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Public Involvement Plan
Silver Lake Water Quality Monitoring Project

This Public Involvement Plan (PIP) provides the approach to be taken to engage various stakeholders, including the public, in the development of the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for the Silver Lake Water Quality Monitoring Project (the Project). This program involves the sampling of surface water, groundwater and sediment within Silver Lake, its tributaries, and the supporting water bodies (Monponsett ponds, Furnace Pond), evaluation of the resulting data, and development of potential alternatives for consideration for both short- and long-term management of Silver Lake.

As stated in the May 7, 2021, Request for Proposal (RFP) – Silver Lake Water Quality Monitoring, the Central Plymouth County Water District Commission (CPCWDC) was seeking a qualified contractor to assist CPCWDC by providing specialized technical services to support CPCWDC’s development and implementation of a water quality SAP for Silver Lake in the towns of Halifax, Plympton, Pembroke and Kingston, Massachusetts. It also states that the overarching goal of water quality data collection will be to help inform community management decisions to address water quality and quantity issues in Silver Lake and connected water bodies. More specifically, to develop a baseline understanding of current water quality and continue to develop solutions-oriented relationships with the City of Brockton public water department (BWD) and the public.

Task 3 under the RFP focuses on engagement of the public in the development of the SAP. The primary goal of these efforts is to inform the District of the Project and solicit oral and written comments on the draft final SAP from the District and their representatives as well as key stakeholder representatives, such as local watershed associations, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), and the Massachusetts Department of Health (MDPH).

This plan outlines the enterprising steps that will be taken to facilitate this public involvement as well as the presentation of the findings of the initial year of monitoring to the public in 2022.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS	
The objectives of the public involvement process are listed below.	
Objective 1	Present the scope of the proposed water quality monitoring program during a public meeting.
Objective 2	Provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral or written comments or input into the scope of the Project.
Objective 3	Provide certain key stakeholders the opportunity to review and comment on the draft final SAP.
Objective 4	Provide a written overview of the final SAP to the public.
Objective 5	Present the results of the initial year of the monitoring project to the public.
Objective 6	Provide a written overview of the results of the initial year of monitoring.

The following outlines the approach proposed to meet these stated objectives.

A two-step public involvement process is envisioned for this Project which will include the following public meetings.

- SAP Review Meeting (target date - August 2021)
- Public Listening Session (target date - June 2022)

The anticipated timing for each of these two meetings is also shown above. Once the actual dates for these meetings are finalized, notice of the meetings will be provided through the CPCWDC website (<https://www.centralplymouthcountywater.org/>).

The following provides an overview for each of these two planned public meetings including the objectives of each meeting, the opportunities for public involvement and how the previously stated objective will be met.

SAP REVIEW MEETING	
<p>Objective 1: Present the scope of the proposed water quality monitoring program during a public meeting.</p>	<p>Goal 1 Hold a public meeting to present the scope of the draft final SAP and solicit input from the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public meeting is planned for August 2021. Announcement of the public meeting will be provided through the CPCWDC website. • The scope of the water quality monitoring program as detailed in the draft final SAP will be presented.
<p>Objective 2: Provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral or written comments or input into the scope of the Project.</p>	<p>Goal 1 Public will be allowed the opportunity to provide oral comments on the draft final SAP during the SAP Review Meeting.</p>
	<p>Goal 2 Public will be allowed the opportunity to provide written comments on the draft final SAP within two calendar days of the SAP Review Meeting. Written comments should be submitted to Frank Basler, Plymouth County Administrator.</p>
<p>Objective 3: Provide certain key stakeholders the opportunity to review and comment on the draft final SAP.</p>	<p>Goal 1 Prior to the SAP Review Meeting, copies of the draft final SAP will also be provided directly to certain key stakeholders including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jones River Watershed Association • Taunton River Watershed Alliance • North and South Rivers Watershed Association • MassDEP • MDPH • City of Brockton Water Division
<p>Objective 4: Provide a written overview of the final SAP to the public.</p>	<p>Goal 1 Following the SAP Review Meeting and preparation of the final SAP, a Launch Information Leaflet will be prepared that outlines the goals, objectives, and scope of the Silver Lake Water Quality Monitoring Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This leaflet will be made available to the public through the CPCWDC website.

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION	
<p>Objective 5: Present the results of the initial year of the monitoring project to the public.</p>	<p>Goal 1 Hold a public meeting to present the results of the initial year of monitoring and address any questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public meeting is planned for June 2022 to present the results of the initial year of monitoring.
<p>Objective 6: Provide a written overview of the results of the initial year of monitoring.</p>	<p>Goal 1 Following the Public Listening Session and finalization of the summary report for the initial year of monitoring, a Project Informational Leaflet will be prepared that outlines the results of the initial year of monitoring and any management alternatives being considered.</p>

Primary Project contacts are listed below if you have any questions about the proposed Project or opportunities for Stakeholder involvement.

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