



**CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC**  
*Communities Planning Together*

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**To:** CCRPC Clean Water Advisory Committee  
**From:** Dan Albrecht, Senior Planner, [dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org](mailto:dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org), 861-0133  
**Re:** Bray-Lyons, draft Vermont Clean Water Authority Bill (draft 7.0, 12/8/17)

**Background:** The bill's statement of purpose reads as follows:

*This bill proposes to establish the Vermont Clean Water Authority to coordinate, manage, plan, and ensure accountability of the efforts of the State to clean up impaired waters, maintain and achieve the Vermont Water Quality Standards in all waters, and prevent the future degradation of waters. The bill would also establish a Clean Water Assessment on all parcels in the State. Monies collected under the Clean Water Assessment would be deposited in the Vermont Water Quality Fund to fund water quality improvement projects in the State.*

Sections of the bill are as follows:

Section 1: FINDINGS

Section 2. 10 V.S.A. chapter 47, subchapter 3a is added to read

Subchapter 3a. Vermont Clean Water Authority

§1351. PURPOSE

§1352. DEFINITIONS

§1353. VERMONT CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY

§1354. VERMONT CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY: POWERS AND DUTIES

(a) General authority

(d) Assessment criteria: recommendations

(b) Water quality financing

(e) Cooperative agreements; transfers

(c) Financing plans

§1355. COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT

(a) Board; appointment

(d) Staff

(b) Member terms

(e) Public body; public agency

(c) Board officers; meetings; decisions

§1356. CLEAN WATER ASSESSMENT

(a) Assessment; administration

(c) Exemption

(b) Assessment; amount

(d) Calculation

§1357. RULEMAKING; PRIORITIES; ADJUSTMENTS; CREDIT

(a) General authority

(c) Priorities for award

(b) Fee Adjustment; criteria; parcel category

(d) Conditions; terms of grants or awards

§1358. COLLECTION OF CLEAN WATER ASSESSMENT

(a) Collection

(e) Offset

(b) Municipal Retention

(f) Form or format

(c) Remittance

(g) Abatement

(d) Insufficient payments

(h) Disposition

§1359. VERMONT WATER QUALITY FUND

§1360. ANNUAL REPORT

§1361. PROGRAM AUDIT OF VERMONT CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY

Section 3: TRANSITION; IMPLEMENTATION

Section 4: REPEAL

Section 5: REPEAL OF ACT 64 CLEAN WATER FUND

Section 6: EFFECTIVE DATE