



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

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Ms. Meredith Dolan, Village Manager
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Village of Johnson
293 Lower Main West
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June 14, 2021
Expiration Date: June 14, 2026

**Re: River Road Pump Station Replacement Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-273**

Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Meredith Dolan:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the River Road Pump Station Replacement Project.

The Department of Environmental Conservation has reviewed these documents:

- Environmental Information Document, dated April 23, 2021, by A+E Engineers
- Preliminary Engineering Report, dated February 21, 2021, by A+E Engineers

The Water Investment Division (WID) issued its request for review to the Division for Historic Preservation (DHP), in its letter dated April 23, 2021, and May 10, 2021. The Division for Historic Preservation requested no additional information.

The project has positive environmental impacts consisting of replacement of an aging ejector station with a new duplex submersible pump station. No increase in capacity is proposed. The Village of Johnson has Discharge Permit No. 3-1149 for its wastewater treatment facility, issued by the Watershed Management Division Wastewater Program.

This project involves construction activity within the floodplain of the Lamoille River. The project will take place in an easement owned by the Village. Potential automobile repair or junkyard activity has been observed on the property.

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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 contact Hugo Martínez Cazón, P.E. at 802 522-5564, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Eric Blatt, P.E. Director of Engineering
Water Investment 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 of Engineering, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
2. Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact (Approved by Eric Blatt, P.E., Director of Engineering, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
3. State Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/srf/environmental-review>

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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 04/23/2021, by A+E Engineers.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=189822&DVID=0>
5. Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "River Road Pump Station Replacement Project" and dated February 21, 2021, by A+E Engineers.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=189831&DVID=0>

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**Village of Johnson
RIVER ROAD PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number: RF1-273

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *"Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program"*, the Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed RIVER ROAD PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT Project. This project involves replacement of an aging ejector station with a new duplex submersible pump station. No increase in capacity is proposed. The Village of Johnson has Discharge Permit No. 3-1149 for its wastewater treatment facility, issued by the Watershed Management Division Wastewater Program.

This project involves construction activity within the floodplain of the Lamoille River. The project will take place in an easement owned by the Village. Potential automobile repair or junkyard activity has been observed on the property.

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves potential impacts to the Lamoille River 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.

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Consideration of the FNSI included a review of the following documents:

- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 04/23/21, by A+E Engineers, of Essex Junction VT.

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

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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.

June 14, 2021

Eric Blatt, P.E., Director of Engineering
Water Investment Division

Date

Department of Environmental Conservation
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

TO: Eric Blatt, P.E., Director of Engineering, Water Investment Division

FROM: Hugo Martínez Cazón, P.E.
Pollution Control Design Engineer, Water Investment Division

SUBJECT: Village of Johnson
RIVER ROAD PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: June 14, 2021

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Johnson, Village of
RIVER ROAD PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Address: Meredith Dolan, Authorized Representative
Village of Johnson
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Project Location: Village of Johnson, Vermont
This project involves replacement of the aging ejector station with a new duplex submersible pump station at River Road. No increase in capacity is proposed. The Village of Johnson has Discharge Permit No. 3-1149 for its wastewater treatment facility, issued by the Watershed Management Division Wastewater Program.

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B. Summary of Environmental Review

The Department of Environmental Conservation, Water Investment 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,” and 04/23/21, by A+E Engineers.
- Preliminary Engineering Report entitled “River Road Pump Station Replacement Project,” and dated February 21, 2021 by A+E Engineers.

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 to the Lamoille River. 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 Village of Johnson is located in Lamoille County, Vermont in the Lamoille River Basin.

This project involves replacement of an aging ejector station on River Road with a new duplex submersible pump station. No increase in capacity is proposed. The Village of Johnson has Discharge Permit No. 3-1149 for its wastewater treatment facility, issued by the Watershed Management Division Wastewater Program. The certification of the title easement for the project location was received June 2, 2021.

This project involves construction activity within the floodplain of the Lamoille River. The project will take place in an easement owned by the Village. Potential automobile repair or junkyard activity has been observed on the property.

This work is expected to be constructed with a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan.

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.

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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 Finding of No Significant Impact

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

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).

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 does not include sewer extensions.

The project will create no increase of effluent pollutant loadings (pounds per day) permitted to be discharged from associated wastewater treatment plant.

A public hearing will be held on June 17, 2021 during the Village's Trustee board meeting to meet the hearing requirements of this FNSI process.