

## 2. Program Management

### 2.1. Overview

This chapter describes the organization of MDOT's storm water pollution prevention program and changes that have occurred during the reporting period. Additional information on MDOT's storm water pollution prevention program is included in the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). The organization of this chapter is as follows:

- Section 2.2. contains the contact information MDOT Regional Storm Water Coordinators and Division contacts.
- Section 2.3. discusses coordination with municipal storm water permittees.
- Section 0. describes coordination with the public.
- Section 2.4. explains changes in legal issues that MDOT has implemented or has worked on over the past year.

### 2.2. Storm Water Management Responsibilities Within MDOT

The MS4 team consists of members from different MDOT Regions, Transportation Service Centers (TSCs) and organization groups within the department, as well as consultants, and is responsible for addressing storm water management issues affecting MDOT. This team meets monthly to discuss all aspects of the storm water program. Several changes to the team roster have occurred over the last year. Peter Ollila retired from MDOT in 2002. Seth Phillips took over Peter Ollila's position as the storm water program manager and now serves as the contact person for MDEQ regarding activities carried out to comply with the permits.

The following contacts are the current MDOT members of the MS4 team who ensure that the SWMP is implemented:

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| • Bob Batt           | (University Region) | (517) 780-7528 |
| • Gary Croskey       | (Design)            | (517) 335-2171 |
| • Kristin Schuster   | (Design)            | (517) 373-3397 |
| • Sharon Ferman      | (Metro Region)      | (248) 483-5136 |
| • Dave Gauthier      | (Construction)      | (517) 332-5710 |
| • Darwyn Heme        | (Maintenance)       | (517) 322-3312 |
| • Dan Hamlin         | (Southwest Region)  | (269) 337-3914 |
| • Todd Neiss         | (Grand Region)      | (616) 451-3091 |
| • Gary Niemi         | (North Region)      | (989) 941-1986 |
| • Mike O'Malley      | (Environmental)     | (517) 335-2634 |
| • Molly Lameroex     | (Environmental)     | (517) 373-8351 |
| • Seth Phillips      | (Planning)          | (517) 373-1908 |
| • Mark Grazoli       | (Metro Region)      | (248) 483-5164 |
| • Cary Rouse         | (Bay Region)        | (989) 754-0878 |
| • Joe Rios           | (Real Estate)       | (517) 241-2103 |
| • Julie VanPortfliet | (Superior Region)   | (906) 786-1830 |

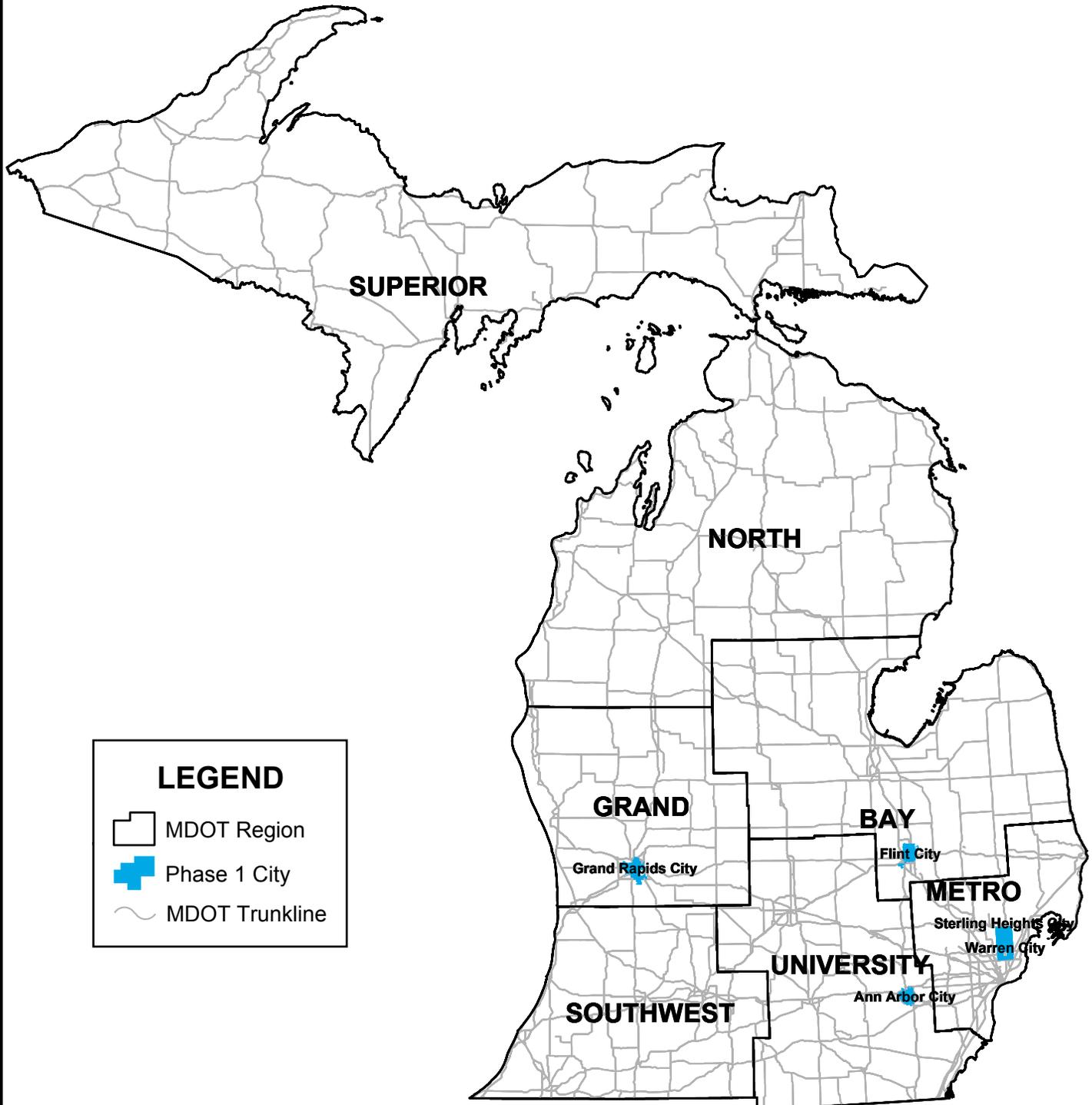
More information about the organization and responsibilities for storm water management within MDOT can also be found in Chapter 2 of the SWMP.

### **2.3. Coordination with Municipal Storm Water Permittees**

As stated in Chapter 2 of the SWMP, coordination with municipal storm water permittees in the five Phase I Regions seen in Figure 2-1 is coordinated through the appropriate Region Offices.

Coordination with municipalities on storm water management responsibilities is the responsibility of the Region Engineers. 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 storm drain systems.

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

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## **Coordination with the Public**

The Local Stormwater Education Advisory Committee was utilized during the municipal status evaluation and during the development of public education materials in order to get input from the public communities where storm water management programs are being implemented.

Coordination with the public also occurred through utilization of a public Web site. Records are kept of the number of people who have visited the site. More information about the Web site and other public education ventures are discussed in Chapter 3 of this report and Section 4.2. of the SWMP.

### **2.4. Analysis of Legal Authority**

A discussion of the basis of MDOT's legal authority is presented in Section 2.5. of the SWMP. During this reporting period, there have been some discussions of legal issues that pertain to storm water management issues and MDOT. Progress has been made to clarify MDOT's legal authority with help from the MS4 Team, the Environmental Committee, and the MDOT Attorney General.

As stated in Section 6.2.3 of the SWMP, MDOT has the legal authority to prevent or minimize future illicit connections derived from state statutes. This legal authority, as outlined in the MDOT Construction Permit Manual Section 9.13, provides MDOT with the legal mechanisms to control construction site and other industrial discharges to the MDOT MS4. This section of the manual has been updated to reflect needed changes to assure all MDOT employees follow the same procedure when a potential illicit discharge or connection is discovered. This language clarified the contact and involvement of different officials involved with the illicit discharge removal process should it be confirmed.

- The Region TSC Manager or Region Engineer will sign and send out the initial violation letter along with a Notice and Order to Remove Encroachment.
- If the property owner takes no action, a second letter will be sent via certified mail.
- If no response is given by owner, enforcement action will be taken.
- Enforcement action for illicit discharges within MDOT Right-of-Way (ROW): MDOT Attorney General will determine if litigation is necessary.
- Enforcement action for illicit discharges outside the MDOT ROW: A letter will be sent to the appropriate local authority and MDEQ district for enforcement.

Refer to Appendix E for a copy of the revised Section 9.13 for more information.

During this reporting period, the current Tap-In process to existing MDOT storm sewers was reviewed and updated. Sections 14.01 and 14.02 of the Construction Permit Manual were revised to consider water quality and the potential need for drainage retention/detention basins in certain situations.

One issue that is currently being examined is the legal methods and options for notification of change. There is an ongoing process by MDOT to carryout these action items.

Some of the issues with the current Tap-In process permit to be evaluated next year include:

- Notification of Changes in Ownership
- Ongoing Operation and Maintenance Procedures (if BMP required)

Refer to Appendix E for a copy of the revised Section 14.01 and 14.02.

Additionally, MDOT is working as part of the Drain Code Work Group to support SB217 and recommend that the revisions to Chapter 22 be done under separate legislation.