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February 12, 2026
Expiration: 2/12/2031

**Re: Manhattan Drive Stormwater Outfalls Rehabilitation Project
 Vermont/ USEPA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number RF1-311 Finding of No Significant Impact
 Reaffirmation**

Dear Megan:

In accordance with section VII of the Department's *Vermont/EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program*, the Department of Environmental Conservation intends to reaffirm the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Manhattan Drive Stormwater Outfalls Rehabilitation project. This project consists of slope stabilization and stormwater outfall repair to three municipal stormwater system outfalls in Burlington, Vermont north of Manhattan Drive.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued for this project on March 5, 2021, and expires on March 5, 2026. In order to proceed with future loan agreements, the project and environmental conditions were reviewed to renew the environmental determination. Upon review of the existing FONSI documentation, it was determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is the appropriate environmental review response for this project, and the project can proceed without the need for any further environmental review. This project is not eligible for categorical exclusion from detailed environmental review because the project is known or expected to have environmental impacts, specifically, potential impacts to a wetland and the floodplains. The environmental impacts of this project have potentially decreased in size due to the size of the wetland footprint decreasing since 2021. A new Vermont Wetlands Permit is submitted and is currently under review by the Vermont Wetlands Program. The floodplains impacts are *de minimus*. The project's direct and indirect environmental effects do not meet criteria for issuance of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as described in section XI of the Department's environmental review procedures.

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The Water Investment Division has completed its review of the following documents which Support a reaffirmation of the Finding of No Significant Impact:

1. Environmental Information Document titled "*Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document*," and dated 1/11/2021, by City of Burlington.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=187748&DVID=0>
2. Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "*Final Draft Preliminary Engineering Report Stormwater Outfall Repair Project*," and dated 2018, by City of Burlington.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=179184&DVID=0>
3. Notice of Intent to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact, dated 1/14/2021, by Lynnette Claudon, PE, Water Investment Division, VT-DEC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=187820&DVID=0>
4. Facility Plan Approval titled "*CWSRF FONSI and Approval of Facilities Plan*," dated 3/5/2021, by Lynnette Claudon, PE, Water Investment Division, VT-DEC.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=189096&DVID=0>
5. Wetlands Delineation Map titled "*Natural Resources Map*," dated 7/17/2025, by VHB engineering.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=217386&DVID=0>

Updated Mitigation Requirements:

1. **Wetlands:** Mitigation of wetlands impacts will be determined by the updated Vermont Wetlands Permit and the updated US Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Permit, which must be included in the construction documents.

This FONSI reaffirmation, along with future approval of construction contract documents, is needed to qualify the City for CWSRF construction funding. Such funding may or may not be available when the city is ready to proceed with construction of this project.

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Please call Chloe Hulsizer at (802) 522-3562 if you have any questions regarding this FONSI reaffirmation.

Sincerely,

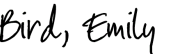
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