

2. Program Management

2.1. Overview

The goal of this SWMP is to assist the State of Michigan in achieving water quality standards for surface water bodies. The minimum requirement is to ensure that pollutants in discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s) owned or operated by MDOT are reduced to the maximum extent practicable.

2.2. Storm Water Management Responsibilities within the MDOT

The MDOT Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s) team consists of members from different MDOT/TSCs regions and organization groups within the department, as well as consultants, are responsible for addressing storm water management issues affecting MDOT. This team meets once a month for progress meetings concerning all aspects of the storm water program including, but not limited to, the Illicit Discharge Elimination Program (IDEP), the Public Education Program (PEP), pollution prevention/good housekeeping initiatives, the development of a new Drainage Manual for MDOT, and additional requirements. This committee provides technical oversight for MDOT's storm water issues, while the following regional storm water coordinators ensure that the storm water program is applied.

- Bob Batt (University Region) (517) 750-0410
- Todd Neiss (Grand Region) (616) 451-3091
- Cary Rouse (Bay Region) (989) 754-0878
- Sharon Ferman (Metro Region) (248) 483-5136
- Julie VanPortfliet (Superior Region) (906) 786-1830
- Gary Niemi (North Region) (989) 941-1986
- Will Mathies (Southwest Region) (269) 337-3938

Within MDOT, the overall storm water program coordinators are:

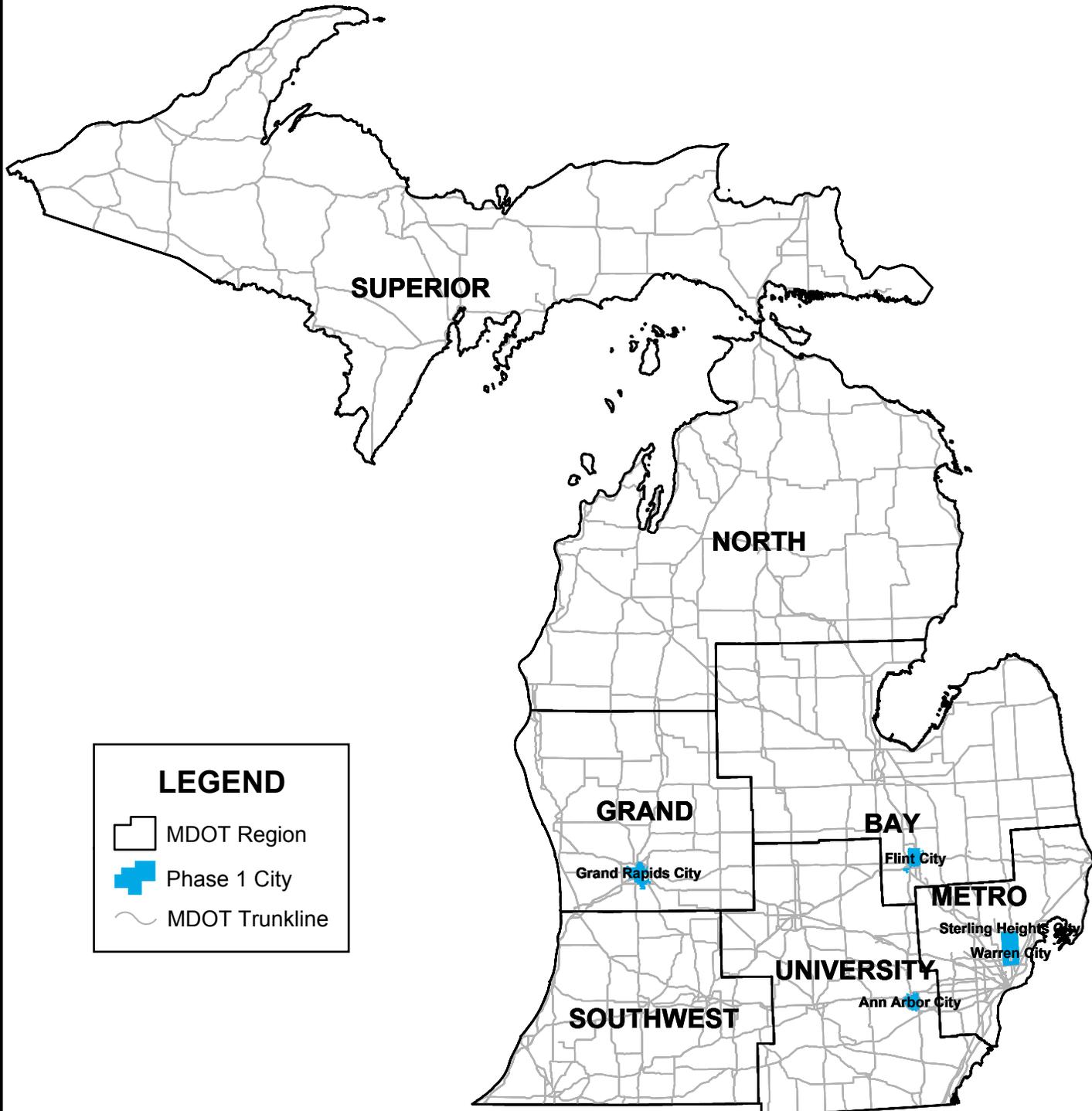
- Peter Ollila (517) 373-1908
- Gary Croskey (517) 335-2171

2.3. Coordination with Municipal Storm Water Permittees

The Phase I storm water-regulated communities of Ann Arbor, Flint, Grand Rapids, Sterling Heights, and Warren are located within the University, Bay, Grand, and Metro MDOT Regions respectively, as seen in Figure 2-1. Coordination with municipal storm water permittees in these Regions is coordinated through the appropriate Region Offices by the Region Engineer. In many cases, discharges from MDOT's MS4s flow to MS4s owned or operated by municipalities (e.g. cities or counties) and vice versa. The municipalities and MDOT are ultimately responsible for the quality of the discharges from their MS4s. To comply with the individual Permits, MDOT will ensure pollutants are reduced or controlled in discharges from MDOT MS4s into municipal systems.

Permitted municipalities will do the same for discharges from their facilities into MDOT MS4s.

MDOT coordinates storm water management activities with municipalities, the MDEQ, and other entities as necessary or appropriate. Coordination is implemented through formal and informal discussions, meetings, agreements, and procedures.



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- MDOT Region
- Phase 1 City
- MDOT Trunkline

2.4. Coordination with the Public

Coordination with the public occurs through three primary mechanisms, an Internet website, citizen complaints and public involvement. Each is identified below.

2.4.1. Web Site

MDOT has developed a website found by first going to MDOT's home page, <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/>, and then selecting projects and programs, highway programs, storm water management, to reach MDOT's Storm Water Management website. This website provides information and educational materials for MDOT's employees and the general public regarding their programs and policies for storm water management, including this storm water management plan. The storm water management website discusses the purpose of the storm water management plan (along with read-only copies of the plan available to download), features an interactive illicit discharge demonstration, and lists activities and resources for each community. A highlight on each of the Phase I Communities' website page is a section called, "Getting Involved," where local information is posted to encourage participation in local watershed groups, river clean-up activities, household hazardous waste disposal, yard waste recycling and disposal, trash management, septic tank management and other activities.

2.4.2. Complaints

All general complaints received by MDOT are relayed to the TSC Manager who follows up the complaints with appropriate actions. Any complaints made regarding storm water are forwarded to the appropriate regional storm water coordinator.

2.4.3. Public Involvement on Specific Projects – Public Meetings/Hearings

Storm water related public involvement issues are handled on a project specific basis through MDOT's public involvement process and project planning stages.

2.5. Legal Authority

MDOT demonstrated its legal authority to regulate and/or prohibit direct discharges to and from its MS4s in Parts 1 and 2 of its NPDES permit application. MDOT's legal authority is derived from state statutes and federal law. The legal authority, as presented in the application, provides MDOT with the necessary legal mechanisms to:

- Regulate the contribution of pollutants to its MS4;
- Prohibit illicit discharges and control spills and dumping;
- Assure that appropriate cleanup measures are undertaken;
- Coordinate with other entities that are covered by the NPDES storm water permitting system to control the contribution of pollutants to the MS4;
- Control construction site and other industrial discharges to the MS4;
- Require compliance with all regulations and statutes; and
- Conduct inspections, surveillance, and monitoring procedures.

MDOT's legal authority for highway purposes extends to the limits of the right-of-way owned or controlled by MDOT. MDOT will request the help of local and state agencies,

which have legal enforcement authority to conduct inspections and investigations off the right-of-way, if necessary, to detect and eliminate illicit discharges.

2.6. Acronyms

A listing of acronyms referenced to this plan is provided in Appendix A.