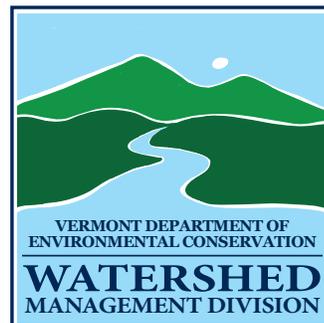


# Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP)

## What's New (and Due) for 2022

Here are some upcoming important Vermont Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) related schedules and permit requirements, training opportunities, and resources available to towns in 2022.



### Due Dates and Requirements for 2022

Due Date	Requirement	Fee
April 1	Annual Report Form	--
June 1	Annual Fee	\$500, \$1350, or \$1800 - prorated based on population & road miles

#### April 1, 2022 - Annual Report Form Due

Towns are required to complete and submit an [Annual Report Form](#). This is an easy to fill out, one-page form.

#### June 1, 2022 - 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, 2022. Towns will be sent an email invoice from DEC in April. Find your town's fee on the [list of prorated MRGP annual fees](#).

#### MRGP Implementation Requirements- 2022 Field Season

The MRGP requires towns to upgrade 15% of non-compliant hydrologically-connected road segments to MRGP standards by December 31, 2022. This number will vary according to your REI results. Please keep track of where road segments have been upgraded and make those updates through the DEC Survey 123 app or the [MRGP web-based Reporter Tool](#).

If you need help, attend a Virtual Road Roundtable training or check out the [MRGP website](#).

##### Example:

- Your completed initial inventory indicates that 100 road segments (1 road segment= 328 feet) scored "Does Not Meet" or "Partially Meets" standards.
- 15% of 100 segments or 15 segments (just under 1 mile of road) are required to be brought up to the MRGP standards by December 31, 2022.

#### Road Erosion Inventory (REI) - December 31, 2020- (*Past Due*)

Towns were required to complete and submit REIs using DEC's template before December 31, 2020. If your town has not yet submitted this requirement, please do so as soon as possible. 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.

To be complete, you must (1) upload the REI to the Implementation Portal, (2) submit the [REI Amendment Form](#), and (3) pay the processing fee of \$240.

# Upcoming Trainings for 2022

**Virtual and In-Person Road Roundtable Forums-** DEC and the VTrans Local Roads programs will be offering a series of virtual Road Round Table Forums in 2022. Check the VTrans Local Roads Program website for dates and registration information: <https://localroads.vermont.gov/>

**This year’s Virtual Road Roundtable Forum Topics will include:**

- How to download and use DEC’s MRGP REI applications such as Collector and Survey 123.
- How to re-assess road segments after segments have been upgraded to MRGP standards.
- How to view, interpret, and use your town’s REI data in the MRGP database portal.
- How to use mapping tools to assist in implementation of road practices.



**Virtual Roundtables are currently scheduled for the following dates and times:**

- March 30, 2022 from 9:00-10:30
- April 27, 2022 from 9:00-10:30

**In-Person Road Roundtable Forums-** VTrans Local Roads Program and DEC plan on offering In-person Road Roundtable Forums, if Covid-conditions allow, in spring of 2022. Dates and times TBD.

## Finding Your Town’s Compliance and REI Data Online

### MRGP Compliance Status Database

Want to find out if your annual fee has been paid? Do you have an upcoming report due? Check out the [Compliance Status Database](#) to see the administrative compliance status of your town’s MRGP.

Permit Information			Requirements for Full Compliance			
Town	Project Number	MRGP Fully Compliant	2021 MRGP Annual Fee Paid	REI Amendment Received	REI Amendment Fee Paid	REI Data Submitted and Technically Complete
Addison	7977	YES	YES	3/17/2021	YES	YES

### MRGP Implementation Table Portal

Want to find the Road Erosion Inventory for your town? Want to show others the progress your town has made to implement the road standards? Check out the [Implementation Table Portal](#) to find Baseline REI summaries, Baseline REI inventories, Current inventories, Outlet surveys and Progress Reports.

Municipality	Baseline Summary	Baseline Inventory	Current Inventory	Current Summary	Outlet Inventory	Progress Report	All Assessments
Addison		<a href="#">Baseline Inventory</a>	<a href="#">Current Inventory</a>	<a href="#">Current Summary</a>		<a href="#">Progress Report</a>	<a href="#">All Assessments</a>

## Financial Assistance Available

### Municipal Grants-in-Aid (GIA) for road upgrades to MRGP standards:

The Municipal Grants-in-Aid program made awards to towns in the fall of 2021, for funding under SFY22. These awards were for implementation projects in the 2021 and 2022 field season. It is anticipated that VTrans will again send letters to towns announcing the next round of GIA funding in the spring of 2022 for implementation of projects under SFY23. Grants will be awarded in late summer/fall allowing for implementation in the 2022-2023 field season. Towns receive grant funding to help them bring their connected roads up to MRGP standards. For more information visit the [Municipal Grant-in-Aid website](#) or or contact Ross Gouin at [ross.gouin@vermont.gov](mailto:ross.gouin@vermont.gov).

### Grants-Aid-Small Equipment Grant:

Over the past 4 years, all Vermont municipalities have been offered the opportunity to enroll in the Small Equipment Grant Program to purchase equipment that assists in implementing required MRGP practices. In FY23, DEC anticipates funding municipalities who submitted Letters of Intent for the program in FY22 and were notified that they are on a “wait list” pending funding availability. Regional Planning Commission staff will be in touch with those municipalities when they are approved to proceed with an equipment purchase. Please contact Linda Blasch at the Northwest Regional Planning Commission ([lblasch@nrpcvt.com](mailto:lblasch@nrpcvt.com)) for questions regarding the FY22 or FY23 equipment grant program. DEC will be reevaluating the need for continuing this program in future budget years.

### VTrans Better Roads Grants:

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 visit the [Better Roads Grant Program](#) or contact Ross Gouin at [ross.gouin@vermont.gov](mailto:ross.gouin@vermont.gov).



## MRGP Re-Issuance In Early 2023

DEC will be re-issuing the MRGP permit in early 2023. The MRGP was issued for five years and will be expiring on January 26, 2023. The MRGP will be re-issued for a second five year term spanning approximately January 2023 to January 2028. During the re-issuance process there will be an opportunity for public review and comments. DEC is currently meeting with stakeholder organizations to gather input and draft permit amendments based on experiences with implementation of the existing standards. We will be seeking public review and comment in late summer or early fall of 2022. Stay tuned!

## Future REI Requirements and Schedules (To Be Determined)

Dates and requirements for the next round of MRGP REIs have not yet been determined, as the MRGP will be re-issued with some changes in early 2023. Please hold off on conducting any new rounds of inventories until DEC provides additional guidance. That said, any towns that have not fully completed their initial REIs should do so as soon as possible. It is DEC's recommendation for towns, and those organizations assisting towns, that the focus should be on the MRGP implementation requirements for the 2022 calendar year. DEC will provide additional information on future REI requirements in 2022 as part of the MRGP re-issuance.

**For more information about the MRGP, visit:**

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

or contact

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Tim Pricer - Agency of Digital Services, for questions about REI data submittal, reports/queries, scoring, and the MRGP Portal [tim.pricer@vermont.gov](mailto:tim.pricer@vermont.gov)

Ryan Knox - Agency of Digital Services, for questions about the MRGP Survey 123 app, Collector map layer, the ANR Natural Resources Atlas Municipal Road Theme, and MRGP Reporter web-based tool [ryan.knox@vermont.gov](mailto:ryan.knox@vermont.gov)