

State of Vermont
Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

Ascutney Fire District No. 2, WSID #5339
Ascutney, VT
Country Estate MHP Water Main Replacement
DWSRF Loan RF3-572

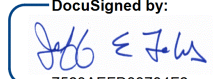
In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, the Ascutney Fire District No. 2, located in Ascutney, VT has requested its proposed Country Estate MHP Water Main Replacement be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

Proposed Project: The project involves replacement of all water mains throughout the park. The project will include new service lines installed to the curb stop. New meter pits will be installed so that the customer connections can be individually metered, which will help address future water loss and promote water conservation. The project involves the replacement of existing water mains and services. There will be no increase in connections and the project is expected to reduce water loss by replacing old piping.

Our consideration of Ascutney Fire District No. 2 request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Otter Creek Engineering. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. The project will correct water system deficiencies and does not meet any of the criteria resulting in denial of an Exclusion. Should the proposed work be altered to expand beyond the current scope of work and/or APE, further review will be required due to potential cultural sensitivity of undisturbed areas.

Further information on the project and this determination is available for inspection by contacting the DWSRF Program at (802) 585-4904. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Water Infrastructure Financing Program's [Environmental Review Determination Notice](#) page. This determination is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of signature below.

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Jason Batchelder, Commissioner

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Dated: 9/17/2025

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