

To: Municipalities of

Bolton, Burlington, Colchester, Essex, Essex Junction, Jericho, Richmond, Shelburne, South Burlington, Underhill, Williston and Winooski

On behalf of Becky Tharp of Watershed Consulting Associates, I am reaching out to you today to gauge your municipalities interest in participating in their *Developing Public-Private Partnerships (P3) to Meet the Stormwater General Permit for Parcels with ≥ 3 Impervious Acres* project (see attached file, "WCA_P3P_3Acre...").

Watershed Consulting Associates will:

- work with municipalities and private landowners to develop partnerships to comply with the stormwater general permit requirements for parcels with 3 or more acres of impervious cover.
- work with the VT DEC to develop a process for making stormwater treatment as cost effective and efficient as possible while achieving water quality goals set forth in the Lake Champlain TMDL. To that end, 10-15 sites will be selected for 30% design across 10 municipalities in the Lake Champlain Basin that contain 3-acre sites.
- Proposed designs will maximize phosphorus reductions in a cost-effective manner, prioritize infiltration practices where feasible, and incorporate green stormwater infrastructure (GSI). These practices will involve management of additional non-jurisdictional impervious cover abutting the regulated 3-acre sites. As part of the development of these designs, public-private partnerships (P3) will be created to improve water quality locally and across the basin.

As detailed in the attached documents, your municipality met the Tier 1 threshold in order for WCA and CCRPC to first gauge your interest in participation and should that participation prove fruitful, move forward with the identification of discrete study sites some of which may advance to the 30% design stage.

Note: No final design or construction is proposed as part of this project nor is any formal request being made for Cash or a significant commitment in terms of staff time. Also, at this time, DEC is not yet willing to share the current list of potential 3+ Acre sites.

In terms of the level of commitment needed from your municipality at this early stage of the project, Becky indicates that

At this point, I think a Town should expect at least one meeting of a couple of hours (at least) to discuss their water quality goals, current projects and priorities, and what opportunities they see for working with private landowners to:

1. *Identify water quality improvement project opportunities on private lands that benefit both the Town and the landowner*
2. *Identify where the Town's projects and priorities could be leveraged to benefit a private landowner who will be required to conform to the 3-acre permit*

The Town should be willing to entertain some options that might include O&M services, treatment of private land runoff on public property via a BMP, shared stormwater practices for both public and private parcels, hosting grant funds for potential future design/ implementation of a project. These would be specific to the Town and situation and a number of other factors, so this is just an idea.

So, in short, please let me know if you think your municipality is willing to commit towards participation in this project by clicking on the following one of the answers below which will pop up as an email to send back to me:

[Yes, this project sounds interesting and our staff is willing to help with an initial kick-off meeting to see if our municipality could be one of the eventual 10-15 study communities across the State.](#)

No, while this project is interesting, we prefer not to have our municipality involved in the project either due to inadequate staff resources available or due to other considerations.

If you have further questions about this project, feel free to reach out directly to Becky Tharp at Watershed Consulting Associates via email to becky@watershedca.com or by phone at: [802.578.8592](tel:802.578.8592)

Thanks, Dan

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