

Stormwater Management Plan Changes Open for Public Comment

The Town is responsible for implementing a Stormwater Management Plan required by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, which protects stormwater from pollution. Changes to the Plan must be made available to the Public for 30-day comment by posting on the Town's website. The most recent changes are available in red-line/strikethrough format on the Town's Stormwater page [Stormwater | Eliot ME \(eliotmaine.org\)](#). The changes being made are related to the Public Education and Public Participation, and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination elements. The changes consist of:

1. Discontinuing a requirement to use a proprietary application (Litterati) to track litter collection during public clean up events.
2. Correcting a reference to the primary website used by the Town and its partners about stormwater from Thinkbluemaine.com (managed by a former partner of the Town's) to the SMSWG.com website (the website used by Berwick, South Berwick, Eliot, Kittery and York) for Public Education and awareness.
3. A few additional changes are being made to align the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan with data that is collected related to storm drain system inspections, and to update the contact names and information for the Maine Department of Transportation and Town of South Berwick. These changes are in the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan, which is Appendix E to the Stormwater Management Plan.

The changes being made are consistent with the Maine DEP General Permit, and none of the schedules for compliance are affected by the changes. Comments on the changes can be sent to krabasca@integratedenv.com by September 2, 2023.