

# Vermont NRCS EWP Assistance Request Letter Instructions

## Who can submit an EWP Assistance Request?

Request letters must be submitted by an entity that is a division of government.

- In Vermont this has historically been the local town or city government.

## What does submitting an EWP Assistance Request obligate the Sponsor to?

The Sponsor will need to provide an individual to accompany the NRCS Damage Survey Report (DSR) Team when they conduct damage assessments.

The VT NRCS EWP Fact Sheet list Sponsor obligation if sites eligible sites are to be repaired.

## Submit signed EWP assistance request letter using one of the following methods:

Email To: [Travis.Thomason@usda.gov](mailto:Travis.Thomason@usda.gov) and copy to [Michel.Lapointe@usda.gov](mailto:Michel.Lapointe@usda.gov)

Mail To: Travis Thomason  
State Conservationist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
356 Mountain View Drive, Suite 105  
Colchester, VT 05446

Fax To: Travis Thomason at (855) 794-3677 and copy to Michel Lapointe at (855) 794-3678

## Hazard Types?

In Vermont, EWP hazards are normally:

- Streambank Erosion and/or
- Debris Clogged Streams

## Type of Local Contribution?

Q What can be used to satisfy the sponsor's 25% cost-share requirement?

A Either cash or "in-kind" construction services or a combination of the two can be used.

In-kind construction services include the cost associated with materials, town equipment, and town labor.

## EWP Criteria for Assistance

All EWP works of improvement must reduce threat to life and property; be economically, environmentally, and socially defensible; and be technically sound.

- Property is defined as any artificial structure permanently affixed to the land such as, but not limited to, houses, buildings, roads, utilities, structures, dams.
  - Standing timber, orchards, growing crops, other agronomic crops are not considered property under the EWP Program.

EWP is a protection program and cannot be used to repair damaged property or replace destroyed property.