



STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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March 16, 2022

Ms. Heather Hunter  
City Manager  
27 Pine Street  
Lewiston, Maine 04240  
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**RE: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit #MER041000  
Proposed Draft - MER041012**

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Enclosed is a **proposed draft** Department Order granting coverage for the City of Lewiston under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021. The Department proposes to issue this Department Order as a final document after opportunity for your review and comment. By transmittal of this letter, you are provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed draft document. If it contains errors or does not accurately reflect present or proposed conditions, please respond to this Department so that changes can be considered.

Beginning today, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, the Department is making the draft Department Order available for a 30-day public comment period. All comments on the proposed draft Department Order must be received in the Department of Environmental Protection office on or before the close of business on **Monday, April 18, 2022**. Failure to submit comments in a timely fashion will result in the final permit document being issued as drafted.

Comments in writing should be submitted to my attention at the following address:

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Division of Water Quality Management  
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Augusta, ME 04333-0017  
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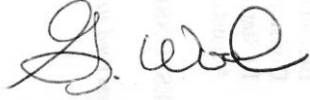
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If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "G." and the last name "Wood" clearly distinguishable.

Gregg Wood  
Division of Water Quality Management  
Bureau of Water Quality

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cc: Stacia Hoover, DEP/CMRO  
Damien Houlihan, USEPA  
Newton Tedder, USEPA

Lori Mitchell, DEP/CMRO  
Nathan Chien, USEPA

Holliday Keen, DEP/CMRO  
Richard Carvalho, USEPA



STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
17 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

**DEPARTMENT ORDER  
IN THE MATTER OF**

CITY OF LEWISTON	)	MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM
LEWISTON, ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY, MAINE	)	SEWER SYSTEM
MER041012	)	MER041000
	)	<b>GENERAL PERMIT COVERAGE</b>
<b>March 16, 2022 Proposed Draft</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b> )	<b>RENEWAL</b>

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department/DEP) has considered the Notice of Intent submitted by the CITY OF LEWISTON (City/permittee), with supportive data, agency review comments and other related materials on file for coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS.

The permittee submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) with an initial Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to the Department on March 26, 2021 that were made available for a 30-day public comment period on the Department's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dep/comment/comment.html?id=4463193>. No public comments were received on the NOI or the initial SWMP. The Department has reviewed the initial SWMP document and made the determination that the document is consistent with and fully articulates what is required to meet the MS4 GP standard. Pursuant to Part IV(B) of MS4 GP issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, the permittee must update the initial SWMP within 60 days of the effective date of this DEP permittee specific order or within 60 days of the final resolution to an appeal of this DEP permittee specific order. The final plan must be submitted to the Department and will be posted on the Department's website.

The permittee must fully implement all actions, schedules and milestones established in the March 26, 2021 initial SWMP and any revisions to the initial SWMP reflected in the final plan.

The permittee has agreed to comply with all terms and conditions of the MS4 General Permit, #MER041000, dated October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021. Operated in accordance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, the discharges identified by the permittee will not have a significant adverse effect on water quality or cause or contribute to the violation of the water quality standards of the receiving water. To meet the standards of the MS4 General Permit, the permittee must implement the following terms and conditions.

**Impaired Waters**

The City's regulated MS4 has discharges to Hart Brook and Jepson Brook, which are classified as Urban Impaired Streams in Maine DEP Rule Chapter 502 and both are subject to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) prepared by the Department and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The permittee is subject to following terms and conditions:

**Hart Brook**

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and each year thereafter**, the permittee must conduct education and outreach to inform the public of the negative impact of pet waste on water quality. This will involve posting information on social media platform(s) and distributing informational flyers to residents when they annually register their pets with the City.

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and lasting through June 30, 2023**, the City must develop a plan that identifies high priority street sweeping areas within the Hart Brook watershed.

**Beginning July 1, 2023 and each year thereafter**, the City must increase street sweeping activities on high traffic streets (collector streets and above) in the Hart Brook watershed. These streets will be swept once per month from the months of April to October after Citywide sweeping has been completed.

**Beginning July 1, 2023 and each year thereafter**, the City must conduct education and outreach efforts to inform owners and/or property managers of industrial facilities located within the Lewiston Industrial Park of the positive impact of sweeping activities on water quality by distribute flyers annually each Spring.

**Jepson Brook**

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and each year thereafter**, the permittee must conduct education and outreach to inform the public of the negative impact of pet waste on water quality. This will involve posting information on social media platform(s) and distribute informational flyers to residents when they annually register their pets with the City.

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and lasting through June 30, 2023**, the City must develop a plan that identifies high priority street sweeping areas within the Jepson Brook watershed.

**Beginning July 1, 2023 and each year thereafter**, the City must increase street sweeping activities on high traffic streets (collector streets and above) in the Jepson Brook watershed. These streets will be swept once per month from the months of April to October after Citywide sweeping has been completed.

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and each year thereafter**, the permittee must conduct education and outreach to inform the public of the positive impact of yardscaping on water quality. This will involve posting information on social media platform(s) and distributing informational flyers to approximately 500 residents annually **beginning July 1, 2023**.

THEREFORE, the Department GRANTS the CITY OF LEWISTON, coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, subject to the terms and conditions therein.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

The Notice of Intent was received by the Department on \_\_\_\_\_ March 26 2021 \_\_\_\_\_.

The Notice of Intent was accepted by the Department on \_\_\_\_\_ April 2, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_.

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection: \_\_\_\_\_

This Order prepared by GREGG WOOD, BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY