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May 23, 2025
Expiration Date: May 22, 2030

**Re: Village of Morrisville, Jersey Heights Pump Station Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-355**

Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Scott:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Jersey Heights Pump Station Project.

This project involves the construction and refurbishment and hydraulic upgrade of the existing Jersey Heights sewage pump station consisting of refurbishment to existing wet well, installing submersible pumps, precast concrete valve vault, construction of electrical control building, necessary sewage bypassing, site and piping improvements, demolition of the existing pump station, electrical improvements, sitework and drainage improvements, and appurtenant work to maintain protection of public health.

This project additionally involves a 40% increase in hydraulic capacity of the pump station, a new stormwater outfall, impacts to a river corridor, and temporary ancillary impacts related to construction.

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).

Please note the required mitigation measures in the attached Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact that must be implemented during or before construction of the Jersey Heights Pump Station Project as applicable.

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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. Public notice shall be done in accordance with State statute. Some guidance can be found below, on our Environmental Review page website, and in the NOI attached.

<https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/srf/environmental-review>

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 call, 802-490-6226, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Lynnette Claudon, PE
Senior Water Infrastructure Program Engineer
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 Jeff Fehrs, P.E., Supervisor, Design & Construction Engineering, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
2. Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact (Approved by Jeff Fehrs, P.E., Supervisor, Design & Construction Engineering, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
3. State Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, <http://dec.vermont.gov/facilities-engineering/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 4/28/25, by A+E.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=213264&DVID=0>
With appendices
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=213265&DVID=0>
5. Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "*Jersey Heights Pump Station Upgrade Study Preliminary Engineering Report*", and dated April 2023, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=205110&DVID=0>
6. Historic Preservation §106 & 22 VSA Project Review Form, dated 5/12/2025 and signed by Scott Dillon

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Winn Wilson, Construction Engineer, Water Investment Division, VT-DEC
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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 (FONSI) for the proposed Jersey Heights Pump Station Project. This project involves the construction and refurbishment and upgrade of the existing Jersey Heights sewage pump station consisting of refurbishment to existing wet well, installing submersible pumps, precast concrete valve vault, construction of electrical control building, necessary sewage bypassing, site and piping improvements, demolition of the existing pump station, electrical improvements, sitework and drainage improvements, and appurtenant work.

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves a 40% increase in hydraulic capacity of the pump station, a new stormwater outfall, impacts to a river corridor, and temporary ancillary impacts related to construction 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.

The mitigation measures required by this FONSI are:

During the construction of the project, erosion prevention and sedimentation controls such as silt fence, soil stockpiling control measures, stabilized construction entrance and other measures as stated in Contract Documents will be installed or implemented.

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Typical dust, noise, & emissions reduction practices to limit these impacts will be required, such as regular sweeping, erosion prevention and sediment control measures, calcium chloride or water application, and work will be limited to normal 7 am to 5 pm weekday working hours.

See the Environmental Information Document for additional details.

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

- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** and Appendices by A+E, of Essex, Vermont.
- **Supporting information from VDHP**

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

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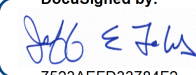
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(Note: An appointment is needed for document viewing at National Life and a photo identification is needed to obtain an access badge for entry.)

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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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Jeff Fehrs, P.E., Supervisor, Design & Construction Engineering
Water Investment Division

5/27/2025

Date

Department of Environmental Conservation
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources



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TO: Jeff Fehrs, P.E., Supervisor, Design & Construction Engineering, Water Investment Division

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FROM: Lynnette Claudon, PE,
Senior Water Infrastructure Program Engineer, Water Investment Division

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SUBJECT: Village of Morrisville
Jersey Heights Pump Station Project
Environmental Assessment
Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: May 23, 2025

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Village of Morrisville
Jersey Heights Pump Station

Address: Scott Johnstone, Authorized Representative
Village of Morrisville
857 Elmore St
Morrisville VT 05661-8408

Project Location: Village of Morrisville, Vermont
Historic Vermont Route 100 northwest of the culvert over Boardman
Brook near the intersection of VT100 and Feline Loop.

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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 and Appendices titled “Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document” by A+E.
- Preliminary Engineering Report entitled “Jersey Heights Pump Station Upgrade Study Preliminary Engineering Report”, and dated April 2023 by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) 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 a 40% increase in hydraulic capacity of the pump station, a new stormwater outfall impacts related to construction and therefore exceeds the threshold for CATEX. Also, the project’s direct and indirect environmental effects do not necessitate the issuance of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), consistent with the criteria described in section XI of the Department’s environmental review procedures.

1. Project Description

The Village of Morrisville is located in Washington County, Vermont in the Lamoille River major watershed.

This project involves the construction and refurbishment and hydraulic upgrade of the existing Jersey Heights sewage pump station consisting of refurbishment to existing wet well, installing submersible pumps, precast concrete valve vault, construction of electrical control building, necessary sewage bypassing, site and piping improvements, demolition of the existing pump station, electrical improvements, sitework and drainage improvements, and appurtenant work to maintain protection of public health. The proposed project will refurbish and upgrade the Jersey Heights Pump Station near the intersection of Feline Loop and Old Vermont Route 100 in the Village of Morrisville, Vermont. The project is needed in part due to needed additional hydraulic capacity and age-related refurbishment. The project will result in reliable conveyance infrastructure.

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

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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 project's construction contract documents (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.

The project involves a 40% increase in hydraulic capacity of the pump station to meet current and future sewage flows, a new stormwater outfall, and impacts to a river corridor. The Village of Morrisville Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) has both hydraulic and treatment capacity to meet future flows and is already handling the increased flows from the pump station.

The following mitigation measures are required:

1. Increased Hydraulic Capacity. The pump station's hydraulic capacity will be increased by 40% to meet current and future flow demands. The Village of Morrisville WWTF has capacity to meet future flows and is already handling the increased flows from the pump station. The Village has adequate planning and zoning regulations to address secondary impacts from the increased capacity.
2. New Stormwater Outfall. There will be modifications to the site stormwater collection and conveyance with a new stormwater outfall to Boardman Brook. This will allow for the stormwater from the pump station site will be properly managed. The existing stormwater infrastructure on the parcel is subjurisdictional for permitting and will be upgraded as part of the project.
3. River Corridor. The project work is located inside the river corridor for Boardman Brook. The project is not within the 500-flood zone. During the construction of the project, erosion prevention and sedimentation controls such as silt fence, soil stockpiling control measures, stabilized construction entrance and other measures as stated in Contract Documents will be installed or implemented.
4. Temporary Ancillary Impacts. Temporary Air Quality related to Construction: Dust, noise, & emissions. It is expected that construction-related dust and noise will be typical for a small- to medium-sized municipal infrastructure project. Typical practices to limit these impacts will be

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required, such as regular sweeping, erosion prevention and sediment control measures, calcium chloride or water application, and work will be limited to normal 7 am to 5 pm weekday working hours.

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 Village of Morrisville WWTF 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.

There will be no increase of effluent pollutant loadings as permitted through the NPDES permit to be discharged from the Village of Morrisville WWTF.

A public hearing was held on May 7, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Morrisville Office at 857 Elmore Road, Morrisville, Vermont as part of this FONSI process and no public comments were received during public hearing.