

## CITY OF BELLE GLADE

MS4 Permit No. FLS000018-004

### Part V. – Monitoring Requirements; Sub-part A. – Assessment Program

#### Assessment Program Objective

The purpose of this assessment program is to provide information for the City of Belle Glade (City) to determine the overall effectiveness of its Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) in reducing stormwater pollutant loadings from its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to receiving water bodies.

#### Assessment Program Components

As required by the MS4 Permit, the following parts make up this Assessment Program:

- A. **A Water Quality Monitoring Plan** – The water quality monitoring plan is intended to identify local sources where urban stormwater is adversely affecting surface water resources.
- B. **A Pollutant Loading Estimate Plan** – The pollutant loading exercise is to estimate the Pollutant Loading from the MS4 contributing area, based on land uses and BMPs.
- C. **An Evaluation and Response Plan** – The response plan is the plan of action to be taken based on the results from A. and B. and will be used to:
  - 1. Evaluate trends in pollutants loading from the MS4
  - 2. Evaluate trends in water quality (of discharge from the MS4)
  - 3. Identify portions of the MS4 to be targeted for loading reduction/corrective action

#### Part A – Water Quality Monitoring Plan

The City proposes to use the ambient water quality data obtained by the group at a new location on the Hillsboro Canal near Main Street in Belle Glade.

#### Monitoring Locations

Based on the location of several outfalls of our MS4, the group selected the following location for establishing a new monitoring station. The following table identifies this monitoring station, along with relevant information about the general location. This table will be updated once the exact location is determined.

**Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Station Table**

Monitoring Station Number	Location Description	Latitude/ Longitude	Type	Receiving Water Body	Watershed WBID
TBD (ERM)	Hillsboro Canal near Main Street crossing	TBD	Freshwater	Lake Worth Lagoon South /ICWW	LWLS 3226F

### Sampling Method

A detailed description of the method of sample collection for the Joint Water Quality sampling program is included in the Joint Annual Report. Basically, the sites monitored by ERM are sampled and initially analyzed in-situ by ERM staff using a multi-parameter water quality monitoring instrument. Water samples are collected, preserved and stored in accordance with ERM's Standard Operating Procedures. Quality assurance/quality control measures include pre-cleaned equipment blanks, field cleaned equipment blanks, field spikes, and the collection of duplicate samples. Further analysis of samples from all ERM sites is conducted by an independent laboratory under contract with ERM.

### Monitoring Parameters

The following parameters have been and will continue to be included in the ambient water quality sampling program for Palm Beach County:

**Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Parameters Table**

Parameter	Frequency
Chlorophyll A	Bi-monthly
Copper, Dissolved	Bi-monthly
Hardness	Bi-monthly
Nitrate + Nitrite	Bi-monthly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	Bi-monthly
Total Nitrogen	Bi-monthly
Oxygen, Dissolved	Bi-monthly
pH	Bi-monthly
Total Phosphorus	Bi-monthly
Specific Conductivity	Bi-monthly
Total Suspended Solids	Bi-monthly
Turbidity	Bi-monthly
Zinc, Dissolved	Bi-monthly

The approximate location of the monitoring station to be used in this Assessment Program is shown in the attached figure as the Palm Beach County monitoring station designated as "Belle Glade MS4".

## Part B – Pollutant Loading Estimate Plan

The Palm Beach County MS4 permittee group will be developing pollutant loading estimates during the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of this permit cycle, using the SIMPLE protocol. In order to provide each permittee with pollutant loading estimates that reflect their respective MS4 areas, the group effort will provide the loading estimates “by MS4,” in addition to “by watershed” (as was done in past permit cycles). Prior to Year 3, the City of Belle Glade will participate in this effort by reviewing its MS4 contributing areas to each receiving water, and will provide updated information on the area extents and the land uses located therein. In addition, any water quality best management practices (BMPs) that are in place within the MS4 area, will be identified, along with their geospatial extent.

In accordance with the MS4 Permit, pollutant load estimates for the following parameters must be developed once during each permit cycle: Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>), Copper (Cu), Total Nitrogen (TN), Total Phosphorus (TP), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Zinc (Zn).

The EMC values to be used in the Cycle 4 pollutant loading estimates are the same as those used in Cycle 3. This will provide consistency in comparing data to previous estimates.

The EMC values used in the Cycle 3 pollutant loading estimates were taken from the 2012 City of Lake Worth Stormwater Master Plan completed by CDM Smith, because the values were determined to be representative of all of the Palm Beach County MS4s. CDM Smith chose EMC values appropriate for each land use category, from sources including NPDES data, Harvey Harper’s studies, and NURP studies.

### Event Mean Concentrations (mg/l)

Land Use	% DCIA	BOD <sub>5</sub>	Cu	TN	TP	TSS	Zn
Agriculture/Pasture	1	3.8	0.013	1.86	0.430	43.2	0.021
Forest/Open	0	13.0	0.001	0.71	0.210	16.0	0.010
Cropland	1	3.8	0.013	1.86	0.430	43.2	0.021
Single-Family, Low Density	5	10.0	0.005	1.18	0.280	21.0	0.026
Single-Family, Medium Density	25	7.0	0.008	1.64	0.340	26.0	0.042
Single-Family, High Density	50	12.0	0.010	1.90	0.450	74.0	0.100
Industrial, Heavy	90	11.0	0.015	1.27	0.350	64.0	0.096
Industrial, Light/Office	60	17.0	0.006	2.20	0.430	94.0	0.170
Commercial	75	17.0	0.006	2.20	0.430	94.0	0.170
Highway, Major	75	5.2	0.025	1.10	0.200	46.0	0.116
Wetlands	25	3.0	0.001	1.18	0.020	11.0	0.006
Water	25	3.0	0.001	1.18	0.020	11.0	0.006

An evaluation of DCIA values within Palm Beach County was completed by CDM Smith in November 2012. The DCIA values developed for that effort are reasonably believed to be more representative of Palm Beach County than national data, and therefore, will be used for the pollutant loading estimation. These values have been provided in the table above.

Land Use	% DCIA
Agriculture/Pasture	1
Forest/Open	0
Cropland	1
Single-Family, Low Density	5
Single-Family, Medium Density	25
Single-Family, High Density	50
Industrial, Heavy	90
Industrial, Light/Office	60
Commercial	75
Highway, Major	75
Wetlands	25
Water	25

The group's estimated pollutant loading results will be provided to each permittee for use in this assessment program.

The land use based pollutant loading estimates provided by the group in Year 3 will be used as a baseline from which future pollutant load reductions will be subtracted. The pollutant load reductions will be estimated based on the BMPs that have been put in place within the MS4 contributing areas. The pollutant loading estimates will be reviewed and compared to previous estimates for use in this assessment program.

The City reserves the option to conduct the baseline pollutant load estimates themselves.

### Part C – Evaluation and Response Plan

Once the Assessment Program is approved by FDEP, presumably sometime during Year 2 of the permit cycle, the City of Belle Glade will begin implementation of the program outlined above. The first annual report on the Assessment Program will be concurrent with the Year 3 Annual Report Form (March 2020).

Water quality monitoring results will be available annually, and the most recent year's data will be compared to that which came before, with respect to our MS4 receiving water bodies. A summary of the water quality monitoring data, with respect to our MS4 will be developed and included in the Assessment Program Annual Report.

The pollutant loading estimates developed during Year 3 of the permit cycle will be reviewed, and if possible, compared with previous permit cycles, with respect to our MS4. A discussion of the comparison will be included in the Assessment Program Annual Report.

Receiving water trending reports/graphs for various parameters, as presented in the Joint Annual Report, or as redeveloped specifically for Belle Glade's, use will be reviewed, and a discussion will be included in the Assessment Program Annual Report.

Based on the data from the water quality monitoring and the pollutant loading estimates, an effort will be made to determine if a portion of the MS4 should be targeted for additional loading reduction efforts, or additional pollutant control measures.

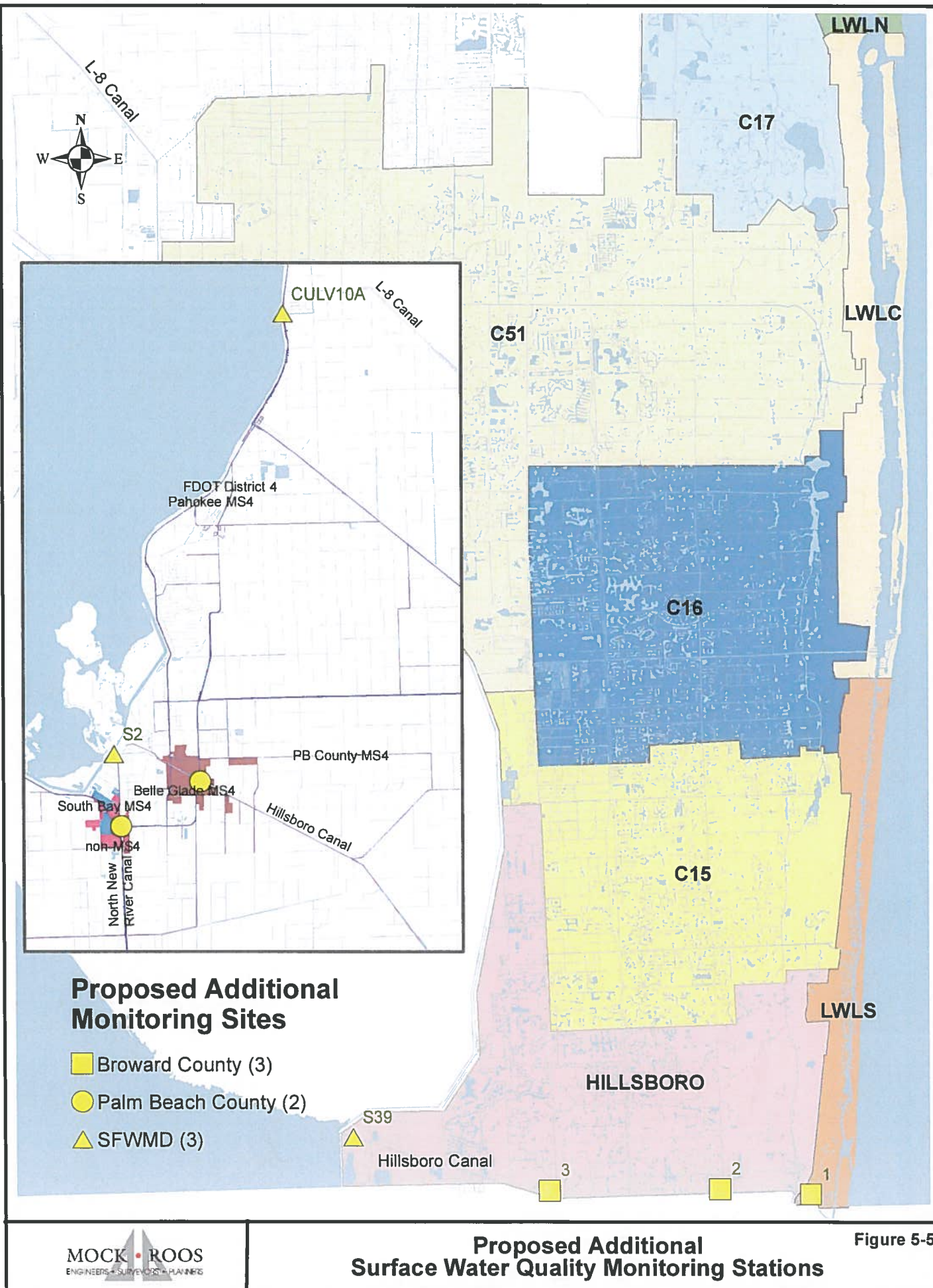


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