

Winooski River Basin Clean Water Service Provider

Date: 13 July 2026

To: Winooski Basin Water Quality Council

Re: Winooski Basin Clean Water Service Provider Staff recommendation for project prioritization & funding

This memo offers a funding recommendation for the following proposal:

1. Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission – Project Development – Town of Cabot Culvert Replacement

Project development proposals were evaluated on the likelihood of successfully identifying water quality restoration projects that can be advanced through implementation using Formula Grant funds. Design- and Implementation-phase proposals were evaluated using the following criteria: Cost effectiveness of phosphorous reduction (75 points), Project Risk (10 points), Design Life (5 points) and Co-benefits (10 points).

For a more detailed description of the Design- and Implementation-phase project proposal review process, refer to the [Co-benefits scoring methodology](#), the March 2023 Clean Water Service Provider [presentation](#) to the Winooski Basin Water Quality Council and the [minutes](#) from that meeting. Assessment / Identification and Development-phase projects are scored according to their likelihood of success in identifying cost-efficient, non-regulatory water quality improvement projects in the Winooski Basin.

Funding Recommendations

- 1. Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission – Project Development – Town of Cabot Culvert Replacement:** This proposal seeks funding to evaluate the condition of 25 culverts in the Town of Cabot. The result of this effort will be the evaluation of potential culvert replacement projects and the generation of p-reduction estimates (using the current phosphorous accounting methodology). **Recommendation: prioritize this funding request.**