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March 7, 2019

**Re: Northwest Neighborhood Phase 1A CSO Abatement and Drinking Water System
Improvements Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-237
Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Loan Number RF3-371
Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact**

Dear Mr. Wennberg:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Northwest Neighborhood Phase 1A CSO Abatement and Drinking Water System Improvements Project.

The project has positive environmental impacts consisting of construction of new storm drain piping to separate storm flows from the combined sewer system abating combined sewer overflows, undersized water main replacement, water and sewer service replacement, and appurtenant work.

This project additionally involves impacts to stormwater discharge points to the East Creek that were constructed under the Phase 1 project and received a FNSI.

Otherwise, this project may have been eligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review; additionally, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are still not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Department's environmental review procedures require a 30-day public comment period following the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact. If no public comments received during that period demonstrate that this Notice of Intent is in error, then the Finding of No Significant Impact will become effective.

Copies of documents supporting a Finding of No Significant Impact are enclosed. Please keep copies of the enclosed documents, along with any pertinent reports by your consulting engineers, available for public inspection during a public comment period of 30 days. A full listing of the documents that must be available for public inspection is attached. Please call, 802-490-6226, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Lynnette Claudon, PE
Chief Pollution Control Design Engineer
Facilities Engineering Division

Enclosures

Documents Posted for Finding of No Significant Impact Public Comment Period (30 days)

1. **Notice of Intent** to Issue a **Finding of No Significant Impact** (Signed by Eric Blatt, P.E., Director, Facilities Engineering Division, enclosed.)
2. **Evaluation** of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact (Approved by Eric Blatt, P.E., Director, Facilities Engineering Division, enclosed.)
3. **State Environmental Review Procedures** for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, <http://dec.vermont.gov/facilities-engineering/water-financing/srf/environmental-review>

Additional Documents Needed for Finding of No Significant Impact Public Comment Period (30 days)

4. **Environmental Information Document** titled "*Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document*", and dated June 2, 2015, by Otter Creek Engineering.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=113233&DVID=0>
5. **Environmental Information Document** titled "*Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document*", and dated February 6, 2019, by Otter Creek Engineering.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=173910&DVID=0>
6. **Preliminary Engineering Report** entitled "*Preliminary Engineering Report Library Avenue Sewer Separation Project*", and dated August 2013, by Otter Creek Engineering.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=116812&DVID=0>

7. **Preliminary Engineering Report** entitled "*Preliminary Engineering Report Northwest Neighborhood Sewer Separation Project Phase 1A*", and dated June 2015, by Otter Creek Engineering.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=113233&DVID=0>

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Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

City of Rutland

Northwest Neighborhood Phase 1A CSO Abatement and Drinking Water System Improvements

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number: RF1-237
Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Fund Number RF3-371

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed Northwest Neighborhood Phase 1A CSO Abatement and Drinking Water System Improvements project. This project involves construction of new storm drain piping to separate storm flows from the combined sewer system, water main replacement, water and sewer service replacement, and appurtenant work.

Under the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves impacts to stormwater discharge points to the East Creek that were constructed under the Phase 1 project and received a FNSI and therefore exceeds the threshold for CATEX.

Also, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), under the Department's environmental review procedures. The project will not increase the current permitted flow capacity of the treatment plant, and the project will not include sewer extensions.

Further information on the project and this Notice of Intent is available for inspection at the following locations:

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110 Merchants Row, 4th Floor, Suite 15
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No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Intent, to allow for public comment.



Eric Blatt, P.E., Director
Facilities Engineering Division
Department of Environmental Conservation
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

3-7-2019

Date

TO: Eric Blatt, P.E., Director, Facilities Engineering Division 

FROM: Lynnette Claudon, PE, Chief Pollution Control Design Engineer, Facilities Engineering Division

SUBJECT: City of Rutland
Northwest Neighborhood Phase 1A CSO Abatement and Drinking Water System Improvements

Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: March 7, 2019

A. Project Identification

Project Name: City of Rutland
Northwest Neighborhood Phase 1A CSO Abatement and Drinking Water System Improvements

Address: Jeff Wennberg, Authorized Representative
City of Rutland
PO BOX 969, Rutland VT 05702

Project Location: City of Rutland, Vermont

The project consists of construction of new storm drain piping to separate storm flows from the combined sewer system, water main replacement, water and sewer service replacement, and appurtenant work. Work is anticipated on the following streets: Grove Street from and including the intersection with Seabury Street to the intersection of Maple Street; Seabury Street including the intersection with Church Street; Church Street from Seabury Street to half way between Library Ave and Williams Street; Library Ave from and including the intersection with Church Street to and including the intersection with Lincoln Ave and continuing straight up Kendall Ave for two lots; Chestnut Street from Library Ave to half way to Williams Street; Elm Street from Library Ave to Burnham Ave; Roberts Ave from Church Street through two lots past Lincoln Ave; Kingsley Ave from Church Street through two lots past Lincoln Ave. Water main replacement is proposed for Roberts Ave and Kingsley Ave both from Church Street through and including the Lincoln Ave intersections.

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B. Summary of Environmental Review

The Department of Environmental Conservation, Facilities Engineering Division, has reviewed this proposed project in accordance with the Department's State Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program.

The Department has reviewed the following planning documents:

- Environmental Information Document titled "Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document," dated June 2, 2015, by Otter Creek Engineering.
- Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "Preliminary Engineering Report Northwest Neighborhood Sewer Separation Project Phase 1A," and dated June 2015 by Otter Creek Engineering.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) is the appropriate environmental review response for this project if the issues presented can be resolved with mitigation or permits. This project is not eligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review due to potential impacts from this project to stormwater discharge points to the East Creek that were constructed under the Phase 1 project and received a FNSI. This project expansion therefore exceeds the threshold for categorical exclusion.

Also, the project's direct and indirect environmental effects do **not** necessitate issuance of an **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS), consistent with the criteria as described in section XI of the Department's environmental review procedures.

1. Project Description

The City of Rutland is located in Rutland County, Vermont in the Otter Creek-Little Otter Creek-Lewis Creek major watershed. The project consists of construction of new storm drain piping to separate storm flows from the combined sewer system, water main replacement, water and sewer service replacement, and appurtenant work. Work is anticipated on the following streets: Grove Street from and including the intersection with Seabury Street to the intersection of Maple Street; Seabury Street including the intersection with Church Street; Church Street from Seabury Street to half way between Library Ave and Williams Street; Library Ave from and including the intersection with Church Street to and including the intersection with Lincoln Ave and continuing straight up Kendall Ave for two lots; Chestnut Street from Library Ave to half way to Williams Street; Elm Street from Library Ave to Burnham Ave; Roberts Ave from Church Street through two lots past Lincoln Ave; Kingsley Ave from Church Street through two lots past Lincoln Ave. Water main replacement is proposed for Roberts Ave and Kingsley Ave both from Church Street through and including the Lincoln Ave intersections.

- a. This project involves combined sewer overflow abatement by extending existing storm sewer (approximately 4,000 lf) system to serve a 65-acre watershed, replace 800 ft of combined sanitary 8" sewer (circa 1889) and slip-line 475 ft of combined 12" sewer main

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(circa 1923); replacement of some water and sewer service lines; replacement of 1,400 ft of undersized water main; and appurtenant work.

- b. This contract is expected to be constructed with Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loans.

2. Justification for Finding of No Significant Impact

We have determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

This project involves potential impacts to stormwater discharge points to the East Creek that were constructed under the Phase 1 project and received a FNSI. Therefore, this project exceeds the threshold for categorical exclusion.

Otherwise, this project may have been eligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review; additionally, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are still not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The project will not increase the current permitted flow capacity of the treatment plant. The project does not include sewer extensions.

A public hearing was held on February 4, 2019 at 6:45pm at the Rutland City Council Chambers as part of the environmental review process and no public comments were received.