

# Winooski River Basin Water Quality Council Meeting

18 September 2025

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## Riparian Buffer Planting - GMC & VTACT

- ◆ Primary Contact: Samuel Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski River
- ◆ Project Type: Riparian Buffer Planting – Implementation
- ◆ Project Description: This proposal seeks funds to plant a 50' – 100' wide riparian buffer at a density of 400 stems / acre on 2-acres in the Lower Little River watershed (Waterbury).
- ◆ Project Deliverables:
  - ◆ Acres of riparian buffer planted / restored: 2
  - ◆ P-reduction: 1.5 kg / yr
- ◆ Project Budget:
  - ◆ Formula Grant: \$15,548
  - ◆ Non-State Matching Funds: \$4,840
  - ◆ Total Project Budget: \$20,388







# Initial Proposal Review:

## Riparian Buffer Planting - Graber

- ◆ Primary Contact: Samuel Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski River
- ◆ Project Type: Riparian Buffer Planting – Implementation
- ◆ Project Description: This proposal seeks funds to plant a 35' – 50' wide riparian buffer at a density of 400 stems / acre on 0.85-acres in the Winooski River Headwaters watershed (Cabot). A letter of support from the landowner is pending.
- ◆ Project Deliverables:
  - ◆ Acres of riparian buffer planted / restored: 0.85
  - ◆ P-reduction: 1.7 kg / yr
- ◆ Project Budget:
  - ◆ Formula Grant: \$11,155
  - ◆ Non-State Matching Funds: \$0
  - ◆ Total Project Budget: \$11,155





# Initial Proposal Review:

## Riparian Buffer Planting - Kelly

- ◆ Primary Contact: Samuel Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski River
- ◆ Project Type: Riparian Buffer Planting – Implementation
- ◆ Project Description: This proposal seeks funds to plant a 300' wide riparian buffer at a density of 350 stems / acre on 0.75-acres in the Huntington River watershed (Huntington). A letter of support from the landowner is pending.
- ◆ Project Deliverables:
  - ◆ Acres of riparian buffer planted / restored: 0.75
  - ◆ P-reduction: 1 kg / yr
- ◆ Project Budget:
  - ◆ Formula Grant: \$8,861
  - ◆ Non-State Matching Funds: \$0
  - ◆ Total Project Budget: \$8,861





# Initial Proposal Review:

## Riparian Buffer Planting - SHO

- ◆ Primary Contact: Samuel Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski River
- ◆ Project Type: Riparian Buffer Planting – Implementation
- ◆ Project Description: This proposal seeks funds to plant a 100' wide riparian buffer at a density of 300 stems / acre on 1.75-acres in the Huntington River watershed (Huntington). The landowner supports the project.
- ◆ Project Deliverables:
  - ◆ Acres of riparian buffer planted / restored: 1.75
  - ◆ P-reduction: 1.1 kg / yr
- ◆ Project Budget:
  - ◆ Formula Grant: \$13,940
  - ◆ Non-State Matching Funds: \$0
  - ◆ Total Project Budget: \$13,940





# Initial Proposal Review:

## Riparian Buffer Planting – Tyler Place Trib

- ◆ Primary Contact: Samuel Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski River
- ◆ Project Type: Riparian Buffer Planting – Implementation
- ◆ Project Description: This proposal seeks funds to plant a 50' wide riparian buffer at a density of 400 stems / acre on 3.75-acres in the Tributaries to the Lower Mid-Winooski watershed (Jericho). The landowner supports the project.
- ◆ Project Deliverables:
  - ◆ Acres of riparian buffer planted / restored: 3.75
  - ◆ P-reduction: 3.25 kg / yr
- ◆ Project Budget:
  - ◆ Formula Grant: \$25,572
  - ◆ Non-State Matching Funds: \$4,500
  - ◆ Total Project Budget: \$30,522





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# Announcements

## ◆ **River Corridor Planning & The Flood Safety Act 121 – Municipal Sessions**

Facilitators : Lake Champlain Sea Grant & The Nature Conservancy

- ◆ 14 October 2025 at 6:30PM - CVRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting (discussion)
- ◆ 13 November 2025 at 4:00PM - CVRPC Clean Water Advisory Committee Meeting (workshop)
- ◆ See the CVRPC website for [meeting agendas and zoom links](#)

## ◆ **Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)** has released a draft [Cost Rate Methodology \(CRM\)](#) on the State's Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) website for a 30-day public comment period

A public presentation will be held on Wednesday, 8 October 2025 from 2-3pm.

- ◆ Attend in person: National Life Building, Davis 2, Catamount Room, in Montpelier, Vermont
- ◆ Attend remotely: via MS Teams by following [this meeting link](#)

## ◆ **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](mailto:julie@friendsofthemadriver.org).

## ◆ **CWSP Funding** - The deadline for consideration at the October Winooski River Basin Water Quality Council meeting is 9 October 2025. [Schedule a meeting](#) with Brian & Lincoln for proposal development assistance.

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