

Vermont Clean Water Board Virtual Meeting Ground Rules

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 2:00-3:00 pm

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 - The Clean Water Board Chair will field questions or direct questions to the appropriate Board member or staff.

Public comment:

- The agenda includes time for attendees to address the Clean Water Board.
- The Clean Water Board Chair will establish a time limit per commenter based on the time available and the number of attendees who signed up to comment in advance (via online RSVP form).
- The meeting organizer will call upon attendees to comment in the order RSVPs were received.
- The meeting organizer will keep track of time and indicate when it is time to move onto the next commenter.
- A friendly reminder to keep comments concise and respectful of the public meeting environment.
- Comments may also be submitted via email by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 to ANR.CleanWaterVT@vermont.gov. Public comments will be compiled in the Clean Water Board meeting minutes.

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- Upcoming Clean Water Board meetings and past meeting minutes are posted on the Clean Water Board Meetings webpage at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board/meetings>.
- [Subscribe to the Clean Water E-Newsletter](#) to learn about future opportunities for public participation in the clean water budget process, including future Clean Water Board meetings.

Vermont Clean Water Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Clean Water Board Members/Designees:

Susanne Young, Agency of Administration (AoA) Secretary and Clean Water Board Chair
Chris Cochran on behalf of Ted Brady, Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)
Deputy Secretary
Bob Flint, public member
Joe Flynn, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Secretary
James Giffin, public member
Christopher Louras, public member (absent)
Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary
Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Secretary
Chad Tyler, public member

1. Welcome

- a. The Chair, Secretary Susanne Young convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reviewed the agenda. No action taken.
- b. Secretary Young entertained a motion to approve prior meeting minutes from May 21, 2020. Motion to approve minutes passed.

2. Review Revised Clean Water Fund Operating Statement

ANR Director of Finance and Administration Emily Byrne reviewed the Clean Water Fund operating statement. Actual State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 revenue to the Clean Water Fund was approximately \$12.9 million, which was approximately \$1 million more than anticipated during the supplemental budget adjustment but still less than the original SFY 2020 budget as passed. There is approximately \$1 million of unallocated/unreserved funds from SFY 2020 that will be available for SFY 2021. No action taken.

3. Review and Approve Revised SFY 2021 Clean Water Budget

- a) ANR Secretary Julie Moore reviewed the revised SFY 2021 clean water budget process. No action taken.
- b) Secretary Moore reviewed the plan to revise the SFY 2021 Clean Water Fund-portion of the clean water budget following the Emergency Board's August 12th revenue forecast update. There will be no changes to the Capital Bill-portion of the clean water budget. Emily Bird has led a process with the interagency finance team to define a set of guiding principles for the budget revision. Guiding principles are outlined in a separate document, to be posted with the meeting materials.
 - Discussion in response to questions clarified that each agency will take the percent reduction from the revenue forecast and then individually decide how to allocate reductions across its agency's line items. Each agency will use these guiding principles to prepare its budget recommendation. The interagency finance committee can share the budget recommendations back to the Board. The guiding principles were not listed in priority order but were listed with full funding recommendations first.
 - A motion to approve an across-the-board reduction at agency-level, with agencies recommending how to apply reductions among line items using guiding principles passed.

- c) Secretary Moore discussed an update to the Clean Water Fund Contingency Plan. In May 2020, the Board passed an amendment to the June 2018 contingency plan addressing COVID-related budget planning for the SFY 2021 first quarter budget. The budget process has changed since May, and the original June 2018 Clean Water Fund Expenditure Contingency Plan is recommended for SFY 2021.
- In response to questions as to whether the Board would build a stronger reserve amount as finances permit, Secretary Moore responded that the Clean Water Board had previously approved a contingency reserve of \$500,000. The Clean Water Fund has diverse income streams, which allowed for a modest contingency and more funding to be used for clean water projects on the ground. The Board had not anticipated the pandemic's impact on the economy. The topic of an expanded reserve can be explored at another Board meeting if there is interest.
 - Motion to approve the use of the original Contingency Plan with a contingency reserve of \$500,000 for SFY 2021 passed.

4. Review Draft SFY 2022 Clean Water Budget Process

Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program Manager Emily Bird reviewed the draft SFY 2022 clean water budget process. The process follows typical steps, although it is starting slightly later this year due to COVID impacts on other budget planning. The process is subject to change, pending COVID impacts on budget planning.

5. Public Comments

Secretary Young welcomed input from the public. Written comments will also be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

- Jill Arace requested that the memo on the SFY 2021 budget guiding principles be included with the meeting materials.
- Tom Berry of Senator Leahy's office shared that clean water appropriations, such as the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, for federal FY 2021 will likely look like appropriations for federal FY 2020. The federal infrastructure package has been delayed and will likely be addressed in the next Congress.
- Jack Widness (Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds) pointed out that the Federation submitted comments in a letter to the Board expressing support for Clean Water Act funding that highlighted the importance of funding for water quality monitoring for basin planning and understanding lake water quality and asked that the letter be delivered to the Board.
- Written comments submitted by 4:30 p.m. on August 5, 2020 are attached.

6. Determine Next Steps, Closing Remarks

Secretary Young thanked all attendees for their time and comments. She also thanked the Board for their continued flexibility during the challenges of the pandemic.

- Secretary Young welcomed discussion on how to communicate the forthcoming budget proposal to the Board. After discussion, it was decided that Board members would receive the SFY 2021 budget proposal as soon as it is completed with the consensus forecast to be determined on August 12, and that the legislature would be informed that the Board approved the guiding principles applied to the allocations and had an opportunity to review the proposal and to comment before it was submitted.

7. Adjourn

11:00 am

Secretary Young entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn passed.

Supporting Materials:

1. August 5, 2020 Clean Water Board Virtual Meeting Ground Rules
2. May 21, 2020 Draft Clean Water Board Meeting Minutes
3. Draft-Revised Clean Water Fund Operating Statement
4. Revised SFY 2021 Clean Water Budget Process
5. Draft-Revised SFY 2021 Clean Water Budget Template
6. June 1, 2018 Clean Water Fund Expenditure Contingency Plan
7. Draft-Revised SFY 2022 Clean Water Budget Process

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From: Widness, John <john-widness@uiowa.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:39 AM
To: ANR - Clean Water VT
Cc: Donald L Weaver; Christine Cano; bove ann; Susan Martin; Jay J. White; Sprague, Jacqueline
Subject: Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds comments for the Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 8:00 am Clean Water Board Meeting

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP) Board of Directors is writing to your Committees to voice our strong support that the Vermont Legislature provide full funding for the important work encompassed by Act 64 *in the FY2020-2021 budget*—even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FOVLAP is one of the oldest non-profit stakeholders to promote Vermont water quality; the Federation of Lakes and Ponds Northeast Kingdom was founded in 1972 and became the statewide organization it is today in 2002. FOVLAP is dedicated to promoting water quality standards and the preservation and protection of Vermont's lakes, ponds and their watersheds.

FOVLAP fully endorses and supports 19 other community-based organizations and stakeholders that, like FOVLAP, that are actively involved in promoting and monitoring the health of Vermont's waters. We concur with those groups' compelling points and recommendations that support full state funding of Act 64. We call your attention to the following particular concerns and considerations:

- We are extremely disappointed in the last-minute cut of the LaRosa Partnership Program and are concerned it will lead to a water quality information vacuum this summer and beyond. Cutting this essential program and other water protection programs will have little effect on the state's bottom line, it will no doubt result in significant long-term economic, health, and environmental impacts.
- Monitoring the water quality in our water bodies provides critical knowledge of our state waters' health and safety. This includes crucial monitoring for bacteria, phosphorus, and other nutrient parameters impacting public health. Like most watershed groups, FOVLAP depends on the vitally important LaRosa Partnership Program and its indispensable analytical services as the anchor for our inland lake and pond monitoring programs. Moreover, the state depends on this information for compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act.
- Such long-term water quality monitoring data are required by state and federal laws, are fundamental to Vermont's Tactical Basin Planning process, and are essential to gauge trends over time and to alert the state to emerging issues and concerns. These data—frequently gathered at no cost by volunteer citizen scientists across this state—inform the critical need for TMDLs ("total maximum daily load") and help monitor progress towards meeting TMDL requirements and other water quality measures.

We urge your strong, timely support of the Legislature to fully fund Act 64 in the current fiscal year and beyond. Thank you for your attention on this important matter.

The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds Board of Directors:

Don Weaver, President (North Lake Champlain)

Jackie Sprague, Vice President (Harveys Lake)

Pat Suozzi, Secretary (Lake Iroquois)

Bruce Tanner, Treasurer (Lake Willoughby)

Christine Cano (Shadow Lake)

Emily Porter-Goff, PhD (Franklin Watershed)

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From: Zack Porter <zporter@clf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 2:54 PM
To: ANR - Clean Water VT
Subject: Public Comment re: Clean Water Board Meeting on August 5th, 2020

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Dear Clean Water Board members and ANR staff:

Thank you for an informative presentation this morning during the August 5th Clean Water Board meeting. I respectfully submit these comments for inclusion in the final minutes from today's meeting and for your consideration.

During today's meeting, Secretary Julie Moore presented [Draft SFY21 Clean Water Budget Guiding Principles](#). These principles include concerning statements about delaying or deferring programs and funding that are critical to restoring clean water in Vermont, including the 3-acre stormwater permit (required under Act 64) and standing up Clean Water Service Providers (required by Act 76).

During the conversation today, I hoped to also hear mention of the [June 25th Letter from US EPA](#) to DEC Commissioner Peter Walke re: Vermont's Phase I implementation of the 2016 Lake Champlain TMDL. In this letter, Regional EPA Administrator Dennis Deziel states that "If the State still has not issued [the Three Acre General Permit] by September 4, 2020, EPA will be forced to give the State a failing grade on the 2016 TMDL Phase 1 milestones." The letter continues:

"The TMDL Accountability Framework identifies a range of responses which may be warranted if Vermont fails to meet its Phase 1 phosphorus reduction milestones. Those include EPA actions such as further point source (e.g., wastewater treatment plant) load reductions, expanded NPDES permit coverage for unregulated stormwater sources, and increased federal enforcement. EPA plans to begin evaluating such actions only after completing our final review."

Based on what I heard during the CWB meeting today, and based on statements in the press and elsewhere, I am concerned that ANR is not taking action to avoid a failing grade and potential consequences referenced in the preceding paragraph.

At the next CWB meeting or before, I would appreciate an explanation from ANR staff and/or CWB members as to how the public should reconcile the "Budget Guiding Principles" with this threat of a failing grade. The direction of the budgeting process does not currently appear to be rising to the challenge put forward by EPA. Are we to accept failure? Investing in clean water is not only legally mandated, it is the right thing to do for our kids and grandkids and is an essential part of stimulus and recovery from our current COVID-19-induced economic and public health crisis.

Thanks for your consideration and I welcome further communication.

Sincerely,

Zack

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CLEAN WATER BOARD
Approved Restated State Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Clean Water Budget - Addressing COVID-19 Impact on Revenue
August 25, 2020

No.	Sector	Agency	Activity	FY20 Supplemental Budget Adjustment (May 2020)			FY21 Governor Recommend (January 2020)			DRAFT Restated FY21 (August 2020)			
				Clean Water Fund	Capital Bill	Total FY20	Clean Water Fund	Capital Bill	Total FY21	Clean Water Fund (CWF)	CWF Change from FY21 Gov. Rec.	Capital Bill	Total FY21
1	Agriculture	AAFM	Agronomy Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)	235,000		235,000	235,000		235,000	235,000	-		235,000
2	Agriculture	AAFM	Water Quality Grants to Partners and Farmers	2,470,000	3,450,000	5,920,000	3,070,497	4,294,503	7,365,000	2,450,498	(619,999)	4,294,503	6,745,001
3	Agriculture	AAFM	Operating	550,000		550,000	722,502		722,502	722,502	-		722,502
4	Agriculture	VHCB	Water Quality Farm Improvement and Retirement Projects		1,100,000	1,100,000		1,100,000	1,100,000			1,100,000	1,100,000
5	Nat'l Resources	VHCB	Land Conservation and Water Quality Projects		1,700,000	1,700,000		1,700,000	1,700,000			1,700,000	1,700,000
6	Innovation	All	Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support*	1,847,583		1,847,583	3,052,498		3,052,498	2,393,734	(658,764)		2,393,734
7	Nat'l Resources	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Natural Resources Restoration	2,466,857		2,466,857	3,234,503		3,234,503	3,234,503	-		3,234,503
8	Nat'l Resources	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Lakes in Crisis Fund	50,000		50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000	-		50,000
9	Nat'l Resources	ANR (FPR)	Forestry/Skidder Bridges		50,000	50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000	-		50,000
10	Roads	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Implement BMPs at State Forests and Recreational Access Points			-		1,900,000	1,900,000			1,900,000	1,900,000
11	Roads	VTrans	Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid**	3,200,000		3,200,000	3,700,000		3,700,000	3,130,830	(569,170)		3,130,830
12	Roads	VTrans	Municipal Better Roads	652,515		652,515	1,000,000		1,000,000	846,170	(153,830)		846,170
13	Stormwater	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning and Implementation	2,000,000		2,000,000	4,943,808		4,943,808	3,842,763	(1,101,045)		3,842,763
14	Stormwater	AoA	Stormwater Utility Payments (\$25K each)	125,000		125,000	125,000		125,000	125,000	-		125,000
15	Stormwater	ACCD	Better Connections (Stormwater Planning)	-		-	100,000		100,000	169,000	69,000		169,000
16	Stormwater	ACCD	Downtown Transportation Fund (Stormwater Projects)	100,000		100,000	100,000		100,000	-	(100,000)		-
17	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators Support	110,000		110,000	110,000		110,000	110,000	-		110,000
18	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-WID)	State Match to Clean Water State Revolving Fund Federal Grant		2,500,000	2,500,000		1,605,497	1,605,497			1,605,497	1,605,497
19	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-WID)	Municipal Pollution Control Grants		3,300,000	3,300,000		3,300,000	3,300,000			3,300,000	3,300,000
20	Audit	AoA	Program Audit (10 V.S.A. § 1389b)	25,000		25,000	75,000		75,000	44,000	(31,000)		44,000
			Total Requested	13,831,955	12,100,000	25,931,955	20,568,808	13,900,000	34,468,808	17,404,000	(3,164,808)	13,900,000	31,304,000
			Anticipated FY21 Revenue				19,000,000	13,900,000					
			Anticipated Unallocated/Unreserved Revenue (Current Year)***				900,000						
			Anticipated Unallocated/Unreserved Revenue (Prior Year)****				218,808						
			Unallocated/Unreserved if Contingency Reserve Reduced from \$950,000 to \$500,000****				450,000						

* "Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support" line item included in ANR (DEC-CWIP) appropriation

** "Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid" line item transferred from ANR (DEC-CWIP) in SFY20 to VTrans in SFY21

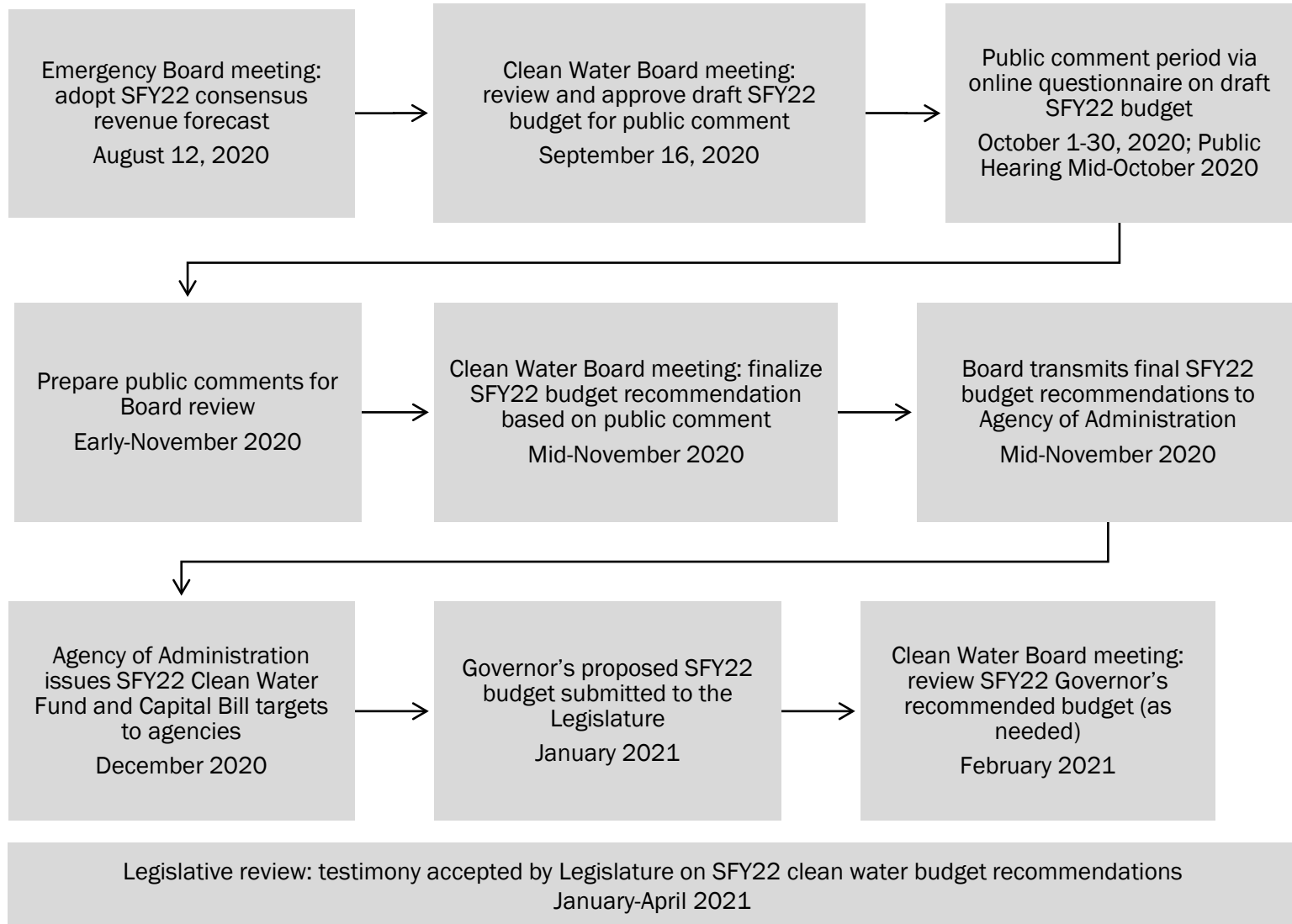
*** Recurring revenue

**** Non-recurring Revenue

Clean Water Fund by Agency				
Agency	FY20 Supplemental Budget Adjustment (May 2020)	FY21 Governor Recommend (January 2020)	DRAFT Restated FY21 (August 2020)	Change from FY21 Governor Recommend
AAFM	3,255,000	4,027,999	3,408,000	(619,999)
ANR	9,674,440	11,440,809	9,681,000	(1,759,809)
VTrans	652,515	4,700,000	3,977,000	(723,000)
AoA	150,000	200,000	169,000	(31,000)
ACCD	100,000	200,000	169,000	(31,000)
Total	13,831,955	20,568,808	17,404,000	(3,164,808)

State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 Clean Water Budget Process (August 2020 – April 2021)¹

Revised August 26, 2020



CLEAN WATER BOARD
DRAFT State Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Clean Water Budget
September 10, 2020

No.	Sector	Agency	Activity	DRAFT Restated FY21 (August 2020)			Draft FY22 (September 2020)					
				Clean Water Fund	Capital Bill	Total FY21	Clean Water Fund	Clean Water Fund FY22 Compared to FY21	Capital Bill	Capital Bill FY22 Compared to FY21	Total FY22	Total FY22 Compared to FY21
1	Agriculture	AAFM	Agronomy Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)	235,000		235,000	235,000	-		-	235,000	-
2	Agriculture	AAFM	Water Quality Grants to Partners and Farmers	2,450,498	4,294,503	6,745,001	3,309,001	858,503	3,436,000	(858,503)	6,745,001	-
3	Agriculture	AAFM	Operating	722,502		722,502	722,502	-		-	722,502	-
4	Agriculture	VHCB	Water Quality Farm Improvement and Retirement Projects		1,100,000	1,100,000		-	1,100,000	-	1,100,000	-
5	Nat'l Resources	VHCB	Land Conservation and Water Quality Projects		1,700,000	1,700,000		-	1,100,000	(600,000)	1,100,000	(600,000)
6	Innovation	All	Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support*	2,393,734		2,393,734	2,134,497	(259,237)		-	2,134,497	(259,237)
7	Nat'l Resources	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Natural Resources Restoration	3,234,503		3,234,503	3,000,000	(234,503)		-	3,000,000	(234,503)
8	Nat'l Resources	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Lakes in Crisis Fund	50,000		50,000	50,000	-		-	50,000	-
9	Nat'l Resources	ANR (FPR)	Skidder Bridges and Water Quality Practices at State Forests and Recreational Access Point	50,000		50,000	100,000	50,000		-	100,000	50,000
10	Roads	ANR (FPR)	Implement BMPs at State Forests and Recreational Access Points		1,900,000	1,900,000		-	500,000	(1,400,000)	500,000	(1,400,000)
11	Roads	VTrans	Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid	3,130,830		3,130,830	3,130,830	-		-	3,130,830	-
12	Roads	VTrans	Municipal Better Roads (Category B)	846,170		846,170	846,170	-		-	846,170	-
13	Stormwater	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Stormwater Project Delivery, Planning and Implementation	3,842,763		3,842,763	4,450,000	607,237		-	4,450,000	607,237
14	Stormwater	AoA	Stormwater Utility Payments (\$25K each)	125,000		125,000	125,000	-		-	125,000	-
15	Stormwater	ACCD	Better Connections (Stormwater Planning)	169,000		169,000	60,000	(109,000)		-	60,000	(109,000)
16	Stormwater	ACCD	Downtown Transportation Fund (Stormwater Project Development)	-		-	140,000	140,000		-	140,000	140,000
17	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-CWIP)	Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators Support	110,000		110,000	110,000	-		-	110,000	-
18	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-WID)	State Match to Clean Water State Revolving Fund Federal Grant		1,605,497	1,605,497		-	1,564,000	(41,497)	1,564,000	(41,497)
19	Wastewater	ANR (DEC-WID)	Municipal Pollution Control Grants		3,300,000	3,300,000		-	3,300,000	-	3,300,000	-
20	Audit	AoA	Program Audit (10 V.S.A. § 1389b)	44,000		44,000	31,000	(13,000)		-	31,000	(13,000)
			Total Requested	17,404,000	13,900,000	31,304,000	18,444,000	1,040,000	11,000,000	(2,900,000)	29,444,000	(1,860,000)
			Anticipated Revenue	17,404,000	13,900,000	31,304,000	18,444,000	1,040,000	11,000,000	(2,900,000)	29,444,000	(1,860,000)

* "Multi-Sector Innovation, Grant Administration and Partner Support" line item included in ANR (DEC-CWIP) appropriation

Clean Water Fund by Agency				
Agency	FY 2021 ReStated Budget	FY2022 CWF Board Recommendation	FY2022 Captial Bill Board Recommendation	Change from FY21
AAFM	7,702,503	4,266,503	3,436,000	-
ANR	16,486,497	9,844,497	5,364,000	(1,278,000)
VTrans	3,977,000	3,977,000	-	-
VHCB	2,800,000	-	2,200,000	(600,000)
AoA	169,000	156,000	-	(13,000)
ACCD	169,000	200,000	-	31,000
Total	31,304,000	18,444,000	11,000,000	(1,860,000)








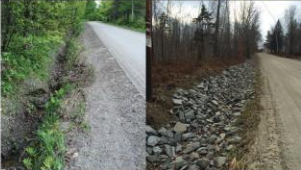




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State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 Clean Water Budget Public Comment Online Questionnaire

Land Use Priorities for Clean Water Funding

Below is a description of the land uses that impact clean water, how clean water funding would be used, and the additional benefits of supporting clean water projects for that land use.

Land Use	Clean Water Project Objectives and Example Project Images	Additional Benefits
 AGRICULTURE	Addresses runoff and soil erosion from farm production areas and farm fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • More cost-effective • Leverages federal funds • Supports agricultural economy
 DEVELOPED LANDS	Addresses stormwater runoff from developed lands, such as parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • Increases flood resilience • May enhance aesthetic appeal
 NATURAL RESOURCES	Restores functions of “natural infrastructure”—river channels, floodplains, lakeshores, and wetlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • More cost-effective • Increases flood resilience • Improves habitat • Enhances recreation
 ROADS	Addresses stormwater runoff from roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • More cost-effective • Increases flood resilience • Leverages federal funds • Reduces future road maintenance costs
 WASTEWATER	Decreases nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) through enhanced wastewater treatment and addresses aging infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protects public health and safety • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • Leverages federal funds

1. For each land use listed below, assign a percentage of clean water funding that would support clean water projects. Your percentages must add up to 100.

Agriculture

Developed Lands

Natural Resources

Roads

Wastewater

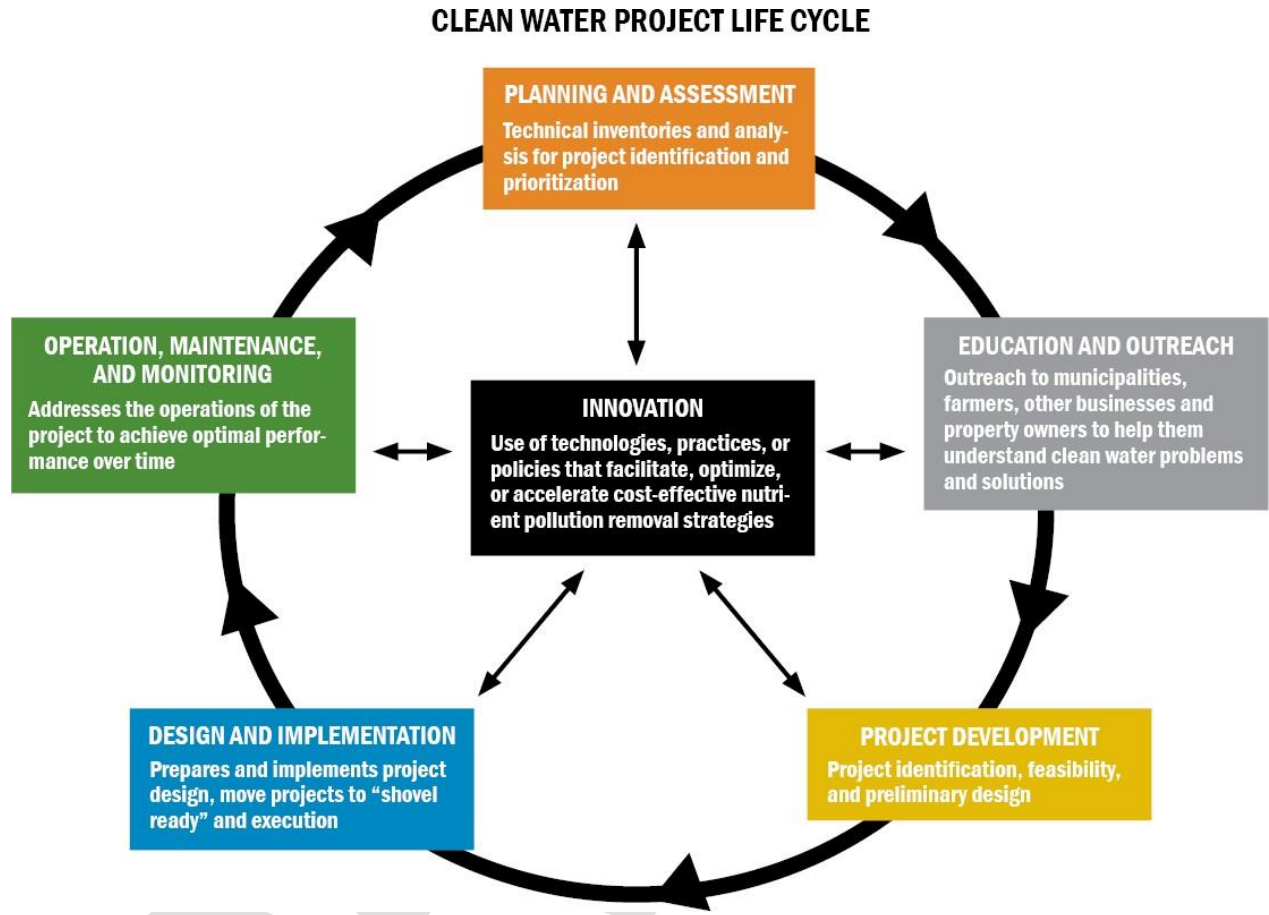
Innovation

Total

100%

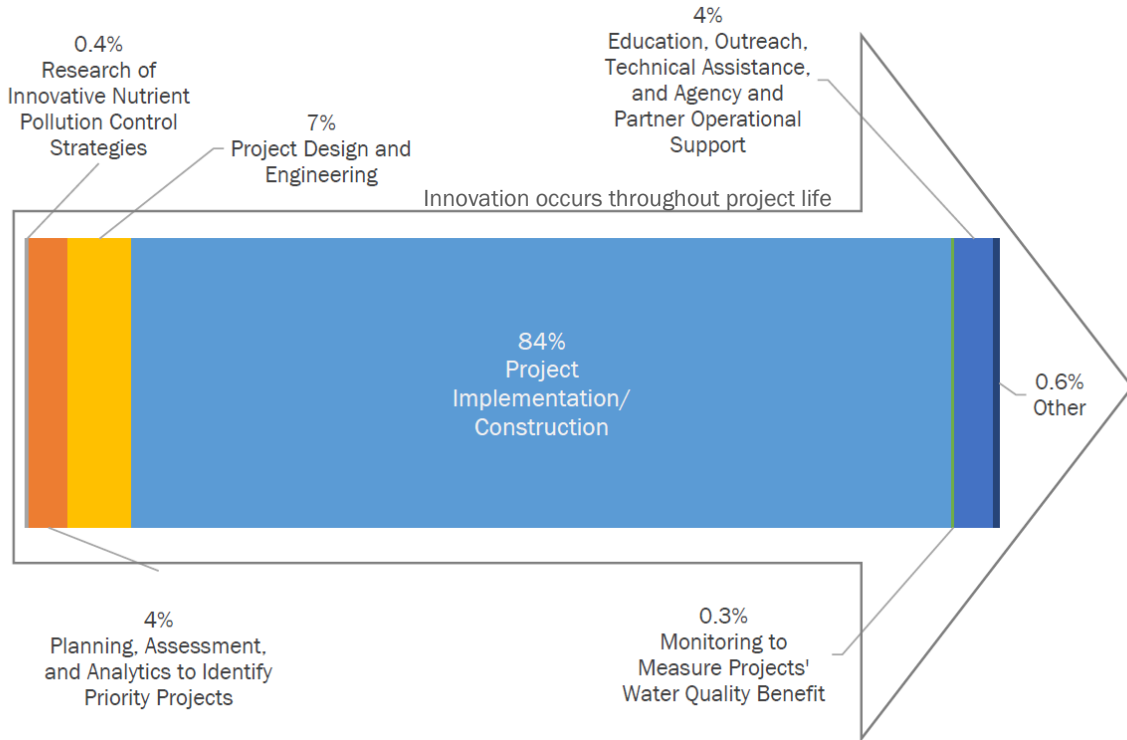
Project Activity Priorities for Clean Water Funding

Implementing cost-effective clean water improvement projects that address Vermont's most significant water pollution challenges requires funds to support the full project life cycle, depicted below.



For your reference, the graphic below shows the percentage of state clean water funding invested in State Fiscal Years 2016-2019 by project life cycle step.

State agencies do not currently fund operation and maintenance activities, but some limited activities will be funded starting in SFY 2023. SOURCE: Vermont Clean Water Initiative 2019 Performance Report, available at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board>.



2. Assign a percentage of clean water funding that would support each project activity listed below. Your percentages must add up to 100.

- Planning and Assessment
- Education and Outreach
- Project Development
- Design and Implementation
- Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring
- Innovation
- Total

100%

3. We are interested to know who is completing this survey. Which groups do you belong to or identify with? Select all that apply.

- Agricultural Producer/Farmer
- Natural Resources Conservation District
- Business Owner
- Recreational User
- Homeowner/Property Owner
- Regional Planning Commission
- State Legislator
- Watershed Group or Other Nongovernmental Organization
- Municipal Employee/Representative
- Forester/Forest Landowner
- Other (please specify)

4. Please enter your zip code to help us understand the statewide distribution of responses to this questionnaire.

5. If you would like to be added to the Vermont Clean Water Initiative mailing list to be kept informed about the State's progress in safeguarding clean water, please provide your contact information below.

- Name
- Company
- Address
- Address 2
- City/Town
- State
- ZIP/Postal Code
- Email Address
- Phone Number

6. How did you hear of this questionnaire (select all that apply)?

- Social media
- Website
- Email
- Blog
- Word of mouth
- Vermont Clean Water Initiative mailing list
- Other (please specify)