted out to vendors.

1-4312.60-390 Stormwater Engineering

Appropriated in 2014 \$2,500

Requested in 2015 \$10,000

This line covers the cost associated with engineering services provided by our contracted engineering firm. The services provided include assistance in developing and amending the stormwater management plan, identification of illicit discharge locations, design and implementation of best management practices for stormwater infrastructure/procedures.