



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

EC7 Water Investment Division

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Agency of Natural Resources

Ted Gillen, Assistant City Engineer
Authorized Representative
City of Rutland
PO Box 969
Rutland City, VT 05702

April 15, 2025

**Re: City of Rutland, Meadow St. Combined Sewer Separation Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-333**

Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

Dear Mr. Gillen:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the City's proposed Rutland, Meadow St. Combined Sewer Separation 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, (802) 490-8019 or e-mail william.wilson@vermont.gov, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Wilson".

Winn Wilson
Environmental Engineer
Water Investment Division

Rutland, Vermont
Meadow St. Combined Sewer Separation Project RF1-333
Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review

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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 "CSO Long Term Control Plan Meadow Street Combined Sewer Separation Addendum Report " and dated April 2024, by Michael Mainer, PE of Aldrich + Elliott of Essex Junction, VT. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=208718&DVID=0>
3. **Environmental Information Document (EID) Categorical Exclusion (CatEx)** request letter signed April 15, 2025, by Michael Mainer, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=212954&DVID=0>
4. **Categorical Exclusion (Catex) Environmental Analysis Sheet and Appendices (VAOT)** dated February 7, 2024, by Michael Mainer, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, PC

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Michael Mainer, Aldrich + Elliott, PC
John Merrifield, Wastewater Management Program, Watershed Management Division
Aaron Krymkowski, Wastewater Program, VT-DEC
Scott Dillon, Division for Historic Preservation, ACCD
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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 Rutland

Rutland, Meadow St. CSO Project

Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan Number RF1-333

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 Meadow St. CSO 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) Categorical Exclusion (CatEx)** request letter signed April 15, 2025, by Michael Mainer, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
- **Categorical Exclusion (Catex) Environmental Analysis Sheet and Appendices (VAOT)** dated February 7, 2024, by Michael Mainer, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, PC

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 Rutland 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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Meadow St. Combined Sewer Separation Project RF1-333
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Further information on the project and this Determination is available for inspection at the following locations:

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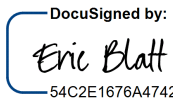
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No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.

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

4/15/2025

Date

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

FROM: Winn Wilson
Environmental Engineer, Water Investment Division

SUBJECT: Rutland
Meadow St. CSO Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion
from Detailed Environmental Review

DATE: April 15, 2025

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Meadow St. CSO Project

Address: Ted Gillen, Authorized Representative
City of Rutland
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Rutland City, VT 05702

Project Location: This project will take place in the City of Rutland along Meadow Street and Traverse Place from the intersection of West Street to School Street all within the Otter Creek 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 City has requested that the proposed Meadow St. CSO 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.

**Rutland
Meadow St. CSO Project RF1-333
Evaluation of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion from Detailed Environmental Review**

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

- **Environmental Information Document (EID) Categorical Exclusion (CatEx)** request letter signed April 15, 2025, by Michael Mainer, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
- **Categorical Exclusion (CatEx) Environmental Analysis Sheet and Appendices (VAOT)** dated February 7, 2024, by Michael Mainer, PE, of Aldrich + Elliott, PC

1. Project Description

The City of Rutland is located in Rutland County, Vermont.

The proposed project consists of construction of new storm drainage infrastructure along and/or across Meadow Street, Traverse Place, and West Street. This project will separate stormwater from the combined sewer system in this area and therefore reduce occurrences of combined 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. The project is also subject to a Soils Management Plan approved by the Sites Management Section for management of contaminated soil.

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.

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.