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2/12/2026
Expiration Date: 2/12/2031

**Re: Poultney Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project
Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-397**

Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Paul Donaldson:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Poultney Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

The project has positive environmental impacts including mitigating infiltration in Poultney's sewer system. Infiltration can cause excess flow of wastewater into the Wastewater Treatment Facility, potentially resulting in a discharge of untreated wastewater into the receiving body of water.

This project additionally involves impacts including construction in the floodway.

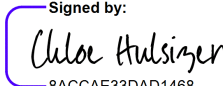
Otherwise, this project may have been eligible for Categorical Exclusion from detailed environmental review; additionally, the direct and indirect environmental effects of the project are still not significant enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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) 522-3562 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
 2/12/2026
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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 January 24, 2025, by Jason R. Booth, PE.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216850&DVID=0>
5. Environmental Information Document Appendices, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216825&DVID=0>
6. Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "*Sewer System Evaluation Study*", and dated October 2024, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216034&DVID=0>

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7. Project Review Sheet dated 12/22/2025.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216823&DVID=0>

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Heather Collins, Wastewater Program, VT-DEC
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Poultney Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation**

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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 Poultney Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project. This project involves completing trenchless rehabilitation efforts to mitigate infiltration of the interceptor sewer line, including cured-in-place-pipe lining (CIPP) to replace segments of the sewer line, and manhole rehabilitation.

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves impacts including construction within the floodway 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 FONSI included a review of the following documents:

- **Environmental Information Document** (EID) signed January 24, 2025, by Jason R. Booth, PE.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216850&DVID=0>
- **Environmental Information Document Appendices**, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
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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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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:

Bird, Emily

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Emily Bird, Director
Water Investment Division

2/13/2026

Date

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TO: Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division ^{Initial} *EB* 2/13/2026

FROM: Chloe Hulsizer,
Environmental Analyst IV, Water Investment Division ^{Initial} *CH* 2/12/2026

SUBJECT: Village of Poultney
Poultney Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: 2/12/2026

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Village of Poultney
Poultney Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation

Address: Paul Donaldson, Authorized Representative
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Project Location: Village of Poultney, Vermont
This project will replace two sewer line segments in Poultney, VT that run parallel to the Poultney River.

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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”, and dated January 24, 2025, by Jason R. Booth, PE.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216850&DVID=0>
- Environmental Information Document Appendices, by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216825&DVID=0>
- Preliminary Engineering Report entitled “Wastewater Treatment Facility Preliminary Engineering Report”, and dated October 2024 by Aldrich + Elliott, PC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=216034&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 in the floodway. 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 Village of Poultney is located in Rutland County, Vermont in the Poultney River major watershed.

This project involves completing trenchless rehabilitation efforts to mitigate infiltration in the sewer system. The project will include cured-in-place-pipe lining (CIPP) to replace the sewer line segment that runs parallel to the Poultney River, in addition to rehabilitation of the sewer line. There are currently significant amounts of infiltration in the project area, which could ultimately cause damage to the sewer system by causing higher influent rates than the system is designed for. Infiltration can cause excess flow of wastewater into the Wastewater Treatment Facility, potentially resulting in a discharge of untreated wastewater into the receiving body of water. This project will prevent the public and environmental health risks that are posed by continued failure of the sewer system.

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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.

This project involves work in a floodway, so the following mitigation measures will be put in place:

Flood Risk Management: The placement of temporary gravel for heavy machinery and construction access is permitted on a temporary (180-day) basis. No staging or temporary storage of any other materials is permitted. Measures will preserve or reduce the pre-construction ground elevation. All proposed upgrades are subsurface.

Styrene Mitigation: CIPP lining should only be applied following the manufacturer's instructions. Proper ventilation and containment shall be used during the CIPP curing process to minimize the potential release of styrene and other chemical constituents. Service connections should have an adequate p-trap and occupants alerted of the work if odors are observed. Coordinate when working close to treatment facility if using hot water or steam methods to avoid impact to the WWTF microbiology. Low-styrene, styrene-free resins or UV curing methods shall be used wherever feasible.

Dust and Noise: 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.

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).

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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 February 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Poultney Village Trustees meeting as part of this FONSI process.