

## P3 for Parcels with $\geq 3$ Impervious Acres

### *Town Selection Process*

### Tier 1 – Selection of Ten Towns

The goal of this stage of the project is to identify 10 Towns to participate in the study. Parcels within these Towns will then be evaluated for inclusion in the project to result in 10-15 potential sites for deeper investigation and design. We intend to capture towns that represent a wide geographic area (avoiding a focus on one county), varying Town size to include small Towns without a dedicated stormwater program as well as the State's largest municipalities, and differing dominant land uses (including commercial, residential, and agricultural).

### Required Town Characteristics

Towns considered for selection in the study must have certain attributes.

- One or more parcels within the Town boundaries that are subject to the 3-acre permit
- The Town must be interested/ willing to explore public-private partnership opportunities with private landowners (that could include O&M agreements and/or partial treatment of public runoff on private lands)
- There must be a documented water quality concerns in waterways related to developed lands runoff noted in a planning document (i.e., SWMP, FRP, PCP, Corridor or Basin Plan or other planning document or study)

### Criteria for Balanced Town Selection

After initial screening, towns will be classified based on criteria that that will meet with following goals:

- Completed SWMP, FRPs or similar plans or studies with BMPs that have not yet been implemented: As these documents will have identified BMP sites that represent significant stormwater concern and may overlap public and private concerns and properties, this study will aim to identify at least 4 towns that meet this criterion to allow further exploration of using these plans and studies as tools to encourage P3.
- Range of geographic locations: Aim for no more than 3 towns in any one county – Chittenden, Washington, Franklin, Rutland, Addison, Lamoille (Orleans, Orange, Bennington)
- Varying town size: By population, aim for 3 large towns (>7,000), 4 medium towns (3,000-7,000), and 3 small towns (<3,000)
- Differing dominant land uses: Aim for a final selection of 3-4 “rural” towns with the balance representing a combination of commercial/ industrial, and residential or more “urban” settings.