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12/18/25

12/18/25
Expiration Date: 12/18/30

**Re: Route 2, Hyde Road, and East Shore Road Waterline Replacement Project
Vermont/ USEPA Drinking Water Revolving Loan Number RF3-432**

Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Michael Inners:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Route 2, Hyde Road, and East Shore Road Waterline Replacement Project.

The project has positive environmental impacts- the water distribution piping in the project area is thought to have been installed more than 40 years ago. Replacing this piping will prevent failures in the system, which could ultimately cause risks to environmental and public health.

This project additionally involves impacts including construction intersecting with Class II Wetlands and construction in an area with three hazardous sites.

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 list of the documents that must be available for public inspection is attached. Please call 802-522-3562 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
 12/15/2025
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Chloe Hulsizer
Environmental Analyst IV
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*", and dated 9/27/24, by Michael Mainer, PE.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216313&DVID=0>
5. Environmental Information Document Appendices, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216314&DVID=0>
6. Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "*Grand Isle Consolidated Water District Water Distribution System Improvements*", and dated April 2024, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216637&DVID=0>

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7. Project Review Sheet dated 7/6/23.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216315&DVID=0>

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**Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
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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 Route 2, Hyde Road, and East Shore Road Waterline Replacement Project. This project involves the installation of about 1145' of water mains replacing failing water mains, and the installation of about 4280' of new water services to existing users.

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves impacts including construction intersecting with Class II Wetlands and construction in an area with three hazardous sites, 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.

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

- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 9/27/24, by Michael Mainer, PE, of Essex Junction, VT. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216313&DVID=0>
- **Environmental Information Document (EID)** Appendices by Aldrich + Elliott, PC. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216314&DVID=0>

**Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
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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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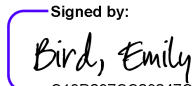
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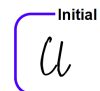
No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.

Signed by:

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Emily Bird, Director
Water Investment Division

12/16/2025

Date

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12/15/2025



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TO: Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division ^{Initial} EB 12/16/2025

FROM: Chloe Hulsizer,
Environmental Analyst IV, Water Investment Division ^{Initial} CH 12/15/2025

SUBJECT: Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
Route 2, Hyde Road, and East Shore Road Waterline Replacement Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: 12/18/25

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
Route 2, Hyde Road, and East Shore Road Waterline Replacement Project

Address: Michael Inners, Authorized Representative
Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
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Project Location: Grand Isle Consolidated Water District, Vermont
The new water mains and services in the Grand Isle Consolidated Water District will be located on Hyde Rd, Route 2, East Shore Rd, and Tebeau Terrace in Grand Isle, VT. Grand Isle is located in the Lake Champlain Basin major 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 (EID)** signed 9/27/24, by Michael Mainer, PE, of Essex Junction, VT. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216313&DVID=0>
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- Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "*Grand Isle Consolidated Water District Water Distribution System Improvements*", and dated April 2024, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216667&DVID=0>

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 potential impacts including construction intersecting with Class II Wetlands and construction in an area with three hazardous sites. 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 Grand Isle Consolidated Water District is located in Grand Isle County, Vermont in the Lake Champlain Basin major watershed.

This project involves the installation of about 1145' of water mains replacing failing water mains, and the installation of about 4280' of new water services to existing users. The new water mains range from 4" to 8", and the new water services will be ¾" and 2". The proposed project will upgrade water mains and water services in the Grand Isle Consolidated Water District in Grand Isle, Vermont. Several water main leaks have been reported in the service area, so these water mains and services must be replaced to prevent emergency repairs and water loss. The project will prevent failures in the system which could ultimately cause risks to environmental and public health.

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

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Eligibility for drinking water revolving loan (DWSRF) construction funding will be limited to the eligible drinking 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.

This project involves construction intersecting with Class II Wetlands and construction in an area with three hazardous sites. Mitigation measures include:

1. The project work in areas of mapped wetlands or buffers shall include approved mitigation measures. Mitigation of wetlands impacts will be determined through the Vermont Wetlands Permit. For sub-jurisdictional activities, mitigation shall include, at a minimum, buffer demarcation during construction.
2. Contractor will submit a Soils Management Plan to DEC for review and approval for the wasting, transportation, and disposal of any identified contaminated soil materials. Additional measures include alternative pipe materials to address potential incompatibility. Include the use of bentonite dams, to preclude migration of affected groundwater through pipe bedding.

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).

A public hearing will be held on January 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Warren B. Steadman Water Treatment Facility in Grand Isle, Vermont as part of this FONSI process.