

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

Hartford Water Department, WSID #5319
Hartford, VT
Hartford Wilder Route 5 & Other Water Mains Project
DWSRF Loan RF3-605

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 Hartford Water Department, located in Hartford, VT has requested its proposed Hartford Wilder Route 5 & Other Water Mains Project 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 about 9250 feet of water main on the following streets in Hartford, VT: Hartford Ave., Lexington St., Norwich Ave., Gillette St., South St., Manning Dr., James St., Kriskarli St., C St., and Horseshoe Ave. This includes the replacement of about 5500 feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main, in addition to the replacement of smaller diameter mains on side streets. All water services and hydrants will be replaced. Some areas of the project involve asbestos cement pipe, which will need to be removed or abandoned in place.

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

Our consideration of the Hartford Water Department's request included reviewing the EID completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Dufresne Group. 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 Hartford Water Department Water System 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 4/1/2026

Documents Needed For Categorical Exclusion

1. **Environmental Information Document (EID)** signed 3/11/2026, by Charles Flower, PE, of Dufresne Group. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=218909&DVID=0>
2. **Environmental Information Document Appendices** by Dufresne Group. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=217930&DVID=0>
3. **Section 106 Project Review Form (PRF)** dated 12/4/25, by the State Historic Preservation Office. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=217931&DVID=0>
4. **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.** <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=214527&DVID=0>
5. **Environmental Review Determination Notice Page**, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/water-financing/srf/environmental-review>.

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