

NOTICE OF VERMONT SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS INVENTORY EDITS

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Department), acting under the authority of the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources (Agency), proposes to update the Vermont Significant Wetlands Inventory (VSWI) to reflect newly identified and updated wetland information, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 916(a) and the Vermont Wetland Rules (VWR), Vt. Code R. 12 004 056. VWR §8.5(d) requires the Secretary to revise the VSWI to identify wetlands that have been categorically determined to be Class II pursuant to VWR §4.6.

Under 10 V.S.A. § 916(b), as added by Section 14 of Flood Safety Act (Act 121 of 2024), the Agency is required to complete a High Quality Wetlands Inventory, using National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Plus mapping, for all tactical basins in the state by January 1, 2030. As part of this effort, the Department has reviewed updated NWI maps that include new and updated wetland information within Basin 8 (Winooski River), Basin 3 (Otter Creek, Little Otter Creek, Lewis Creek) and the Pike River Basin, which includes 107 towns in Vermont. Wetlands identified in the NWI maps that meet one or more categorical Class II wetlands criteria under VWR §4.6 using areal interpretation, site visits, and/or other spatial data, are proposed for addition to the VSWI.

This proposed update to the VSWI is intended to improve public visibility and understanding of locations of protected wetlands in the state. The attached tables list the towns included in the proposed VSWI update.

Public Comments: Use the following link to view an interactive map where you can zoom in to properties of interest to see the changes and click on wetlands to provide comments:

<https://vtanr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/nearby/index.html?appid=f862dbe013c54fc9be6fa7d26b8e1f2d> Additional information about the edits are available for review online at the [Environmental Notice Bulletin](#) (ENB). Any person may file comments in writing on this VSWI Edit through the ENB or [interactive map](#) through June 20, 2025 and clicking on the comment button.

Public Meetings: In-person public meetings are scheduled on three separate evenings this month. A virtual option is also available. The meeting locations and dates are listed below:

June 5, 2025, 5:00pm,

- In-person: 49 Center Street **Brandon, VT**
- Virtual access: [Register in advance for this meeting](#)

June 10, 2025, 5:00pm:

- In-person: Dewey Building 1 National Life Drive, **Montpelier, VT**
- Virtual access: [Register in advance for this meeting](#)

Virtual Meeting Option: You may access the meetings at the above times using your computer and Microsoft Teams by registering in the links above. If this is your first time joining a MS Teams meeting, we suggest you log in 5-10 minutes early to allow for time to troubleshoot. You can access the program through a web application for free and do not need to download it. You may use your computer audio in Teams to listen and participate, or you may dial 1(802)-828-7667 (conference ID: 608 063 235# for June 5, or 912 303 561# June 10).

The purpose of the public meeting is to allow interested persons to submit comments on the Department's draft general wetland determination.

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Basin 3 (Otter Creek, Little Otter Creek, Lewis Creek)

Town	% in Basin
Addison	65
Brandon	100
Bridport	74
Bristol	100
Buels Gore	10
Charlotte	16
Chittenden	60
Clarendon	100
Cornwall	100
Danby	66
Dorset	20
Fayston	3
Ferrisburgh	72
Goshen	97
Granville	<1
Hancock	15
Hinesburg	26
Hubbardton	6
Huntington	1
Ira	65
Killington	13
Leicester	100
Lincoln	94
Mendon	90
Middlebury	100
Middletown Springs	2
Monkton	100

Town	% in Basin
Mount Holly	61
Mount Tabor	84
New Haven	100
Orwell	30
Panton	61
Peru	10
Pittsford	84
Plymouth	2
Proctor	96
Ripton	91
Rochester	<1
Rutland City	100
Rutland Town	100
Salisbury	100
Shoreham	56
Shrewsbury	89
Starksboro	77
Sudbury	73
Tinmouth	60
Vergennes	100
Wallingford	100
Waltham	100
Warren	1
West Rutland	30
Weston	2
Weybridge	100
Whiting	100

Basin 8 (Winooski River)

Town	% in Basin	Town	% in Basin
Barre City	100	Moretown	100
Barre Town	100	Morristown	12
Berlin	100	Northfield	100
Bolton	97	Orange	61
Brookfield	9	Peacham	21
Buels Gore	90	Plainfield	99
Burlington	31	Richmond	98
Cabot	89	Roxbury	42
Calais	100	Saint George	62
Cambridge	2	Shelburne	12
Colchester	18	South Burlington	22
Duxbury	100	Starksboro	23
East Montpelier	100	Stowe	98
Elmore	31	Underhill	4
Essex	38	Waitsfield	100
Essex Junction	69	Walden	1
Fayston	97	Warren	99
Granville	17	Washington	29
Groton	6	Waterbury	100
Hinesburg	13	Westford	5
Huntington	99	Williamstown	79
Jericho	50	Williston	94
Lincoln	7	Winooski	100
Marshfield	98	Woodbury	56
Middlesex	100	Worcester	98
Montpelier	100		

Pike River Basin

Town	% in Basin
Berkshire	38
Franklin	58