



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

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Agency of Natural Resources

Ms. Megan Moir, Water Resources Division Director
Authorized Representative
City of Burlington
234 Penny Lane
Burlington, VT 05401

February 14, 2020

**Re: City of Burlington, Remote Wastewater Improvements Project: Flynn and Fletcher Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-248**

Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

Dear Megan:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the City's proposed City of Burlington, Remote Wastewater Improvements Project: Flynn and Fletcher Project may be excluded from the detailed environmental review procedures that are required for projects that have environmental effects. The Department's (Clean Water) environmental review procedures require a 30-day public comment period following the issuance of a Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion. If no public comments received during that period demonstrate that this Determination is in error, then the Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from detailed review will become effective.

Copies of documents supporting a Categorical Exclusion are enclosed. Please keep copies of the enclosed documents 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 Lynnette Claudon at 802-490-6226 if you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send an email to Jeff.Fehrs@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,

Eric Blatt, P.E.
Director I
Water Investment Division

Documents Enclosed for Categorical Exclusion Public Comment Period (30 days)

1. "Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion"
(Signed by Eric Blatt, PE, Director I, Water Investment Division.)
2. "Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion"
(Approved by Eric Blatt, PE, Director I, Water Investment Division.)

Additional Documents Needed for Categorical Exclusion Public Comment Period (30-days)

1. "**Environmental Review Procedures** for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program", <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=129684&DVID=0>
2. **Categorical Exclusion (CatEx)** request letter, City of Burlington, dated November 5, 2019.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=180220&DVID=0>
3. **Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)** entitled "Preliminary Engineering Report Remote Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Flynn and Fletcher Pump Stations" and dated Tuesday, September 10, 2019, by Hoyle Tanner & Associates of Burlington, VT.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=180218&DVID=0>
4. **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed Wednesday, November 06, 2019, by Hoyle Tanner & Associates, of Burlington, VT.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=180221&DVID=0>
5. **Project Review Sheet** dated 9/6/19. Included in EID.

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John Reilly, PE, Hoyle Tanner & Associates

Amy Polaczyk & David DiDomenico, Wastewater Management Program, Watershed Management Division

Tom Brown, CWSRF Program Lead, Financial Management Section, VT-DEC-FED



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Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

City of Burlington

City of Burlington, Remote Wastewater Improvements Project: Flynn and Fletcher Project

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF1-248

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *"Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program,"* the City of Burlington has requested that its proposed Remote Wastewater Improvements Project: Flynn and Fletcher Project be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion from the detailed environmental review that is described in the Procedures and required for projects with significant environmental effects.

Consideration of the request for Categorical Exclusion included a review of the following documents:

- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed Wednesday, November 06, 2019, by Hoyle Tanner & Associates, of Burlington, VT.

Upon completion of its independent evaluation, the Department has determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Categorical Exclusion.

Specifically, the project will not increase the permitted annual average flow (hydraulic) capacity of the existing City of Burlington Main Wastewater Treatment Facility, and it will not increase permitted pounds of pollutants that may be discharged by that plant. Also, the project will not increase the design organic (equivalent population) treatment capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. The project will not add a new permanent discharge of stormwater or treated wastewater to surface waters or groundwater. Further, the project does not involve (create) serious local or environmental issues or meet any of the criteria that would result in denial of an Exclusion, nor does the project meet the definition of sewer extension.

Further information on the project and this Determination is available for inspection at the following locations:

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(Note: National Life requires photo identification to obtain an access badge for entry.)

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No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.



Eric Blatt, P.E., Director I
Water Investment Division

2-14-2020

Date

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TO: Eric Blatt, P.E., Director I, Water Investment Division *EB*

FROM: Lynnette Claudon, PE
Chief Pollution Control Design Engineer, Water Investment Division

SUBJECT: City of Burlington
Remote Wastewater Improvements Project: Flynn and Fletcher Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion
from Detailed Environmental Review

DATE: February 14, 2020

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Remote Wastewater Improvements Project: Flynn and Fletcher Project

Address:

Megan Moir, Assistant Department of Public Works Director

Authorized Representative

City of Burlington

234 Penny Lane

Burlington, VT 05401

Project Location: Within the right of way of Fletcher Place and Flynn Avenue and including the utility right of way on 288 Flynn Avenue, also known as, the Flynn Avenue Cooperative, in Burlington, Vermont.

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B. Summary of Environmental Review

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *"Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program"*, the City of Burlington has requested that the proposed Remote Wastewater Improvements Project: Flynn and Fletcher Project be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion from the detailed environmental review that is described in the Procedures and required for projects with significant environmental effects.

The applicant's request and the following planning document have been reviewed, and our findings are summarized below:

Environmental Information Document (EID) signed Wednesday, November 06, 2019, by Hoyle Tanner & Associates, of Burlington, VT.

1. Project Description

The City of Burlington is located in Chittenden County, Vermont.

Replacement of the Flynn Ave and Fletcher Place pump stations and associated forcemain slip lining and replacement. The proposed project will address aged and worker safety related deficiencies in these existing pump stations in City of Burlington, Vermont. The project will help the city continue to safely convey sewage in these areas.

Eligibility for clean water revolving loan (CWSRF) construction funding will be limited to the eligible clean water work as detailed in the Preliminary Engineering Report and to physical areas cleared through this environmental review process.

The contract documents will contain standard requirements to limit hours of construction and to control noise, dust and discharges of stormwater runoff or pollutants during construction.

2. Justification for Categorical Exclusion

We have determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Categorical Exclusion.

Specifically, the project will not increase the design hydraulic capacity of the wastewater treatment plant by more than 20 percent, and it will not increase the design organic treatment capacity (equivalent population served) by more than 30 percent.

The project will not create a new permanent discharge of stormwater or treated wastewater to surface waters or groundwater, and there will be no increase of effluent pollutant loadings (pounds per day) permitted to be discharged from associated wastewater treatment plant.

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The project is not expected to adversely affect wetlands, wetlands buffer zones, floodplains, historic sites, archeological sites, habitats of threatened or endangered species, or other environmentally or culturally sensitive areas.

The project does not involve serious local or environmental issues or meet any of the criteria that would result in denial of a Categorical Exclusion.

