

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission – Clean Water Advisory Committee

8 May 2025

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Additional Town Forest Resources

- ◇ [Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program: Town Forest Stewardship Toolkit](#)
- ◇ [Vermont Forest Parks and Recreation: Town Forest Guide](#)
- ◇ [University of Vermont: Town Forest Census Project](#)
 - ◇ [Funding resources: Vermont Town Forest Census Project](#)
- ◇ [Winooski Clean Water Service Provider](#)
 - ◇ [Book a meeting](#) to discuss funding for forest road projects

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Draft - FY26 Tactical Basin Workplan

◆ Outreach & Technical Assistance

- ◆ Support the prioritization, design, and **implementation of stormwater projects** in towns without Stormwater Master Plans.
- ◆ Assist with the design and implementation of priority projects identified through the **Sabin Pond Lake Watershed Action Plan**.
 - ◆ Coordinate a **Wastewater Workshop targeting Sabin & Nelson Ponds**.
- ◆ Identify targeted areas for **piloting new forest roads assessment** efforts, conduct outreach & education attracting additional interest in forest road work.
- ◆ Coordinate with state partners to assist Plainfield with updating existing River Corridor Plans and **prioritizing a state-supported assessment for the Great Brook**.
- ◆ Assist with the planning of a **Vermont Stormwater Training Series** with New England Environmental Finance Center, University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center, DEC, and Lake Champlain Sea Grant.

◆ Municipal Plan & Bylaw Update

- ◆ Outreach to municipalities that have not adopted **River Corridor Bylaws**.
- ◆ Assist Planning Commissions and Zoning Administrators regarding FEMA map and bylaw updates, river corridor planning, DEC Rivers Program flood hazard model bylaw, and **Flood Safety Act 121 preparedness**.

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Draft - FY26 Tactical Basin Workplan: CWAC Meetings

Topic	Partner
Winooski River Basin Clean Water Service Provider & Project Funding Opportunities	Central VT Regional Planning Commission
	Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District
	Vermont Land Trust
River Corridor Planning & The Flood Safety Act	Department of Environmental Conservation
	The Nature Conservancy
	Lake Champlain Sea Grant
Winter Road Maintenance Strategies for Municipalities	UVM Extension
	Agency of Transportation
	Municipal Road Foreman / Road Commissioner
Watershed Partner Updates	Friends of the Mad River
	Friends of the Winooski River
	Lake Champlain Basin Program

Outreach Strategies to reach a broader audience?

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FY26 Tactical Basin Workplan Timeline

- ◆ ~~March 31~~ — ~~Deadline for submitting workplan ideas to CVPRC~~
- ◆ ~~April 16~~ — ~~CVRPC provides draft workplan template to watershed planner.~~
- ◆ ~~April 30~~ — ~~Watershed planner provides feedback and recommended edits.~~
- ◆ **May 14** – CVRPC submits final workplan to Department of Environmental Conservation after making any necessary revisions.

FY26 TBP support grant will cover work from 1 August 2025 through 31 July 2026

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Upcoming Meetings

- ◆ Annual Meeting: 10 July 2025
 - ◆ Member Roundtable
 - ◆ Member intros, goals for serving on the committee, and past / current project involvement
 - ◆ Election of Chair / Vice Chair
 - ◆ CVRPC Natural Resources Program Areas Overview

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Announcements

- ◇ [DEC Wetlands Restoration Manual](#) – Now Available:
 - ◇ How-to manual for designing and implementing voluntary wetland restoration projects in Vermont.
- ◇ Forest Road & Trail Project In field trainings: [Registration Form](#)
 - ◇ Purpose: this training will provide field-based demonstration of the Acceptable Management Practices standards and how to complete the Forest Truck Road and Skid Trail Erosion Inventory.
 - ◇ Location: Birdseye Wildlife Management Area in Poultney, VT
 - ◇ Date: 14 May 2025, 9am-2pm
 - ◇ Location: Jay State Forest in Richford/Montgomery, VT
 - ◇ Date: 21 May 2025, 9am-2pm
- ◇ Committee Member Announcements?

Next meeting: 10 July 2025

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