



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

EC7 Water Investment Division

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Agency of Natural Resources

Mr. Martin Manahan, Public Works Director
Authorized Representative
City of St. Albans
100 N Main St.
St. Albans, VT 05478

4/18/2024

Re: City of St. Albans, Stebbins St. Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-350

Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

Dear Mr. Manahan:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the City's proposed St. Albans, Stebbins St. 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 Winn Wilson (802) 490-8019 if you have any questions or concerns.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Winn Wilson", is written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Winn Wilson
Environmental Engineer
Water Investment Division

City of St. Albans, Vermont

Stebbins St. Project

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Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

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. **Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP)** entitled "*Lower Weldon Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan*" dated January 2020, by Wayne Elliott, PE of Aldrich + Elliott.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=192288&DVID=0>
3. **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 3/07/2024, by Wayne Elliott, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, Essex, VT. (EID includes Categorical Exclusion Request)
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=208129&DVID=0>

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Wayne Elliott, PE, Aldrich + Elliott

Amy Polaczyk & John Merrifield, PE, Wastewater Management Program, Watershed Management Division

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



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Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

City of St. Albans, Stebbins Street Utility Project

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF1-350

In accordance with section VII of the Department's "*Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program*", the City has requested that its proposed Stebbins St. 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 3/07/2024, by Wayne Elliott, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, Essex, VT. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=208129&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 St. Albans 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.

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

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St. Albans, VT 05478

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

Wayne Elliott, PE
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6 Market Pl #2
Essex Junction, VT 05452

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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

4/18/2024

Date

Department of Environmental Conservation
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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: City of St. Albans
Stebbins St. Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion
from Detailed Environmental Review

DATE: 4/18/2024

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Stebbins St. Utility Project

Address:

Martin Manahan, Public Works Director
Authorized Representative
City of St. Albans
100 N Main St.
St. Albans, VT 05478

Project Location: The Stebbins St. Project will install new stormwater infrastructure to separate this section of combined sewer along Stebbins St. between South Main St. (Route 7) and Allen St. in the City of St. Albans within the Stevens Brook watershed which flows to Saint Albans Bay in Lake Champlain.

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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 has requested that the proposed Stebbins St. 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 3/07/2024, by Wayne Elliott, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, Essex, VT. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=208129&DVID=0>

1. Project Description

The City of St. Albans is located in Franklin County, Vermont.

The proposed project will install new stormwater sewer to separate the stormwater from the combined sewer system along Stebbins St. in the City of St. Albans, Vermont. This project is outlined in the St. Albans Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plan. The project will reduce stormwater in the combined system and thus reduce peak flows during wet weather events and reduce incidence of CSO 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. This project does not propose any additional specific mitigation measures as a result of this environmental review.

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.