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Agency of Natural Resources

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96 Main Street
Springfield, VT 05156

10/6/2025
Expiration Date: 10/6/2030

**Re: Main Street Sewer Refurbishment Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-372**

Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Jeff:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Main Street Sewer Refurbishment Project.

The project has positive environmental impacts consisting of maintaining the existing wastewater infrastructure to protect public health and the environment. This includes replacing sewer main along Mineral, Park, Main and River Streets and Park Street Bridge, refurbishing sewer main from Wall Street to Main Street, replacing 3 force main vacuum release manhole appurtenances, and appurtenant work.

This project additionally involves impacts within a flood hazard area and a river corridor to route sewer main through an existing culvert. It also may involve removal of contaminated soils.

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).

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.

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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, 802-480-1251, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
Elke Ochs
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Elke Ochs, PE
Environmental 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 Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
2. Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact (Approved by Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division, enclosed.)
3. State Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/srf/environmental-review>

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*" by Dufresne Group.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=215481&DVID=0>
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=215881&DVID=0>
5. Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "*Main Street Sewer Collection System*", and dated October 31, 2024, by Dufresne Group.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=210737&DVID=0>

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6. Project Review Sheet -
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=215884&DVID=0>

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Heather Collins and Michelle Kovarie, Wastewater Program, VT-DEC
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**Town of Springfield, Vermont
Main Street Sewer Refurbishment**

Vermont/USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number: RF1-372

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 (FNSI) for the proposed Main Street Sewer Refurbishment Project. This project involves improving the reliability and functionality of the wastewater collection system by replacing sewer main along Mineral, Park, Main and River Streets and Park Street Bridge, refurbishing sewer main from Wall Street to Main Street, replacing 3 force main vacuum release manhole appurtenances, and appurtenant work.

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves impacts to a flood hazard area and a river corridor and potential impacts related to contaminated soils 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.

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

- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** by Dufresne Group, of Springfield, VT.

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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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(Note: National Life requires photo identification 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 issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.

Signed by:


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Emily Bird, Director
Water Investment Division

10/23/2025

Date

Department of Environmental Conservation
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TO: Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division

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FROM: Elke Ochs, PE,
Environmental Engineer, Water Investment Division

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SUBJECT: Town of Springfield, Vermont
Main Street Sewer Refurbishment Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: 10/6/2025

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Town of Springfield, Vermont
Main Street Sewer Refurbishment

Address: Jeff Mobus, Authorized Representative
Town of Springfield, Vermont
96 Main Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Project Location: Town of Springfield, Vermont
This project involves replacement of sewer main on River Street from Park Street to just south of Gulf Street, on Park Street from Mineral Street to Main Street, on River Street from 71 River Street to Valley Street, on Main Street from Valley Street to Park Street, on 480 feet of Wall Street near Summer Street and on a section of Summer Street between Pleasant Street and Main Street. It also involves rehabilitation of 300 feet of cross country sewer main from Wall Street to Main Street replacement of 3 force main vacuum release manhole appurtenances on River Street/Rt 106, and appurtenant works. The project is in the Black River watershed.

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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 titled “Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document” by Dufresne Group.
- Preliminary Engineering Report entitled “Main Street Sewer Collection System”, and dated October 31, 2024 by Dufresne Group.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) 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 potential impacts to a culvert within a flood hazard area and a river corridor and contaminated soils. Also, the project’s direct and indirect environmental effects do not necessitate issuance of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), consistent with the criteria as described in section XI of the Department’s environmental review procedures.

1. Project Description

The Town of Springfield, Vermont is located in Windsor County, Vermont in the Black River major watershed.

The proposed project will replace and refurbish portions of the wastewater collection system in Town of Springfield, Vermont. Sewer main will be replaced on River Street from Park Street to just south of Gulf Street, on Park Street from Mineral Street to Main Street, on River Street from 71 River Street to Valley Street, on Main Street from Valley Street to Park Street, on 480 feet of Wall Street near Summer Street and on a section of Summer Street between Pleasant Street and Main Street. It also involves rehabilitation of 300 feet of cross country sewer main from Wall Street to Main Street, replacement of 3 force main vacuum release manhole appurtenances on River Street/Rt 106, and appurtenant work. The project is needed to maintain the existing wastewater infrastructure. The project will result in continued pollution control of wastewater.

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The work involves construction through a flood hazard area and a culvert in a river corridor. It also may involve exposure to and movement of contaminated soils.

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

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.

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.

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 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 does not include sewer extensions.

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.

A public hearing will be held on 10/6/2025 at 6:00 PM at Springfield's Town Hall and on Zoom as part of this FNSI process

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3. Proposed Mitigation Measures

- **Stormwater runoff from a construction site.** Coverage under Stormwater General Permit 3-9020 as a Low Risk project.
- **Regulatory Floodway.** The proposed bridge crossing is above the regulatory floodway elevation and on the downstream side of the bridge, protected by the bridge structure.
- **Floodplain.** The proposed development will result in no increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood as existing grades and surfaces will not change.
- **Migratory Birds, Eagles and Bats.** List effective measures that will be employed at all project development sites project-wide with the goal of reducing impacts to birds and their habitats, such as: avoidance during nesting season, tree cutting, grubbing shall be limited to off bird breeding season. Otherwise construction activity must be cleared by a qualified biologist.
- **Dust, Noise.** 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 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.
- **Cultural and Historic Resources.** Mitigation measures to include all of the verifiable instructions included in the Section 106 consultation.
- **Asbestos Material Control.** Any disturbance of asbestos containing materials requires appropriate mitigation and water management procedures to comply with federal law.
- **Contaminated Soils.** Contractor will submit a soils management plan to DEC for review and approval for the wasting of any Urban Background Soils materials. If evidence of hazardous materials is encountered, the proposed piping, gaskets, joints, and appurtenance specifications must be reviewed for resistance to the contamination, and manufacturers contacted. A Vermont licensed Professional Engineer shall certify to the materials choices and their appropriateness for the contamination present. The Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Program and the Public Drinking Water Program shall be consulted, and the Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules and the Water Supply Rule adhered to. The Waste Management & Prevention Division shall also be notified. Where there is potential of hazardous material migration through porous pipe bedding material, dams will be used consisting of bentonite or flowable fill, whichever will meet load requirements.