

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program Process Overview

➤ **Watershed Event Occurs**

- Step 1** NRCS State Conservationist submits Electronic Disaster Report (EDR).
- Step 2** Sponsor submits Request for EWP Assistance to NRCS State Conservationist within 60 days of the watershed event.
- Step 3** NRCS conducts site visits with Sponsor and completes Damage Survey Reports (DSR).
- Step 4** NRCS State Conservationist submits eligible DSR to the NRCS National Watershed Office (WSO).
- Step 5** NRCS National Watershed Office reviews submitted DSR's and approves funding for eligible DSR.
 - If EWP Funds are available, the WSO transfers the requested funds to Vermont NRCS.
 - If EWP funds are not available, the WSO adds the approved DSR to a national EWP waitlist. These DSR will be funded when Congress appropriates funds for the EWP program.
- Step 6** Vermont NRCS notifies Sponsor funds are available.
- Step 7** Sponsor submits EWP Grant Application.
 - NRCS DSR Repair Cost is used for grant budget.
- Step 8** NRCS processes grant application.
- Step 9** Sponsor and NRCS execute (sign) the EWP agreement.
 - This obligates EWP funds for repairs.
- Step 10** Complete design and obtain permits.
 - With the scope of damage, NRCS may require Sponsor to contract design and construction oversight services.
 - NRCS can obligate Technical Assistance (TA) funds to help cover this cost.
- Step 11** Sponsor Solicits Bids.
- Step 12** Sponsor Awards Construction Contract
 - Sponsor can request additional funds to increase NRCS share to 75% if the selected bid exceeds the DSR Cost Estimate.
- Step 13** Construction of project.
- Step 14** Close Out and Final Reports