

Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP)

What's New (and Due) for 2020

Here are some upcoming important Vermont Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) related schedules and permit requirements, training opportunities, and resources available to towns in 2020.



Due Dates and Requirements for 2020

Due Date	Requirement	Fee
April 1	Annual Planning Report	NA
June 1	Annual Fee	\$500, \$1350, or \$1800 - prorated based on pop. & road miles
December 31	Road Erosion Inventory submittal & Amendment Form	\$240 processing fee

April 1 - MRGP Annual Planning Report Due

Towns are required to fill out and submit a one-page MRGP Annual Planning Report before April 1, 2020. This form includes basic information intended to keep towns on track with MRGP compliance. The Planning Report can be found at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/municipal-roads-program>

June 1 - MRGP Annual Fee Due

Towns are required to pay an annual fee (\$500, \$1,350 or \$1,800 based on population and road miles) before June 1. Bills for annual fees will be mailed in early May. The list of towns and prorated MRGP annual fees can be found at:

https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw_MRGP_ProratedAnnualOperatingFees.pdf

December 31 - Road Erosion Inventory & Amendment Form Due

Road Erosion Inventory

Towns are required to complete and submit REIs using DEC's template before December 31, 2020. REIs are conducted to determine which road segments meet or do not meet MRGP standards. The REIs serve as a basis to determine which roads will be required to be upgraded to meet MRGP standards.

Using the DEC REI App

DEC and the Vermont Agency of Digital Services have developed an REI App to assist towns, and those working on behalf of towns, in completing REIs. The app can be downloaded for free on cell phones, computers or tablets. When the DEC app is used, the information collected during the REI is automatically sent to the MRGP Implementation Portal. Towns can immediately see the REI data and related maps on the Implementation link:

<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/MRGPReportViewer.aspx?ViewParms=True&Report=Portal>

MRGP Amendment Form

After submitting your town's REI data to the MRGP Implementation Portal, complete the MRGP Amendment Form. This form is required because the REI is considered a major permit amendment. A \$240 processing fee is due with this form. The Town's REI data and Amendment Form will be put on public notice by DEC and when approved, the Town will receive a new MRGP Permit Authorization. The Amendment form will be available this spring on the MRGP website.

Vermont Road and Bridge Standards

DEC and VTrans worked collaboratively to update the Vermont Road & Bridge Standards to be more consistent with the MRGP standards and also give towns more flexibility as to which Road & Bridge standards they would like to voluntarily adopt. The standards offer an "a la carte" menu-like approach in which towns can choose exactly which Road & Bridge standards that best fit the town's approach to managing their roads. Please contact your local VTrans District for more information about adopting the Vermont Road and Bridge Standards.

Upcoming Trainings - Spring 2020

DEC and the VTrans Better Roads and Local Roads programs will be offering a series of Road Round Table Forums starting in May 2020.

Road Round Table Location	Date
Marlboro Fire Station	Tues, May 12
Vershire Community Center	Thurs, May 14
Fairfield Town Offices	Thurs, May 21
Orwell Fire Station	Wed, May 27
NEK (site TBD)	Thurs, June 11

Roundtable Forum Topics include:

- road crowning and grading
- road surface materials
- culvert sizing and installation
- VTrans Better Roads and DEC Municipal Grant in Aid funding opportunities



Financial Assistance Available

Municipal Grants-in-Aid - Available in Spring 2020

The Municipal Grants-in-Aid program will be offered to towns during the spring of 2020. The letters will ask towns to sign Letters of Intent if they are interested in receiving grant funding to help them bring their connected roads up to MRGP standards. Regional Planning Commissions will be reaching out soon!

VTrans Better Roads Grants - Available in Fall 2020

VTrans Better Roads Grant funding can be used to develop MRGP Road Erosion Inventories (Category A), as well as implement road best management practices (Category B) that will assist municipalities in meeting MRGP implementation requirements. For more information regarding the Better Roads Grant Program:

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>

For more information about the MRGP, visit:

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

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