Winooski River Basin Water Quality Council Meeting

15 October 2026

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Riparian Buffer Planting – Huntington, Town Forest

- Primary Contact: Sam Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski
- Project Type: Riparian Buffer Planting – Implementation
- Project Description: This proposal seeks funds to restore 0.5 acres of riparian habitat by establishing a buffer width of 100+ feet and a planting density of 300 stems per acre along the Huntington River (Huntington).
- Project Deliverables:
  - Acres of riparian buffer planted / restored: 0.5
  - P-reduction: 0.45 kg / yr
- Project Budget:
  - Formula Grant: $5,473
  - Other matching funds: n/a
  - Total Project Budget:$5,473

Initial Proposal Review:
Riparian Buffer Planting – Huntington, Town Forest



River Corridor & 50 ft. buffer



Planting Area (Blue) – Drainage Area (Orange)

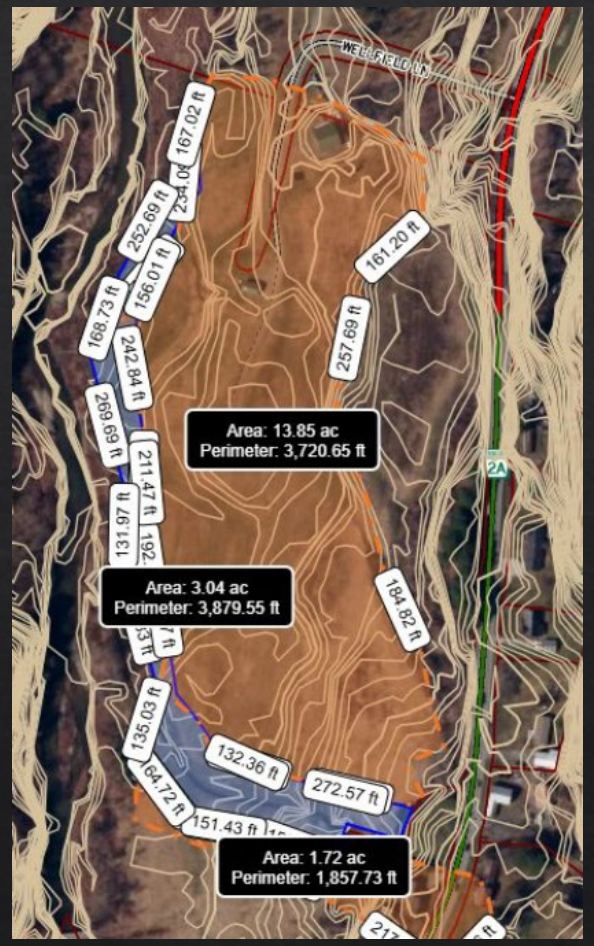
Initial Proposal Review:
Riparian Buffer Planting – Northfield, Wellfield Property

- Primary Contact: Sam Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski
- Project Type: Riparian Buffer Planting – Implementation
- Project Description: This proposal seeks funds to restore 3 acres of riparian habitat by establishing a buffer width of 50 feet along a small tributary of the dog river and expanding a previously planted area along the mainstem of the Dog River to 100 feet. Planting density will be 400 stems per acre (Northfield).
- Project Deliverables:
  - Acres of riparian buffer planted / restored: 3
  - P-reduction: 2.94 kg / yr
- Project Budget:
  - Formula Grant: $23,831
  - Other matching funds: n/a
  - Total Project Budget: $23,831

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Riparian Buffer Planting – Northfield, Wellfield Property



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Initial Proposal Review:
Riparian Buffer Planting – Stowe, Moscow Rec. Fields

- Primary Contact: Sam Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski
- Project Type: Riparian Buffer Planting – Implementation
- Project Description: This proposal seeks funds to restore 0.5 acres of riparian habitat by establishing a buffer width of 60-100 feet with a planting density of 400 stems per acre along the Little River (Stowe).
- Project Deliverables:
  - Acres of riparian buffer planted / restored: 0.5
  - P-reduction: 0.75 kg / yr
- Project Budget:
  - Formula Grant: $6,679
  - Other matching funds: n/a
  - Total Project Budget: $6,679

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Announcements

- DEC Clean Water Initiative Program (CWIP) is in the process of updating the CWIP Funding Policy:. Send your comments to madeline.cotter@vermont.gov with subject line "Funding Policy Comments: Batch 3." by **October 30, 2026.** Batch 3 - Process, Format and Other Improvements include updates to the: Project Types Table , Eligibility Screening Form, and Operations and Maintenance Plan and Agreement

- **Watersheds United Vermont (WUV) Enhancement Riparian Buffer Grant program:** For Spring and Fall 2027 plantings. ~$300,000 is provided by the VT DEC Clean Water Initiative Program. All materials can be found here. For questions contact Christian Pelletier, (christian@watershedsunitedvt.org) & Lyn Munno, (lyn@watershedsunitedvt.org). **Application Due Date: October 23, 2026. Anticipated Notification of Award: Early November 2026.**

- CWSP Funding - The deadline for consideration at the 19 November 2026 Winooski River Basin Water Quality Council meeting is 12 November 2026. Schedule a meeting with Brian & Lincoln for project reviews & proposal development assistance.

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