



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

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Montpelier, VT 05620-3510

Agency of Natural Resources

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

1/19/2024

Re: Enosburg Falls, Elm St. Water and Sewer Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-270
Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Loan Number RF3-488

Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

Dear Mr. Denton:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the Village's proposed Enosburg Falls, Elm St. Water and 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 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.

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".

Winn Wilson
Environmental Engineer
Water Investment Division

Village of Enosburg Falls, Vermont
Elm St. Water and Sewer Project
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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 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 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 "Elm Street Water and Sewer Study Preliminary Engineering Report" and dated November 2022, by Wayne Elliott, PE of Aldrich + Elliott.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=199186&DVID=0>
3. **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 11/22/2022, by Merrick Gillies, PE of Aldrich + Elliott.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=199187&DVID=0>
4. **Long Term Control Plan (LTCP)** titled "Enosburg Falls CSO Long Term Control Plan" dated February 2020, by Wayne Elliot, PE of Aldrich + Elliott
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=194821&DVID=0>

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



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Enosburg Falls, Elm St. Water and Sewer Project

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF1-270
Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF3-488

In accordance with section VII of the Department's "*Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program*", the Village has requested that its proposed Elm St. Water and 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 requests for Categorical Exclusion included a review of the following documents:

- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 11/22/2022, by Merrick Gillies, PE of Aldrich + Elliott.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=199187&DVID=0>

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 Enosburg Falls 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. The project will correct water system deficiencies. 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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Further information on the project and this Determination 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.

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

1/19/2024

Date

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

FROM: Winn Wilson
Environmental Engineer, Water Investment Division

SUBJECT: Village of Enosburg Falls
Elm St. Water and Sewer Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion
from Detailed Environmental Review

DATE: 1/19/2024

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Elm St. Water and Sewer Project

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

Project Location: This project is in the Village of Enosburg Falls, in the Missisquoi River watershed, beginning on Main Street at the intersection with Orchard Street and continuing north to Elm Street, then east to the intersection with Water Tower Road.

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Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF3-488

Village of Enosburg Falls, Vermont**Elm St. Water and Sewer Project****Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review****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 has requested that the proposed Elm St. Water and 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.

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

Environmental Information Document (EID) signed 11/22/2022, by Merrick Gillies, PE of Aldrich + Elliott.

<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=199187&DVID=0>

1. Project Description

The Village is located in Franklin County, Vermont.

The proposed project will replace 2,600 feet of waterline and 2,000 feet of sewer along Main Street from Orchard Street, north to Elm St. and continue to Water Tower Road in Enosburg Falls, Vermont. The new 8" waterline will include new gate valves, fire hydrants and replacement of existing water services within the Village right-of-way. The sewerline rehabilitation will include rehabilitation of the existing sewerline and reconstruction of the existing manholes.

This project will replace original water and sewer infrastructure. This section of Main Street and Elm Street is heavily travelled. Repairs to the original waterline are difficult and costly, and disruption of service effects many water customers. A new waterline will reduce leakage (water loss) and will improve long term reliability of service. This segment is a critical link to the downtown area and also supplies fire flow protection from the storage reservoir located off Water Tower Road. The sewerline is over 100 years old and requires rehabilitation/replacement. Rehabilitation of this existing sewerline and manholes will reduce infiltration flows to the wastewater treatment facility. This will have a positive impact on the combined sewer overflow during wet weather periods and reduce operation and maintenance costs.

Eligibility for clean water revolving loan (**CWSRF**) and drinking water revolving loan (**DWSRF**) construction funding will be limited to the eligible clean water work and drinking water work as detailed in the Preliminary Engineering Report respectively 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.

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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 correct water system deficiencies.

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.