

STORMWATER BUDGET

2018 BUDGET

Town Administrator Shaun Mulholland
TOWN OF ALLENTOWN, N.H. |

The Town of Allenstown is subject to the Municipal Storm Water (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 storm water 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 storm water.

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

1-4312.60-330 Storm Water Administration

Appropriated in 2017	\$18,750
Requested in 2018	\$18,750

This line item covers the cost of developing and updating the storm water management plan. The Central NH Regional Planning Commission is completing the plan. The permit effective date set by EPA Region I is July 1st, 2018. 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 Storm Water Computer/Software

Appropriated in 2017	\$2,160
Requested in 2018	\$1

This line item covered the cost of the two VUEWorks licenses that maintained the software for the maps of the storm water drain system. We were sharing this program with the sewer department. We are transitioning to a consolidated records management program which will meet the data and reporting needs of the permit. The mapping will be managed through CNHRPC starting in 2018. The software cost is being shifted to the Executive Budget where the consolidated software costs are located.

1-4312.60-350 Storm Water Testing

Appropriated in 2017	\$8,500
Requested in 2018	\$8,500

This line covers the testing of the various outflows of the storm water 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 Storm Water Maintenance

Appropriated in 2017	\$8,000
Requested in 2018	\$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. Street sweeping and storm drain cleaning are a requirement under the EPA MS4 permit.

1-4312.60-390 Storm Water Engineering

Appropriated in 2017	\$10,000
Requested in 2018	\$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 storm water management plan, identification of illicit discharge locations, design and implementation of best management practices for storm water infrastructure/procedures.