



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL ROADS GENERAL PERMIT (MRGP)

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT

The Municipal Roads General Permit is intended to achieve significant reductions in stormwater-related erosion from municipal roads, both paved and unpaved. Municipalities will bring their non-compliant hydrologically-connected roads up to new MRGP standards by December 31, 2036. See the ANR Natural Resources Atlas for maps of hydrologically-connected roads:

<http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra5/>

DEC will require a minimum number of road segments to be upgraded each year starting in 2021, or sooner. The permit is required by Act 64, the Vermont Clean Water Act, and the Lake Champlain Phase I TMDL.

EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY

The MRGP covers stormwater infrastructure associated with town highways (classes 1-4) under the operational control of the municipality. The MRGP is required for all Vermont municipalities with the exception of unorganized towns and gores, and MS4 towns (exempt from MRGP fee and permit applications but MRGP standards will be required in future Stormwater Management Plans).

INFORMATION REQUIRED

To apply for authorization under this general permit, an NOI must be submitted by July 31, 2018.

WEB SITE

<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/municipal-roads-program>

FEES

MRGP fees are established by the Legislature. Please contact the MRGP program for details.

- 9 disincorporated and unorganized towns and gores exempt from MRGP
- 13 MS4 municipalities exempt from MRGP annual operating, administrative, and application fees
- Tier 1 Municipalities, \$1,800:
 - Municipalities with population greater than 5,000
 - Municipalities with 95 or more road miles and population greater than 2,500
- Tier 2 Municipalities, \$1,350:
 - Municipalities with 25-94 road miles and population greater than 500 but less than 5,000
- Tier 3 Municipalities, \$500:
 - Municipalities with less than 25 road miles and/or population less than 500.

APPLICATION TIME FRAME

Municipalities shall apply for the MRGP by July 31, 2018. The Department is currently developing the Notice of Intent (NOI) application form. Annual reports will be due each year on April 1st starting in 2019.

TIMELINE SUMMARY

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- July 31, 2018** MRGP coverage date – NOI due and annual fees begin
- April 1, 2019** Annual Reporting begins
- December 31, 2020** Road Erosion Inventories and Implementation Plans due
- 2021 field season** (or sooner) Road upgrades begin
- December 31, 2025** (or sooner) All *Very High Priority* segments brought up to standards, except Class 4s
- December 31, 2028** (or sooner) All *Very High Priority* Class 4 roads brought up to standards
- December 31, 2036** (or sooner) All connected roads meet MRGP standards

ADMINISTERING AGENCY

<p>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION STORMWATER PROGRAM</p> <p>One National Life Dr – Davis 3, Montpelier VT 05620</p> <p>CONTACT: Jim Ryan (802) 490-6140 Jim.Ryan@vermont.gov</p>
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AUTHORITY

Vermont Water Pollution Control statute, 10 V.S.A. Chapter 47, including §§ 1258, 1259, and 1264; the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended, 33 U.S.C.A. § 1251 et seq., including 33 U.S.C.A. § 1342(p); and regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) including but not limited to 40 CFR Part 122

FUNDING

DEC Municipal Roads Grant in Aid program:
<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/grants>

VTrans Better Roads Grant:
<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>