



CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC
Communities Planning Together

Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP)

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Northern Lake Champlain Drainages Basin (Basin 5)



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Overview

- The 2020 RFP for Clean Water Service Providers
- Why Regional Planning Commissions felt we were a good fit for the RFP
- CWSP responsibilities fit seamlessly into RPC programming

2020 RFP for Clean Water Service Providers sought entities with

- experience in grants and contracting management,
- experience in facilitating multi-stakeholder decision-making,
- to oversee and ensure project delivery and maintenance, and
- strong experience with existing relevant partner networks.

experience in grants and contracting management

- Decades of grant / contract management from numerous state & agencies:
 - Commerce & Community Development
 - Transportation
 - Emergency Management
 - Environmental Conservation
 - EPA
 - etc.

facilitating multi-stakeholder decision-making

- Ongoing through meetings of large Boards of Directors and standing committees
- Periodic but consistent consensus-building on county level plans: regional plan, energy plan, economic development
- Ongoing facilitation of town or subregional planning efforts such as town plans, transportation plans, zoning bylaw updates

project management capacity

- Each RPC has several planners each with their own portfolio.
- RPC staff are generally long tenured and familiar with supervision of contractors and proper reporting protocols
- Each RPC has dedicated finance/accounting staff.

experience with existing relevant partner networks

- Each RPC has participated in Tactical Basin Planning efforts for many years and more formally so since FY16 with start of DEC TBP Outreach grants to RPCs.
- Each RPC has had a Clean Water (or Natural Resources) Advisory Committee for several years
- Each RPC has managed numerous DEC water quality related grants for several years.
- Each RPC has worked with the watershed organizations and NRCDs in their regions and know their skillsets.

Chittenden County RPC as CWSP for Basin 5

- **Clean Water Service Providers (CWSPs) Roles and Responsibilities**

CWSPs	ANR-DEC
Facilitate and staff basin water quality councils	Establish CWSP through rulemaking
Follow Water Quality Restoration Formula Grant guidelines	Participate on basin water quality councils
Identify, prioritize, develop, and implement non-regulatory projects to meet target	Establish Water Quality Restoration Formula Grant guidelines
Develop partnerships and subcontract/subgrant work	Establish interim (5-year) non-regulatory targets for CWSPs
Operate and maintain non-regulatory projects	Establish standard cost per unit phosphorus reduction
Report progress to DEC	Support Clean Water Board's dispersal of funds to CWSPs
	Provide technical assistance to CWSPs
	Oversee and determine CWSPs' satisfactory progress

CWSP roles & responsibilities

- Basin Water Quality Councils:just like working with RPC committees
- Grant guidelines.....yep, grants is what we do
- Meet targets.....yes, we know how to bring parties together for success from planning through implementation
- Subgrants/subcontracts:yes, embedded in our weekly tasks and in our procurement policies
- Operate & maintain projects.....somewhat newer fields but have skillsets & programs (e.g. data management, dashboards) to ensure success
- Reporting: Performance Reports, financial reports, audits.....yeah, we do that

Final questions??

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