

State of Vermont
Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

Richmond Water Resources, WSID #5084
Richmond, VT
Water System Improvements
DWSRF Loan RF3-366

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, the Richmond Water Resources, located in Richmond, VT has requested its proposed water improvement project be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

Approximately 10-years ago the Town of Richmond conducted a comprehensive study of their water system infrastructure and developed a long-term plan to systematically update and replace areas of the system that had exceeded or were approaching the end of their useful life. The Town subsequently began a process of systematically replacing its aging water infrastructure in manageable sections year by year. The primary purpose of this specific project is to replace the "Bridge Crossing" segment which consists of roughly 600' of water main that crosses over the Winooski River on Bridge Street. The current water main is suspended below the historic "Bridge Street" bridge on hangers where it is susceptible to damage during periodic flooding. The recommended alternative as outlined in the PER, includes replacing the pipe and raising the elevation of a new water main as well as installing it on the downstream side of a large I-Beam where it will be less visible to pedestrians and better protected from debris during future flooding. The project also includes replacement of short sections of underground pipe on both the north and south sides of the bridge.

Our consideration of Richmond Water Resources' request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Green Mountain Engineering. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. The project will correct water system deficiencies and does not meet any of the criteria resulting in denial of an Exclusion.

Further information on the project and this determination are available for inspection by contacting the DWSRF Program at (802) 585-4904. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Water Infrastructure Financing Program's [Environmental Review Determination Notice](#) page.

Agency of Natural Resources
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Emily Boedecker, Commissioner

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Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this day Tuesday, September 24, 2019