Blanchard Brook, Montpelier, Vermont

Blanchard Brook in Montpelier has been found to be impaired by stormwater runoff quality as measured by the biology of the stream and is on the state's 303d list of impaired waterways. There are at least 12 significant discharges to the stream from the developed lands of Montpelier. The largest discharge to the stream is drainage area #127 which drains a large section of the central watershed. The recommended course of action for stormwater impacted streams is to install a treatment structure that controls both the water quality volume and the channel protection volume from these discharges near the outfall. A map showing the location of the discharges and a possible retrofit location is provided. A cost estimate (excluding land costs) is provided. Since this is a developed area modifying the existing wet ponds to manage these two volumes would be the least disruptive to the landowners. The landowners in drainage areas #121-122 will have to upgrade their discharges to the stream to meet 50% of the water quality volume from the properties although most of the runoff can be treated for sediment removal with drainage areas #3000b. This report also lists smaller improvements for water quality as described in the Stormwater Master Plan for Montpelier by Stone Environmental.

Addressing the large discharges of stormwater to the brook will reduce contamination and stream channel erosion and restore the water quality to Class B. It will also reduce phosphorus currently being discharged to the Winooski River and Lake Champlain.

Table 3: Macroinvertebrate metrics scores and assessment ratings for sampling events at Blanchard Brook RM 0.1 and RM 0.4.

Date	RM	Lab ID	Density	Richness	EPT	PMA-O	B.I.	Oligo.	EPT/EPT +	PPCS-F	Community
					Richness				Chiro		Assessment
8-29-2013	0.1	2013.003	2296	49.0	19.0	77.8	4.11	0.52	0.68	0.44	Good
10-2-2014	0.1	2014.106	1324	39.0	18.0	78.8	3.16	0.00	0.81	0.58	Good/VG
9-21-2015	0.1	2015.089	484	36.0	18.0	79.8	3.77	0.28	0.73	0.52	Good
8-25-2016	0.4	2016.001	323	34.0	19.0	55.6	3.03	0.31	0.97	0.42	Good
	Full Su	pport	≥ 300	≥ 27	≥ 16	≥ 45	≤ 4.5	≤ 12	≥ 0.45	≥ 0.4	
	Indeter	minate	≥ 250	≥ 26	≥ 15	≥ 40	≤ 4.65	≤ 14.5	≥ 0.43	≥ 0.35	
	Non-Su	upport	< 250	< 26	< 15	< 40	> 4.65	> 14.5	< 0.43	< 0.35	

^{*}Scoring Guidelines for Stream Type SHG and WQ Class B(2).

Table 1: Geographical and land use data for monitoring sites on Blanchard Brook.

River Mile	Drainage Area (km2)	Elevation (ft)	% Development	% Agriculture	% Forest	% Wetland
1.7	0.9	952	7.4	44.5	48.0	0.0
1.0	1.9	795	11.0	38.8	50.1	0.0
0.4	2.8	574	18.6	29.0	51.4	0.5
0.1	3.0	540	19.8	29.0	49.8	0.6

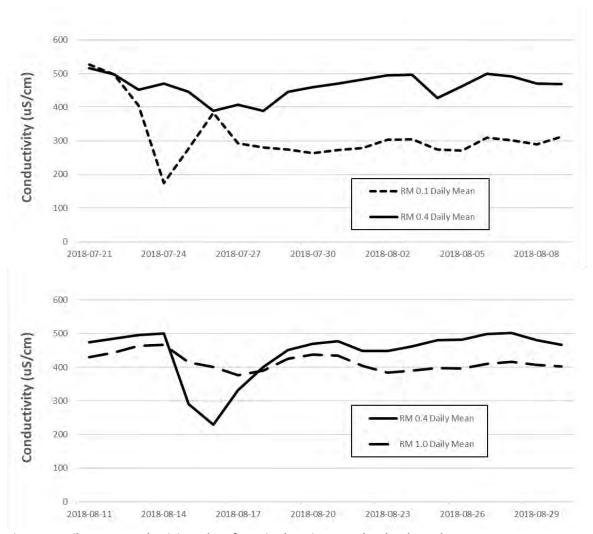


Figure 2: Daily mean conductivity values for paired stations on Blanchard Brook.

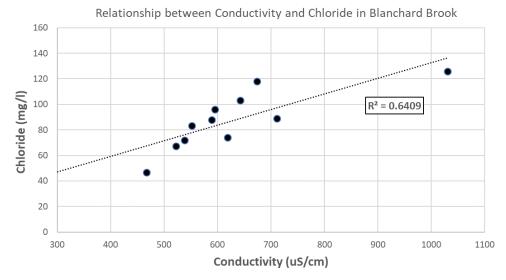


Figure 3: Relationship between conductivity and chloride values from sampling events in Table 2.

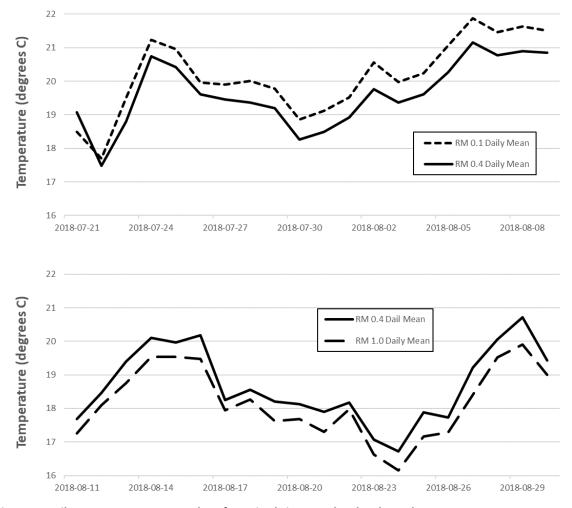
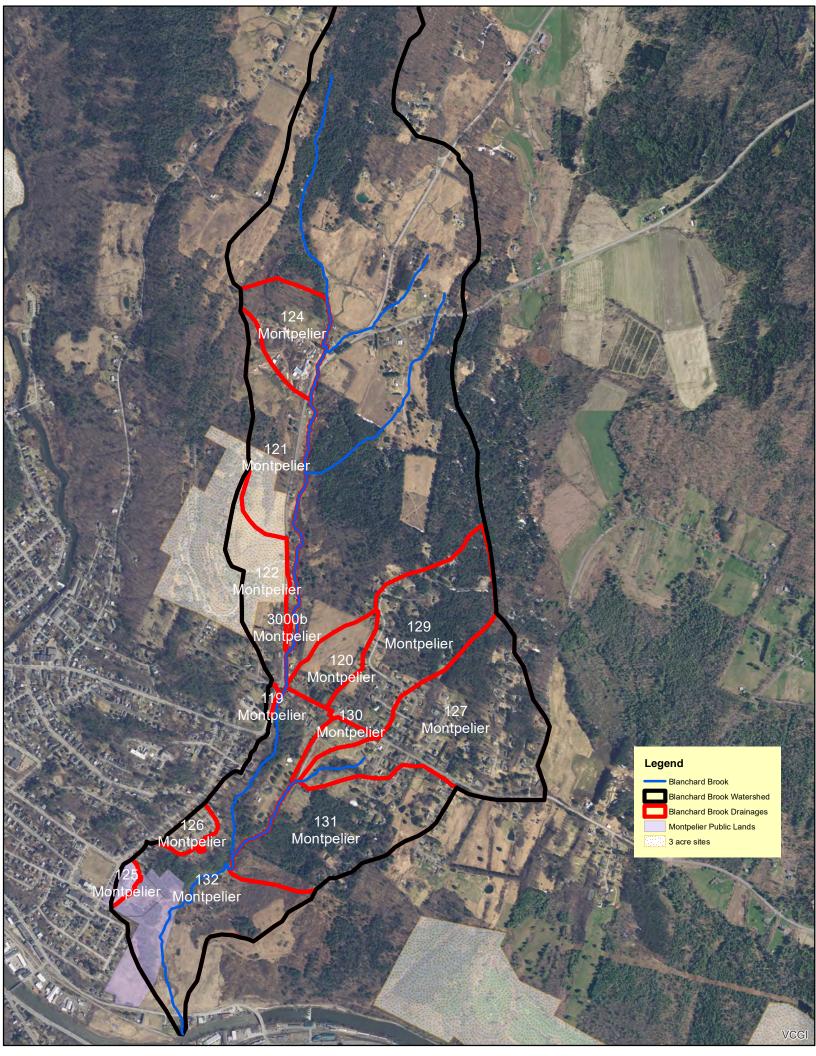


Figure 4: Daily mean temperature values for paired sites on Blanchard Brook.

Table 2: Water chemistry, periphyton, sediment, and biological assessment results (where available) for sites on Blanchard Brook.

River Mile	Date	Flow Type	Conductivity (uS/cm)	Total Chloride (mg/l)	Total Nitrogen (mg/l)	Total Phosphorus (ug/l)	Turbidity (NTU)	Macro- algae MWA	Micro- algae MWA	% Fines/Gravel	Invertebrate Assessment	Fish Assessment	Brook Trout Density (#/100m2)
0.1	2013-08-29	Base	642	103	0.53	8.52	0.55	0.1	0.4	40	Good	Fair	5.0
0.1	2014-10-02	Base	673	118	0.12	7.46	0.65	3.8	1.3	23	Good/VG	Poor	2.7
0.1	2015-09-21	Base	595	95.9	0.22	9.63	1.16	2.3	0.5	43	Good	Fair	6.0
0.1	2016-08-02	Freshet	542		0.29	14.7							
1.7	2016-08-11	Base	1030	126	0.52	12.5	0.33						
1.0	2016-08-11	Base	467	46.7	0.3	11.1	0.5						
0.1	2016-08-11	Base	711	88.8	0.22	12	1.32						
1.7	2016-08-12	Freshet	422		0.42	18.3	1.4						
1.0	2016-08-12	Freshet	474		0.51	20.1	4.1						
0.4	2016-08-25	Base	552	83.1	0.53	15.7	0.6	0	0.1	29	Good	Good	15.5
1.7	2018-08-10	Base	619	74.0	0.72	26.3	0						
1.0	2018-08-10	Base	523	67.4	0.41	13.5	6.2						
0.4	2018-08-10	Base	538	71.8	0.39	10.6	2						
0.1	2018-08-10	Base	589	87.8	0.24	8.22	0.2						

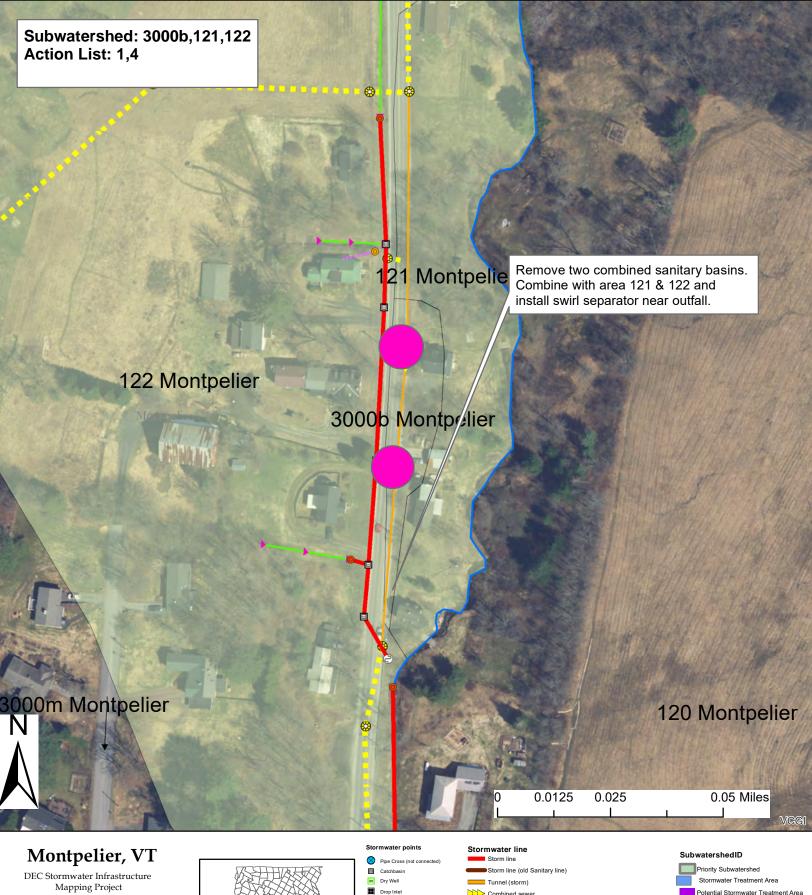


Watershed Number	Action List #	Proposed Action	Proposed or Existing Stormwater Treatment Practice	Permit Number	Area (Acres)	Percent Mapped Impervious Area (MIA)	Sediment Load with Current Reductions (lbs.)	Priority Action Sediment Reduction Credit	Sediment Load with Priority Action (lbs.)	Phosphorus Load with Current Reductions (lbs.)	Phosphorus Reduction Credit	Phosphorus Load with Priority Action (lbs.)	Estimated Basin Construction Cost	Estimated Other BMP Construction Cost	Cost of Sediment Removal Per Pound (based on annual sediment load)	Cost of Phosphorus Removal Per Pound (based on annual phosphorus load)	Assistance Program	# LID-Roof Raingardens to Treat Water Quality Volume	IF Landuse is residential <u>AND</u> receiving water is small: number of raingardens needed to treat CPv	Raingarden Cost for CPv
119 Montpelier			CB		0.9	31.2	248	0%	248	0.69	0%	0.69					ERP.SRF. LCBP	7	0	\$0
120 Montpelier			OF/GS		14.5	7.2	1296	0%	1296	3.60	0%	3.60					ERP,SRF, LCBP	37	57	\$26,360
121 Montpelier	4	Combine with areas 3000b &122	VS/GS/OF		38.3	5.8	3178	80%	636	8.83	10%	7.95					ERP,SRF, LCBP	90	123	\$56,361
122 Montpelier	4	Combine with areas 3000b &121	VS/GS/OF/CB	3205-9010	25.1	12.3	1514	80%	303	5.61	10%	5.05					ERP,SRF, LCBP	71	170	\$78,370
124 Montpelier			CB/SWPPP/SB	6472-9003	23.6	5.7	1069	0%	1069	3.96	0%	3.96					ERP,SRF, LCBP	50	0	\$0
125 Montpelier			CB		2.6	80.4	2534	0%	2534	7.04	0%	7.04					ERP,SRF, LCBP	72	0	\$0
126 Montpelier	1	Upgrade WP with reverse slope pipe behind 8 McKinley St	MOD/WP/CB/OF		5.3	28.6	1058	60%	423	3.31	30%	2.31		\$20,000	\$32	\$14,719	ERP,SRF, LCBP	37	84	\$38,461
127 Montpelier	1	Gravel wetland behind 75 Grandview Terrace	GW/OF/GS/CB		77.5	14.5	10247	80%	2049	28.46	40%	17.08	\$190,669		\$23	\$16,746	ERP,SRF, LCBP	290	619	\$284,529
129 Montpelier	1	Gravel wetland behind 60 Chestnut Hill Rd	GW/OF/GS/CB		55.8	11.3	6234	60%	2494	17.32	30%	12.12	\$115,997		\$17	\$2,209	ERP,SRF, LCBP	176	347	\$159,819
130 Montpelier			WP/GS		5.9	7.1	471	0%	471	1.31	0%	1.31					ERP.SRF. LCBP	13	23	\$10,651
131 Montpelier			GS/WP/OF		57.9	7.2	4619	0%	4619	12.83	0%	12.83					ERP,SRF, LCBP	131	228	\$104,841
132 Montpelier			GS/OF		87.2	3.2	6389	0%	6389	17.75	0%	17.75					ERP,SRF, LCBP	181	155	\$71,514
3000b Montpelier	1	Remove combined sanitary catchbasins and combine with areas 121 &122, install a swirl separator	VS/CB/OF		0.3	56.0	197	80%	39	0.55	10%	0.49		\$50,000	\$4,071	\$913,917	ERP,SRF, LCBP	6	11	\$4,927

Target Maps

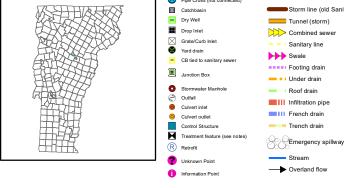
Showing Priority Action List Drainage Areas

And Potential Retrofit Locations



This map shows high priority subwatersheds which are ranked by connectedness, percent of impervious cover, field observations, and potential retrofit measures and locations.

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Stormwater line Storm line Storm line (old Sanitary line) Tunnel (storm) Combined sewer Sanitary line NRCS Soils NRCS Soils Footing drain DEC - WID - Clean Water Initiative Program Plotted Date: 10/15/2021 Data Sources: VTRANS Roads data, VT

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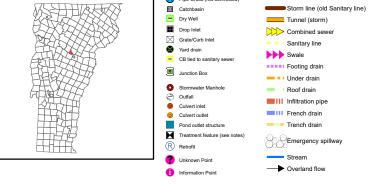


DEC Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping Project

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Priority Subwatershed

Stormwater Treatment Area

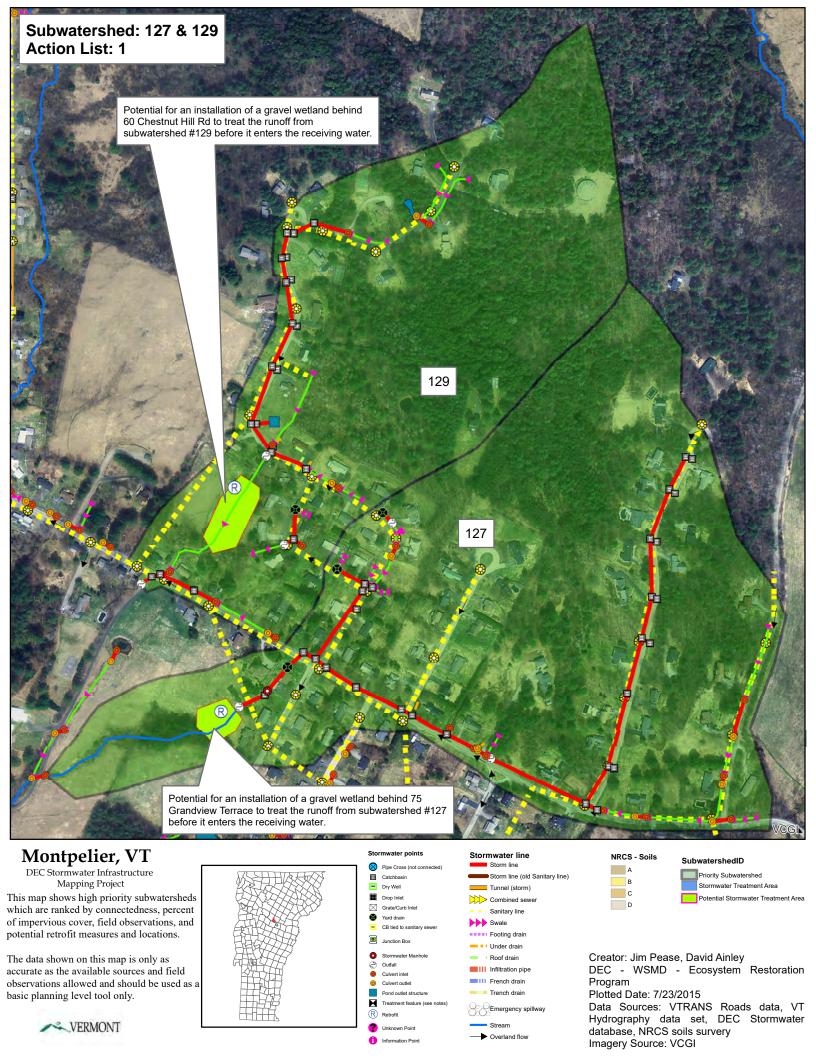
Potential Stormwater Treatment Area

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Data Sources: VTRANS Roads data, VT Hydrography data set, DEC Stormwater database, NRCS soils survery Imagery Source: VCGI



Problem Area ID: BB-01 Latitude: 44.256666 Longitude: -72.563895 Blanchard Brook Watershed: (VT DEC Subwatersheds 109/126) Location: Arsenal Drive **Problem Type:** Erosion, unmanaged impervious Identification Source: **SWMP** Assessment Ownership: City/Private Classification:

Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

Stormwater runoff from approximately 150' immediately east of College St. is turned out over a steep hillside and through an area where lawn waste is being composted. "Green Street" retrofitting could be used to better manage road runoff.



Photo 1. View of Arsenal Drive toward College St. Hill slope is to the left of this photo.

Photo 2. Runoff turnout visible; view down the slope with lawn waste containment structures

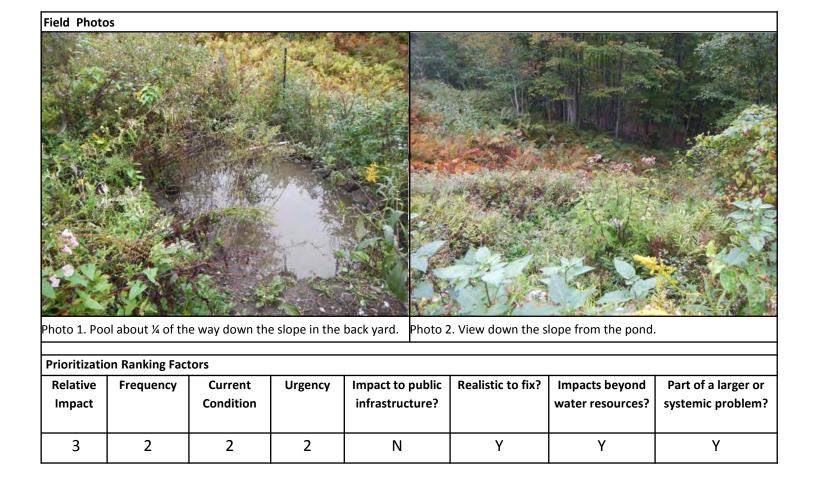
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Relative	Frequency	Current	Urgency	Impact to public	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond	Part of a larger or					
Impact		Condition		infrastructure?		water	systemic problem?					
						resources?						
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Pr	roblem Area ID: BB-02	Latitude: 44.256503	Longitude:	-72.561980
Watershed:	Blanchard Brook (VT DEC Subwatershed 126)	to Cal III	774	
Location:	8 McKinley St		7.77	
Problem Type:	Erosion			
Identification				
Source:	SWMP Assessments		E 4 6	
Ownership: —	Private			
Classification: —	5		Title	

Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

City constructed a small splash pad/energy dissipation area approximately ¼ of the way down the slope in the backyard of #8 McKinley St as part of a CSO separation project. Homeowner indicated a willingness to consider improvements to the pond. Some erosion was visible below this structure.



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Р	roblem Area ID: BB-03	Latitude:	44.257311	Longitude:	-72.561528
Watershed:	Blanchard Brook (VT DEC Subwatersheds 109/126)				# 13 m
Location:	Hinkley Street			43	
Problem Type: —	Unmanaged impervious				
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Ownership: —	Public				
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Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

Hinkley Street is wide, with no curbs separating the road edge from the adjoining green space. "Green Street" retrofit could be used to capture/treat runoff and add the benefit of traffic calming.



Prioritization	Prioritization Ranking Factors										
Relative Impact	Frequency	Current Condition	Urgency	Impact to public infrastructure?	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond water resources?	Part of a larger or systemic problem?				
2	2	1	2	Y	Y	N	N				

Problem Area ID: BB-04

Watershed: Blanchard Brook (VT DEC Subwatershed 120)

Location: Towne Hill Rd/Main St

Problem Type: Erosion, unmanaged impervious

Identification Source: SWMP Assessment

Ownership: Public



Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

Roadside drainage at the intersection of Towne Hill Rd and Main St is eroding. Drainage could be reshaped and stabilized to both reduce erosion and improve treatment.

Photo 2. More permanent vegetation should be planted in this

Photo 1. Ditch running into creek.

Photo 2. More permanent vegetation should be planted in this ditch.

Prioritization Ranking Factors										
Relative	Frequency	Current	Urgency	Impact to public	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond	Part of a larger or			
Impact		Condition		infrastructure?		water resources?	systemic problem?			
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P	roblem Area ID: BB-05	Latitude:	44.261693	Longitude:	-72.557134	
Watershed:	Blanchard Brook (VT DEC Subwatershed 120)	A 100		THE		
Location:	Easy Street				e de	
Problem Type:	Erosion, unmanaged impervious	N A	NOTE TO	II.		
Identification Source:	SWMP Assessment					
Ownership:	Private		No.			
Classification:	4	Ly ka	ri anna			

Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

Significant erosion of both the road surface and in the adjacent ditch was observed (Photo 1). A storm water treatment practice at the corner of Easy St and Towne Hill Rd could be effective in slowing and treating flow. The ditch itself should also be appropriately shaped and stabilized, and the road should be crowned.



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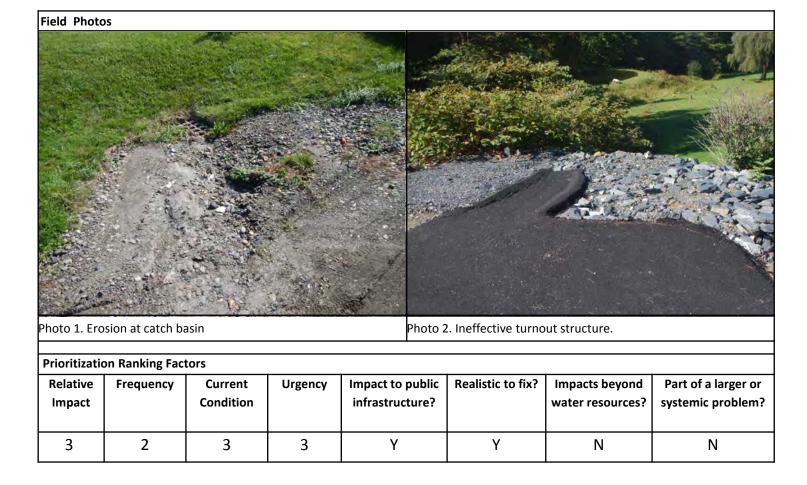
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Impact		Condition		infrastructure?		water resources?	systemic problem?
2	2	3	2	Υ	Υ	N	N

Problem Area ID: BB-07 Latitude: Longitude: -72.554199 Blanchard Brook Watershed: (VT DEC Subwatershed 131) Location: Grandview Terrace, SW end Problem Type: Unmanaged impervious, erosion Identification Source: SWMP Assessment/VTrans Ownership: City/Private Classification:

Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

Grandview Terrace was resurfaced during the summer of 2015. Concentrated flow along the edge of the shoulder has already started to erode the gravel and it is accumulating around the catch basins at the bottom of Grandview Terrace. The paved turnout was installed too high, making it ineffective for directing storm water. The shoulder at ~140 Grandview Terrace is in poor shape as well, and requires maintenance.



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Pro	oblem Area ID: BB-08	Latitude:	44.257749	Longitude:	-72.553852	
Watershed:	Blanchard Brook (VT DEC Subwatershed 131)				1	
Location:	Spring Hollow Road		THE PARTY OF THE P			
Problem Type:	Erosion, drainage					Care La
Identification Source:	SWMP Assessments	-	73			
Ownership:	Private	4		100		
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Description of Observed Conditions:

Drainage at 28 Spring Hollow Road has recently been maintained, but was not stabilized. The V-shape and oversteepened banks of the drainage ditch will also need to be addressed.

Field Photos

Prioritization	Prioritization Ranking Factors									
Relative Impact	Frequency	Current Condition	Urgency	Impact to public infrastructure?	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond water resources?	Part of a larger or systemic problem?			
2	2	3	2	Υ	Υ	N	N			

44.259568 **Problem Area ID: BB-09** Longitude: Blanchard Brook Watershed: (VT DEC Subwatershed 127) Location: Woodcrest Road **Problem Type:** Unmanaged impervious Identification Source: SWMP Assessments Ownership: City Classification:

Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

"Green Street" or other retrofit within the ROW on Woodcrest Rd could be used to capture/treat runoff and add the benefit of traffic calming (Photo 1). On the opposite side of Woodcrest Rd a riser could be added to the catch basin to more effectively manage storm flows (Photo 2).

Field Photos



Photo 1. Potential rain garden site at the corner of Woodcrest and Towne Hill Rds.

Photo 2. Catch basin that needs to befitted with a riser.

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Prioritization Ranking Factors

Relative Impact	Frequency	Current Condition	Urgency	Impact to public infrastructure?	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond water resources?	Part of a larger or systemic problem?
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Problem Area ID: BB-10

Watershed:
Blanchard Brook
(VT DEC Subwatershed 127)

Location:
438 Towne Hill Road

Problem Type:
Erosion

Identification
Source:
SWMP

Ownership:
City/Private

Classification:



Date of Field Data Collection:

September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

The narrow ditch on the east side of the road needs to be reshaped and stabilized. Catch basin immediately to the west also shows signs of erosion.

Field Photos





Photo 1. Narrow ditch that needs to be expanded.

Photo 2. Erosion around catch basin.

Prioritization Ranking Factors

Relative	Frequency	Current	Urgency	Impact to public	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond	Part of a larger or
Impact		Condition		infrastructure?		water resources?	systemic problem?
1	2	2	1	Y	Y	N	N

Watershed: Blanchard Brook

(VT DEC Subwatershed 127)

Problem Area ID: BB-11

Location:

Dover Rd. at Phillips Rd.

Problem Type:

Erosion, unmanaged impervious

Identification

Source: SWMP Assessment

Ownership:

City/Private

Classification:

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Date of Field Data Collection:

September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

The catch basin at the corner of Dover and Phillips could be raised. Stormwater storage/treatment could be provided in the green space as well(Photo 1). The ditch on the property across Dover Rd. could be reshaped and stabilized to reduce erosion (Photo 2).



Photo 1. Catch basin and potential treatment area.

Photo 2. Narrow ditch that could be reshaped.

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Relative Impact	Frequency	Current Condition	Urgency	Impact to public infrastructure?	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond water resources?	Part of a larger or systemic problem?
1	2	2	1	Y	Υ	N	N

Pr	oblem Area ID: BB-12	Latitude:	44.262527	Longitude:	-72.553891
Watershed:	Blanchard Brook (VT DEC Subwatershed 127)				
Location:	Chestnut Hill Road				
Problem Type:	Erosion		A C		
Watershed: — Location: —	VTDEC Montpelier Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping Project				A to a district
Ownership:	Private				
Classification:	3				

Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

The old concrete culvert to the east of 60 Chestnut Hill Road appears to be undersized and should eventually be replaced. For now, a splash pad beneath the outfall would help reduce localized erosion.

Field Photos



Photo 1. A splash pad at the outfall could reduce localized erosion.

Prioritization Ranking Factors

Relative Impact	Frequency	Current Condition	Urgency	Impact to public infrastructure?	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond water resources?	Part of a larger or systemic problem?
1	2	2	1	N	Υ	Υ	N

Date of Field Data Collection: September 17, 2015

Description of Observed Conditions:

Stream channel is currently unraveling below the road; this channel was partially stabilized following a 2008 storm event. Removing the curb on the east side of the street below 135 Phillips Road would allow for a grassed swale to manage stormwater runoff.

Field Photos

Prioritization	Prioritization Ranking Factors									
Relative Impact	Frequency	Current Condition	Urgency	Impact to public infrastructure?	Realistic to fix?	Impacts beyond water resources?	Part of a larger or systemic problem?			
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