

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission – Clean Water Advisory Committee

11 September 2025

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Clean Water Service Provider

- ◆ Act 76 - Clean Water Service Delivery Act of 2019
 - ◆ Provides long-term funding, including Clean Water Funds to support non-regulatory programs
 - ◆ Establishes a network of decentralized Clean Water Service Providers (CWSPs) & Basin Water Quality Councils (BWQCs)
 - ◆ Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: CWSP for the Winooski River Basin
 - ◆ Nine member BWQC comprised of representatives from: land conservation organizations (1), watershed organizations (2), Natural Resources Conservation Districts (2), Regional Planning Commissions (2) & Municipalities (2)
- ◆ 5-year (renewable) service agreements
- ◆ Funding based on phosphorous reduction target

CVRPC Role as CWSP

- ◆ Provide staff support to the Winooski Basin Water Quality Council
- ◆ Develop policies to govern the BWQC according to the Act, the Rule & guidance documents
- ◆ Pre-qualify Project Implementors + Engineering & Construction Services
- ◆ Solicit & score projects
- ◆ Issue sub-grants & sub-contracts
- ◆ Maintain adequate records
- ◆ Report results to VT DEC staff

FY25 Formula Grant Funding

Annual Funding Based on Formula					
	Design, Engineering & Construction	Project Identification & Development	Total Project Funding	Maximum Administrative Costs	Total Project Funding + Max Admin
FY23	\$827,068	\$57,737	\$884,805	\$156,142	\$1,040,947
FY24	\$871,791	\$60,859	\$932,650	\$164,585	\$1,097,235
FY25	\$640,538	\$230,503	\$918,335 ¹	\$162,059	\$1,080,394

Phosphorous Reduction Targets (kg / yr)				
Farm Fields	Developed Lands	Forest	Streams	Total
9.2	23.9	0	36.4	69.6 ²

1. This amount includes \$47,294 for Operations & Maintenance costs.
2. Proposed p-reduction target: 53.9 kg / yr

Summary of Funded Projects

Project Implementor	# of Projects	P-reduction (kg)	Total Funding
CCRPC	1 (Project Development)	n/a	\$23,058
CVRPC	2 (Project Development)	20.9	\$36,192
	2 (Preliminary / Final Design)	8	\$40,100
	1 (Adoption)	22.3	\$13,100
FWR	5 (Preliminary / Final Design)	n/a	\$46,841
	4 (Implementation)	8.52	\$56,252
LCCD	1 (Project Development)	n/a	\$30,000
VLT	1 (Project Development)	n/a	\$25,000
	3 (Design & Implementation)	14.95	\$165,981
TOTAL	20	45.77	\$436,524

Ongoing Activities

◆ Outreach

- ◆ Municipal: meet with municipal representatives, determine local water quality restoration priorities, identify project sponsor, facilitate funding request(s)
- ◆ Project Implementors: continue to offer support for project development and funding requests
- ◆ State: coordinate with Basin Planner to identify cost-efficient projects throughout the basin

◆ Funding

- ◆ Berlin: Project Scoping & Development – Culvert replacement & riparian buffers
- ◆ Calais: Project Final Design – Culvert replacement & gully stabilization
- ◆ Waitsfield: Project Scoping & Development – Floodplain reconnection
- ◆ Northfield: Stormwater Project Adoption – Operations & Maintenance (pending)

Riparian Buffer & Culvert Replacement Project Development - Berlin

- ◆ **Primary Contact:** Brian Voigt, Senior Planner, Central VT Regional Planning Commission
- ◆ **Project Description:** The project proposes to scope and develop Riparian Buffer Planting and Culvert Replacement projects in the Steven's Branch and Dog River sub-watersheds with cost-efficient phosphorus reductions.
- ◆ **Project Deliverables:**
 - ◆ Number of projects scoped: 20
 - ◆ Specific project development: 3-5
- ◆ **Project Budget:** \$29,908
- ◆ **Project Status:** complete
- ◆ **Next Steps:** Meet with project partners to review eligibility of priority projects and work with landowners to move towards preliminary design.

Marshfield Road Gully Stabilization & Culvert Replacement - Calais

- ◆ Primary Contact: Brian Voigt, Senior Planner, Central VT Regional Planning Commission
- ◆ Project Type: Stormwater
- ◆ Project Phase: Final Design
- ◆ Project Description: Significant downstream erosion will be addressed through stone stabilization, check dam structures, or a terrace or two of gabions and layering small stone below with larger stone down the gully.
- ◆ P-reduction:
 - ◆ Gully stabilization: 4.87 kg / yr
 - ◆ Culvert replacement: 3.19 kg / yr
- ◆ Project Budget:
 - ◆ Final Design: \$34,941
 - ◆ Anticipated Future Funding: \$35,000

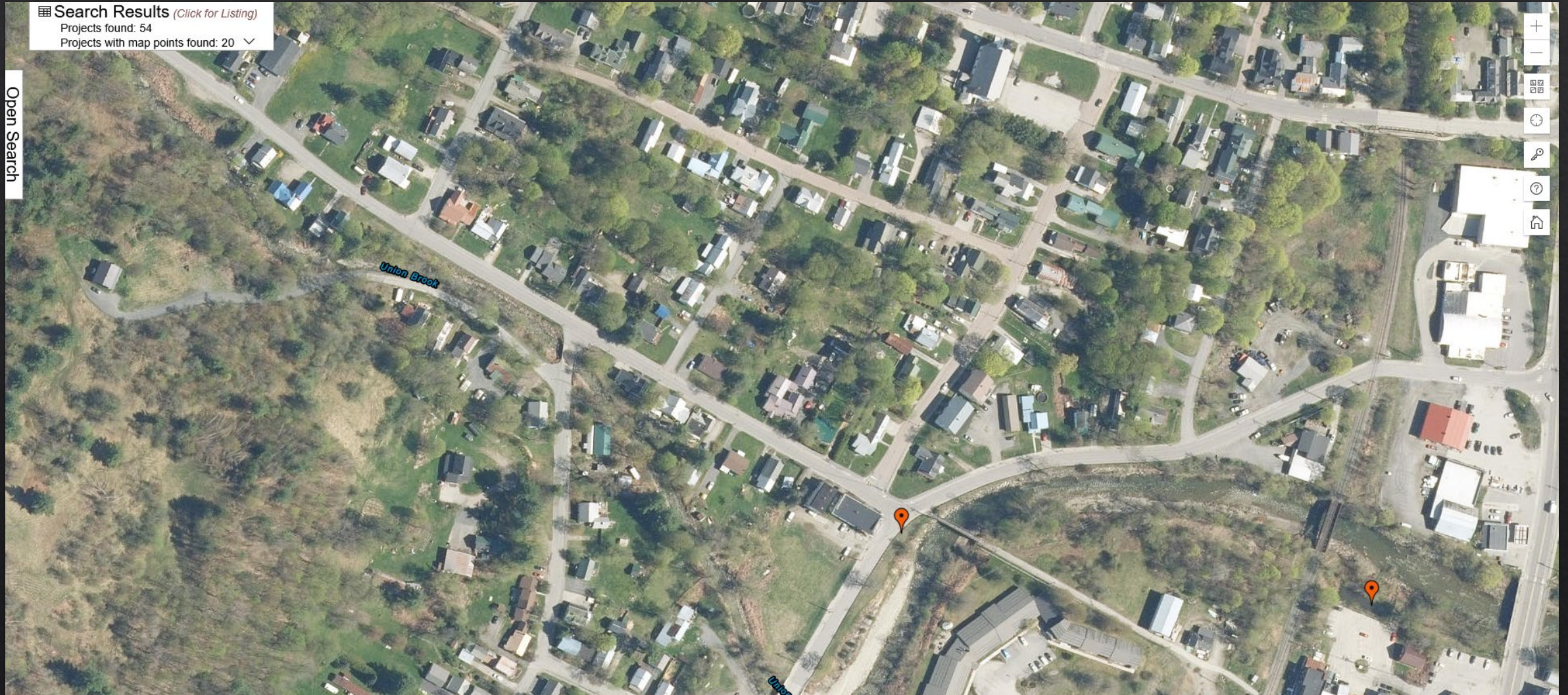
Floodplain Project Development - Waitsfield

- ◆ Primary Contact: Brian Voigt, Central Vermon Regional Planning Commission
- ◆ Project Type: Project Development
- ◆ Project Description: The project proposes to scope and develop 5 – 6 Floodplain Restoration projects along the Upper Mad River. The four projects included in the initial proposal are located on town land managed by the Waitsfield Conservation Commission. *Since the proposal was submitted, two adjacent landowners have expressed interest in developing similar types of projects on their properties.*
- ◆ Project Deliverables:
 - ◆ Number of projects scoped: 4 – 6
 - ◆ Specific project development: 0 – 6
- ◆ Project Budget:
 - ◆ Project Development: \$8,461.15
- ◆ Project Status:

Stormwater Project Adoption - Northfield

- ◆ Primary Contact: Brian Voigt, Program Manager, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
- ◆ Project Type: Stormwater
- ◆ Project Phase: Project Adoption
- ◆ Project Description: This proposal requests funding to adopt a stormwater treatment in the Town of Northfield to support Operations & Maintenance activities. The Operations & Maintenance Plan calls for the inspection of the inlet catch basin, splitter structure, manifold, isolator row and pipes and the removal of sediment from the pipes / structures on an as-needed basis.
- ◆ P-reduction: 22.3 kg / yr
- ◆ Project Budget:
 - ◆ 5-year Adoption Period: \$13,100
 - ◆ Anticipated Future Funding: \$2,500 / yr
- ◆ Next Steps: Work with municipal staff to solicit bids for the work.

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Upcoming Meetings

Topic	Partner
River Corridor Planning & The Flood Safety Act* 13 November 2025	Lake Champlain Sea Grant
	The Nature Conservancy
Winter Road Maintenance Strategies for Municipalities 8 January 2026	UVM Extension
	Agency of Transportation
	Municipal Road Foreman / Road Commissioner
Watershed Partner Updates 12 March 2026	Friends of the Mad River
	Friends of the Winooski River
	Lake Champlain Basin Program

*This meeting is intended to be a discussion and work session for municipal staff. The **14 October 2025 CVRPC Board Meeting at 6:30PM** will include a presentation on River Corridor Planning & The Flood Safety Act geared towards Selectboard members. All are welcome at both events.

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Announcements

- ◆ Friends of the Mad River has issued a [Request for Proposals](#) for a consultant to lead the design and build of a geospatial database for their Clean Water Database Planning Project in the Mad River Watershed, a project funded by the Lake Champlain Basin Program.
 - ◆ Deadline for proposals is 24 October 2025. Please direct any questions to julie@friendsofthemadriver.org.
- ◆ Friends of the Winooski River
 - ◆ Cleanup Date: September 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Meeting Location: parking lot on Boynton St. across from Spaulding High School in Barre, VT
 - ◆ Website: <https://winooskiriver.org/river-clean-up>
- ◆ Winooski & South Lake Clean Water Service Providers partnering with UVM Environmental Problem-Solving Lab to develop a Forestry Outreach Plan
- ◆ CVRPC preparing for municipal outreach regarding [Act 37 - An Act Relating to Stormwater Management](#)
 - ◆ Extended 3-acre permit compliance deadline to October 1, 2028

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