

# 2021 NRCC Clean Water Design and Implementation Block Grant Application and Eligibility Screening

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*Please provide the following information about your project. It is recommended to first review the project eligibility details, RFA, and other resources provided before filling out your application.*

## **Applicant Information**

Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

## **Project Information**

Project Name:

Watersheds Project Database Number(s):

Project Location Town:

Project Location Watershed:

Is the project on private land?

Project Type (please see the Project Types Table for details):

Project Steps (check all that apply):

Preliminary Design

Final Design

Implementation

If this is a design project, do you have confirmation from project stakeholders that it can move to Implementation soon after completion of the design?

For stormwater projects, does the project meet the redevelopment standards of operational stormwater General Permit 3-9050 ('three-acre permit')?

Anticipated Start Date:

Anticipated Completion Date:

*Projects and all deliverables must be submitted/completed by October 1, 2023.*

## **Project Costs**

*Budgets listed below should match your attached budget template and include project costs and program delivery expenses. Applicants should check [page 22 of the FY21 CWIP Funding Policy](#) to verify if a proposal requires leveraged funds. Match/leverage above the required amount may make an application more competitive.*

Total Funding Requested: \$

Required Leverage (Match): \$

Total Leverage (Match) Provided: \$

See [page 22 of the FY21 CWIP Funding Policy](#) for leverage (match) requirements

## **Project Description**

Please provide a detailed description of your project, including:

- A brief summary of the project and work proposed;
- What metrics the project will accomplish (please check the Project Types Table for eligible reporting metrics specific to each project type) and associated benefits;
- What entity will provide maintenance/sign an O&M agreement for the project;
- Any necessary details on how your project meets the associated criteria found in the Project Types Table, and/or justification of any costs that do not have an immediately apparent water quality benefit.

## **Project Eligibility and Priority Screening**

*Please use the following to check your project's eligibility for the 2019 Clean Water Design and Implementation Block Grant. Additional resources can be found under the FY19 Design/Implementation Block Grant folder in the Resources folder.*

The project has a primary purpose of improving water quality by reducing nutrient and/or sediment pollution.

The project meets all associated criteria found in the Project Types Table and RFA.

The project does not contain any ineligible costs described in the FY2021 CWIP Funding Policy or NRCC Request for Proposals.

The project is not any of the ineligible project types described in the NRCC Request for Proposals or in the FY2021 CWIP Funding Policy.

Projects need to demonstrate their priority and importance. This is typically done through the project's identification as a priority project and/or in an assessment or plan (Tactical Basin Plan, Stormwater Master Plan, etc.), but in some cases (when a plan does not exist for an area, when a plan does not include recent events such as flooding or storm damage, etc.) priority can be demonstrated through recommendations from DEC staff. In the space below, please provide details on the project's priority including 1) what plans identify the project as a priority and its ranking if applicable, 2) why the project is a high priority (including the primary benefit and any secondary benefits), and 3) other details relevant to the project's prioritization and feasibility (including DEC staff recommendations):

## Natural Resources and DEC Programs Screening

Please use the following as a guide to screen your project for natural resources concerns. Additional resources can be found under the FY19 Design/Implementation Block Grant folder in the Resources Section. **Please coordinate with DEC staff to conduct this natural resource screening** (to be conducted at each project phase, 30% design, final design, implementation).

Please use [DEC's project explorer](#) and [DEC's projects database and natural resource screening tools](#) to screen for potential natural resource conflicts and identify relevant DEC Programs. When attaching the project locator map, please include all layers where a 'yes' is indicated below.

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### **Have any Act 250 (Vermont's Land Use and Development Control Law) Permits been issued in the project site's parcel location?**

An Act 250 Permit is required for certain categories of development, such as subdivisions of 10 lots or more, commercial projects on more than one acre or ten acres (depending on whether the town has permanent zoning and subdivision regulations), and any development above the elevation of 2,500 feet. Contact the project district's Permit Specialist if you have any questions about Act 250. Visit <http://dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/permits/specialists> to find the Permit Specialist for your project's area.

If yes, please provide the permit number and list any water resource issues or natural resource issues found:

Permit Number:

Resource Issues:

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### **Is the project site located within 250 feet of a lakeshore water's edge?**

If yes, contact your Lake and Shoreland Regional Permit Analyst and attach the Permit Analyst's approval to proceed with the project to this application. You might need a Shoreland Protection Act Permit or an Encroachment Permit. Visit <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/permit/contact> to find the Permit Analyst for your project's region.

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### **Will the project disturb more than an acre of land during construction?**

### **Will this project add impervious surface, create new development or otherwise require a Stormwater permit?**

If yes to either of the above, contact the appropriate Stormwater specialist to check what (if any) permitting is required, and attach their approval to proceed with the project to this application.

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**Does any portion of the project involve work on the stream bank and/or floodplain?**

*If yes, contact your river scientist and attach their approval to proceed with the project to this application, and confirm if you do/do not need a stream alteration permit for the project. Stream Alteration Permits regulate activities that take place in or along streams. The types of activities that are regulated include streambank stabilization, road improvements that encroach on streams, and bridge construction or repair.*

**Is there any portion of the project site located within 100' of a river corridor and/or mapped Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood hazard area?**

**Even if the project itself is not in the river corridor and/or flood hazard area, is there any portion of the project that may contribute point source water runoff into the stream? For example, a stormwater pond's pipe draining into a river corridor area.**

*If yes to either of the above, contact your river scientist and attach their approval to proceed with the project to this application. Visit <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/rivers/river-corridor-and-floodplain-protection> to find the River Scientist for your project's region.*

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**Is there any portion of the project site located in or within 100 feet of a mapped wetland, wetland advisory layer, or hydric soil area?**

**Are there any indications that you may have a wetland area onsite outside of mapping?**

*See the [Landowners Guide to Wetlands](#) for additional information on identifying wetlands onsite.*

*If yes to either of the above, contact your Wetland Ecologist/Scientist to confirm if a permit is needed and attach their approval to proceed with the project to this application. Visit <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/wetlands/contact> to find the Wetlands Staff for your project's region. The District Wetlands Ecologist can help determine the approximate locations of wetlands and whether you need to hire a Wetland Consultant to conduct a wetland delineation. Any activity within a Class I or II wetland or wetland buffer zone (100 feet and 50 feet respectively) which is not exempt or considered an "allowed use" under the [Vermont Wetland Rules](#) requires a permit. All permits must go through a public notice process, which takes time.*

## **DEC Programs Staff Approvals for Potential Natural Resources Concerns and Permits**

Please list and describe the following:

- Details and explanations of all existing or potential natural resource conflicts or concerns (anywhere you indicated 'Yes' on pages 4 or 5 is considered a potential natural resources concern);
- The State DEC programs and staff who have been consulted/given approval of the project (required for anywhere you indicated 'Yes' on pages 4 or 5);
- Relevant details/conditions related to the DEC program staff approvals;
- Any permitting needs or the reason a permit is not needed.

## Submitting Your Application

Templates and resources (including the Project Types Table that details the requirements for individual project types) can be found on the grant information page of [VACD.org](http://VACD.org), and in the shared NRCD folder. These should be reviewed prior to submitting an application. Any questions about the program or eligibility can also be directed to Holden Sparacino ([holden.sparacino@vacd.org](mailto:holden.sparacino@vacd.org)).

Required in All Applications:

- Application and Eligibility Screening (this form);
- [Project Locator Map](#) (including all layers relevant to any natural resources concerns, meaning anywhere a 'yes' was indicated in the Natural Resources and DEC Screening, page 4-6 of this application);
- Documentation of written project approval by all relevant DEC programs as determined through the Natural Resources Screening portion of this application (email meets this requirement, with the language "approval to proceed with the project" OR "approval with conditions to proceed with the project");
- Completed budget template;

Optional/Dependent on Application Type:

- Project Design for the previous project step (if applying for an implementation or 100% design project);
- Itemized quotes received from contractors if applicable; and
- Any additional materials that will help clarify/support the project, including photos, letters of support, maintenance agreements, and/or documentation of landowner/municipal permission.

NRCD applicants: to submit your application, please create a folder for this project (and/or your district) under the FY19 Design/Implementation Block Grant applications folder. Include your district's name and current date as part of the folder name (i.e. WCNRCD-ProjectName-10.29.19). Please upload this application and all attachments.

All other applicants: to submit your application, please send your application and attachments in a single email to Holden Sparacino ([holden.sparacino@vacd.org](mailto:holden.sparacino@vacd.org)) with the subject "2021 NRCC Clean Water Design and Implementation Grant Application."