



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

EC7 Water Investment Division

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Agency of Natural Resources

Mr. Denton, Director of Public Works
Authorized Representative
Village of Enosburg Falls
42 Village Dr., VT 05450

6/23/23

**Re: Enosburg Falls, Church St. Sewers Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-328**

Conditional Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

Dear Mr. Denton:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the Village's proposed Enosburg Falls, Church St. Sewer 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 Conditional Categorical Exclusion. If no public comments received during that period demonstrate that this Determination is in error, then the Conditional Categorical Exclusion exempting the project from detailed review will become effective.

An initial review by the State Historic Preservation Officer indicated that an Archaeological Resource Assessment (ARA) would not be necessary and there are no known concerns or mitigation requirements based on the current Area of Potential Effect (APE). Final SHPO review will occur at the time of Final Design at which point SHPO may determine an ARA is required. If an ARA is required, the Village will need to retain the services of a qualified archaeologist. The information found during the ARA may result in avoidance or mitigation measures that will be incorporated into the project. The borrower shall engage any interested party identified during the public comment period, during the development of the proposed project specific mitigation measures.

Copies of documents supporting a Conditional 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call send an email to Winn Wilson (william.wilson@vermont.gov) or call (802) 490-8019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Winn Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

Winn Wilson,
Environmental Engineer
Water Investment Division

Village of Enosburg Falls, Vermont

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

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

Additional Documents Needed for Conditional 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. **Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)** entitled " Church Street Sewers Addendum Report " and dated March 2023, by Aldrich + Elliot Water Resource Engineers.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=199313&DVID=0>
3. **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 4/18/23, by Wayne Elliot, of Aldrich + Elliot.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=200399&DVID=0>

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Wayne Elliot, Aldrich + Elliot

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

Scott Dillon, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Senior Historic Preservation Review Coordinator



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Village of Enosburg Falls

Enosburg Falls, Church Street Sewer Project

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF1-328

In accordance with section VII of the Department's "*Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Program*", the Village of Enosburg Falls has requested that its proposed Church Street Sewer 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 4/18/23, by Wayne Elliot, of Aldrich + Elliot.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=200399&DVID=0>
- **Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)** entitled " *Church Street Sewers Addendum Report* " and dated March 2023, by Aldrich + Elliot Water Resource Engineers.
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Upon completion of its independent evaluation, the Department has determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Conditional Categorical Exclusion.

Specifically, the project will not increase the permitted annual average flow (hydraulic) capacity of the existing Enosburg Falls Sewer system, and it will not increase permitted pounds of pollutants that may be discharged. 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.

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qualified archaeologist. The information found during the ARA may result in avoidance or mitigation measures that will be incorporated into the project. The borrower shall engage any interested party identified during the public comment period, during the development of the proposed project specific mitigation measures.

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

Gary Denton, Director of Public Works
Village of Enosburg Falls
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Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

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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.

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Eric Blatt

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

6/23/2023

Date

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Agency of Natural Resources

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

FROM: Winn Wilson
Environmental Engineer, Water Investment Division

SUBJECT: Village of Enosburg Falls
Church Street Sewer Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Conditional Categorical Exclusion
from Detailed Environmental Review

DATE: 6/23/23

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Church Street Sewer Project

Address: Gary Denton, Director of Public Works
Village of Enosburg Falls
42 Village Drive
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

Project Location: This project will take place along Maple Park and a portion of Church St. in the Village of Enosburg Falls. This project is in the Missisquoi River watershed.

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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 Village of Enosburg Falls has requested that the proposed Church Street Sewer 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.

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

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1. Project Description

The Village of Enosburg Falls is located in Franklin County, Vermont.

The proposed project will consist of the installation of new 8" SDR pipe, new manhole structures and new sewer service connections along Maple Park and Church Street within the village ROW in Enosburg Falls. In total, the project will replace 1,025 L.F. of existing original sewer line. The fourteen existing sewer services will be replaced to the edge of the Village ROW. New precast manholes will be installed, and the existing sewer structures will be infilled and abandoned in place as necessary. The project will reduce infiltration into the sewer system which will reduce the potential for sewer overflow events.

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 Conditional Categorical Exclusion

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

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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.

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.