

## **United States Department of Agriculture**

December 9, 2023

Town of Richmond PO Box 285 203 Bridge Street Richmond, VT 05477-0285

RE: Eligibility for Emergency Watershed Protection Program

Dear Josh Arneson:

We received your request Federal assistance to restore damages sustained in Richmond by the July 2023 storms.

We have investigated the situation and determined that the following site is not eligible for assistance through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program.

## **Sites Determined Not Eligible**

| DSR      |                    |   |
|----------|--------------------|---|
| Number   | Project Location   | Reason Not Eligible                                       |
| 5041-217 | 102 Tilden Street  | Title 390, Part 511, Section 511.1.B.(2) – EWP assistance |
|          |                    | will not be used to perform operation or maintenance.     |
| 5041-218 | Esplanade Street   | Title 390, Part 511, Section 511.1.B.(2) – EWP assistance |
|          |                    | will not be used to perform operation or maintenance.     |
| 5041-219 | 340 Cochran Road   | Others did repair which mitigated threat.                 |
| 5041-220 | Cochran Road Trail | Site does not meet Title 390, Part 510, Section           |
|          |                    | 511.3.C.ii, definition of "property".                     |
| 5041-221 | Dugway Road Site 1 | Title 390, Part 511, Section 511.1.B.(3) – EWP assistance |
|          |                    | will not be used to repair, rebuild, or maintain private  |
|          |                    | or public transportation facilities, public utilities, or |
|          |                    | similar facilities.                                       |
| 5041-222 | Dugway Road Site 2 | Title 390, Part 511, Section 511.1.B.(3) – EWP assistance |
|          |                    | will not be used to repair, rebuild, or maintain private  |
|          |                    | or public transportation facilities, public utilities, or |
|          |                    | similar facilities.                                       |
| 5041-223 | 2941 Dugway Road   | Title 390, Part 511, Section 511.1.A.(1) – Event damage   |
|          |                    | did not create an imminent threat to the property.        |

NRCS does not have the authority to provide EWP assistance for sites that are determined to be ineligible.

If you have additional questions, please contact Michel Lapointe, Vermont EWP Program Manager at 802-497-5977.

Sincerely,

Michel Lapointe, P.E. Civil Engineer

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Bob Thompson, State Conservation Engineer