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Stormwater Reduction in The Town of West Rutland

Through a bidding process the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) hired Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, LLC to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP) for the Town of West Rutland (Clarendon River Watershed).

The goal of this project is to work with the Town of West Rutland on treating and reducing overall stormwater volume by developing a Stormwater Master Plan.

The overall objective of this project is to provide the Town of West Rutland with a strategic approach for meeting stormwater management needs in the Otter Creek watershed, to address pressing water resource concerns in an efficient and targeted manner.

Local knowledge provided by municipal staff and other key landowners or stakeholders will serve to jumpstart the SWMP effort. The SWMP will identify a mix of distributed Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) practices, end-of-pipe stormwater solutions, and practices that will address runoff from roads and onto roads from private properties.

Project selection and ranking will follow identification and prioritization guidelines developed by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VT DEC).

For further information regarding Stormwater Master Planning visit the VTDEC website <u>https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/solutions/developed-lands/municipal-stormwater</u>

The project is a collaboration among RNRCD, the Town of West Rutland, and the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC).

Funding for this project is provided by ACRPC in its capacity as Clean Water Service Provider through a Clean Water Planning grant.

Twice per year the Clean Water Service Provider issues a request for proposals for projects that will improve waters in the Otter Creek Basin. Contact ACRPC for more information.