

REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES

WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An illicit discharge is an unlawful act of disposing, dumping, spilling, emitting, or other discharge of any substance other than stormwater into the stormwater drainage system. The stormwater drainage system includes streets, ditches, catch basins, yard inlets, and water bodies.

EXCEPTIONS

- landscape irrigation
- **uncontaminated** groundwater discharges such as pumped groundwater, foundation drains, water from crawl space pumps, basement sump pumps, and footing drains
- irrigation water
- lawn watering runoff
- residual street wash water
- discharges or flows from fire fighting activities
- naturally occurring discharges

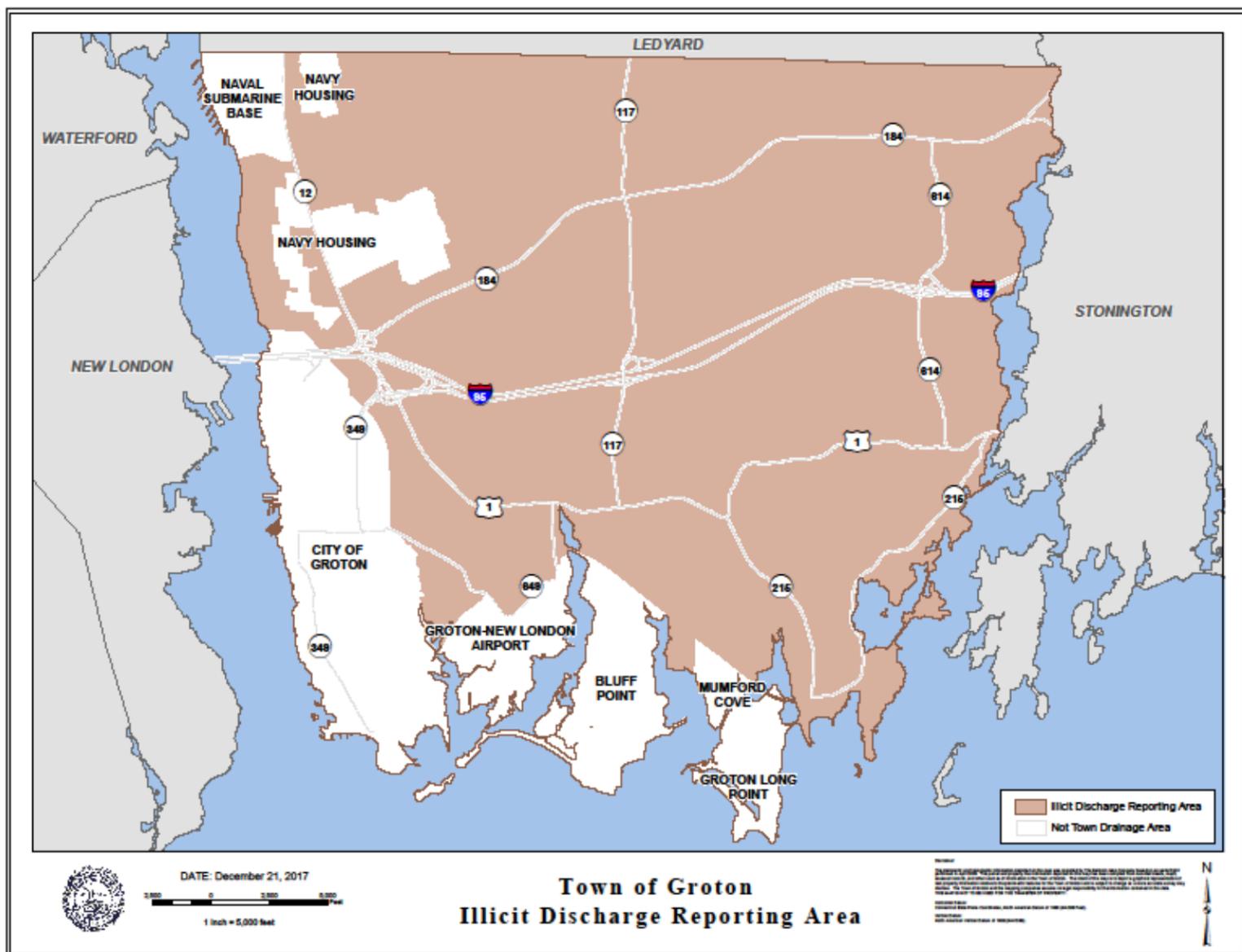
EXAMPLES OF ILLICIT DISCHARGES

- Paint being poured into or near the storm drainage system
- Changing oil or antifreeze over or near a storm structure
- Washing vehicles where the runoff could drain into the storm drainage system
- Washing dumpster pads and allowing the runoff to drain into the storm drainage system



GROTON

PUBLIC WORKS



HOW TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES

If within the Town of Groton Illicit Discharge Reporting Area, contact the Public Works Department at (860) 448-4083 (Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm) or on-line at pworks@groton-ct.gov. If not within the Reporting Area, contact the jurisdictional authority (ie. City of Groton, State, U.S. Navy). In case of emergency call 911: (large quantities of gas, flammable or other unknown chemical)