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## **CCM's initial response to DEEP's revised MS4 Proposal**

While CCM is still reviewing DEEP's revised proposed draft MS4 permit, the proposal is still a costly unfunded state mandate on towns and cities. The proposal still goes beyond what the EPA requires.

DEEP's revised draft still requires compliance by 49 towns currently not required to comply by EPA. These requirements would prove costly to smaller communities. The draft also requires towns to develop and implement changes to 1) local zoning laws, 2) plans of conservation and development, and 3) enact numerous legal ordinances to enforce the requirements of the revised draft permit. Such changes would be costly.

While CCM is encouraged by the proposed changes, we view the latest draft as a positive step in an ongoing process to ensure that towns and cities are not burdened with new and expanded unfunded state mandates -- mandates enacted outside Legislative review and oversight.

CCM will provide additional information once we have analyzed the revised proposal in all its details.

We continue to ask if the proposed permit represents the best way forward and ask DEEP for a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of the proposed changes on all 169 towns.