



Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Agency of Natural Resources

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City of Burlington
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Burlington, VT 05401

5/15/2026
Expiration Date: 5/15/2031

**Re: North Ave Stormwater Improvements Project
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Number 06140-2023-ARPA-CSO-03**

Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Megan:

The Department of Environmental Conservation intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the North Ave Stormwater Improvements Project.

The project has positive environmental impacts consisting of reducing the polluted runoff that enters the Combined Sewer System (CSS) in Burlington, VT.

This project additionally involves impacts including the indirect discharge to groundwater via stormwater infiltration chambers.

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).

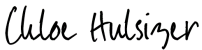
The Department's environmental review procedures require a 30-day public comment period following the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact. If no public comments received during that period demonstrate that this Notice of Intent is in error, then the Finding of No 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:



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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 5/15/2026, by Ashley Walenty, PE.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219998&DVID=0>
5. Environmental Information Document Appendices, by Ashley Walenty, PE.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219990&DVID=0>
6. Project Review Sheet dated 3/30/2026.
<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219986&DVID=0>

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Terry Purcell, Stormwater Permitting Supervisor, VT-DEC

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**City of Burlington
North Ave Stormwater Improvements Project**

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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 North Ave Stormwater Improvements Project. This project involves the installation of stormwater infiltration chambers to divert stormwater from Burlington's Combined Sewer System (CSS).

Under the Procedure, the project is ineligible for Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental review. The project involves impacts including the indirect discharge to groundwater 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 5/15/2026, by Ashley Walenty, PE, of Burlington, VT. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219998&DVID=0>
- **Environmental Information Document Appendices**, by Ashley Walenty, PE. <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IronPIG/DownloadFile.aspx?DID=219990&DVID=0>

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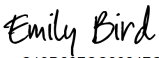
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No significant administrative action will be taken on this project for thirty (30) days from issuance of this Notice of Determination, to allow for public response.

Signed by:

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Emily Bird, Director
Water Investment Division

5/15/2026

Date

Department of Environmental Conservation
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TO: Emily Bird, Director, Water Investment Division ^{Initial}  5/15/2026

FROM: Chloe Hulsizer,
Environmental Analyst IV, Water Investment Division ^{Initial}  5/15/2026

SUBJECT: City of Burlington
North Ave Stormwater Improvements Project Project

Evaluation of Eligibility for Finding of No Significant Impact

DATE: 5/15/2026

A. Project Identification

Project Name: City of Burlington
North Ave Stormwater Improvements Project

Address: Megan Moir, Authorized Representative
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Project Location: City of Burlington, Vermont
This project involves the installation of stormwater infiltration chambers on North Ave. in Burlington, VT, in the Northern Lake Champlain 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 titled “Environmental Report and Environmental Information Document”, and 5/15/2026, by Ashley Walenty, PE.
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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 an indirect discharge to groundwater. 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 City of Burlington is located in Chittenden County, Vermont in the Northern Lake Champlain major watershed.

This project involves the installation of stormwater infiltration chambers to divert stormwater from Burlington’s Combined Sewer System (CSS) and infiltrate back into groundwater. The infiltration chambers will be designed to remove stormwater from about 1.6 acres of impervious surface. This project is required to mitigate the amount of stormwater that enters Burlington’s Wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTFs) during wet weather events. The project will reduce the polluted runoff that enters the Combined Sewer System (CSS) in Burlington, VT.

This work is expected to be constructed with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant.

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.

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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 impacts including the indirect discharge to groundwater.

Mitigation measures:

1. **Dust and Noise:** Practices to limit these impacts will be required, such as regular sweeping, erosion prevention and sediment control measures, or water application, and work will be limited to normal 7 am to 5 pm weekday working hours.
2. **Transportation and Public Transit:** Prior to the beginning of construction, the Contractor will be required to provide notice to the local public transit agency concerning the project schedule and potential impacts to the bus service or bus stops in the project area. The Contractor will be required to provide supplemental signage or temporarily relocate the bus stops as needed to maintain public transit service in this area.
3. **Migratory Birds, Eagles and Bats:** Will be avoided during nesting season. Grubbing is limited to off-bird breeding season.

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 May 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Burlington Department of Public Works Commission meeting as part of this FONSI process.