

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

Springfield Water Department, WSID #VT0005333
Town of Springfield, VT
Contract J Main Street Waterline Replacement
DWSRF Loan RF3-461

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 Springfield Water Department, located in Springfield, VT has requested its proposed Contract J Main Street Waterline Replacement be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

This project involves the replacement of 4,450 linear feet of the existing water main that runs along Main Street and River Street in Springfield, Vermont, and an additional 1,100 feet on Summer Street and Wall Street. The project also involves about 1,800 linear feet of replacement of water service lines to businesses and homes. The current water main that will be replaced is aging and at risk of leaks or breakage, and at least one of the service lines is confirmed to be constructed of lead which could lead to drinking water contamination. The project will eliminate any leakage in the pipes, reducing unnecessary water loss and improving the distribution to local businesses and homes.

This project will be located in Springfield, Vermont, in the Connecticut River watershed. The construction on Main Street and River Street will begin after the crossing of Main Street over the Black River and will end where River Street turns into Chester Road.

The project involves mitigation measures, detailed in the [Environmental Information Document](#) (EID) and [Appendices](#), which the owner has agreed to implement as part of their federal funding.

Our consideration of Springfield Water Department's request included reviewing the EID completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Aldrich + Elliott, PC. 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 Area of Potential Effect, further review will be required due to potential cultural sensitivity of undisturbed areas. The Springfield Water Department and all contractors on their behalf are [directed](#) to follow the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians Policy for [Treatment and Disposition of Human Remains and Cultural Items That May be Discovered Inadvertently During Planned Activities](#).

Further information on the project and this determination are 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.

Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Misty Sinsigalli, Commissioner

Signed by:

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Emily Bird, Director
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Dated 10/31/2025

cc:
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Nathan Pion, PE, Aldrich + Elliott, PC

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