

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

Town of Bristol, VT, WSID #5002
Bristol West Waterline Replacement Project (Phase 2) | DWSRF Loan RF3-553

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 Town of Bristol Water System, located in Bristol, VT has requested its proposed Bristol West Waterline Replacement Project (Phase 2) 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: This Project is known as Bristol West (Phase 2 of 4 phases) that will replace the existing drinking water piping in a downtown neighborhood setting that is approximately 120 years old. The purpose of replacing these segments of the water distribution system is to reduce the overall distribution system leakage, reduce wear and tear on the water system pumps, increase fire flows, reduce electrical usage from overuse of the pumps, and reduce the potential for distribution system contamination.

The Project includes the following Work:

- Installation, testing and commissioning of ~8,240 feet of new 8-inch PVC water main; ~1,020 feet of 12-inch PVC water main; and ~200 feet of 12-inch HDPE water main.
- Installation of all related appurtenances (valves, saddles, corporations, curb stops, services, fire hydrants, etc.).
- Re-establishment of all existing surfaces at the completion of Work such as pavement, gravel, grass, etc.
- Decommissioning and abandonment of the existing water lines, valves and fire hydrants.

Our consideration of Town of Bristol Water System's request included reviewing the [Environmental Information Document](#) completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, VTM Engineering of Hinesburg, Vermont. 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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Misty Sinsigalli, Commissioner

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