Status of RPC’s Role in Water Quality

Updates on road erosion work and funding sources.
Overview

• Road Erosion Inventories & Conceptual Designs – Better Roads & MPO funding

• Other Funding Programs
  – Additional $50,000 MPO funding
  – Grants in Aid program
  – Block Grant
FY17 Conceptual Design and REI Work

- Road Erosion Inventories completed for:
  - Underhill
  - Jericho
  - Bolton
  - Richmond
  - Huntington
  - St. George
  - Essex - partial
  - Williston - partial

- Conceptual Designs will be done for high priority sites

3.2.3.X – FY17 Better Roads Grants
FY18 Better Roads Cat A Grant – REI Work

• Inventory work begins July 1st, 2017
MPO Funded Water Quality Planning Assistance

Conceptual Design/Cost Est. for FY18 Better Roads Inventory Work

• CHANGE - Conceptual designs and cost estimates are not covered under the FY18 Better Roads Category A grants program.

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9 & \text{ Municipalities} \times 5 & \text{ Sites} \times \$1000 \text{ per site} = \$45,000 \\
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So we will retain $50,000 UPWP funds to cover these costs.

3.2.3 Water Quality-Transportation
MPO Funded Water Quality Planning Assistance

• Leaves an additional $50,000 in transportation related water quality funds in UPWP.

• UPWP Transportation Water Quality Assistance to Municipalities
  – Used for further planning and conceptual design, not construction
  – Prepare for further grant opportunities
  – Proposed grant application guidelines

3.2.3 Water Quality-Transportation
MPO Funded Water Quality Planning Assistance

• Transportation Water Quality Assistance to Municipalities
  – Simple 1pg application
  – PL funding restrictions
  – 20% match (not in kind)

3.2.3 Water Quality-Transportation
Municipal Grants in Aid

• Many Chittenden County municipalities have applied for this program
• Reasons why not – summary of municipal responses.
  – DEC reporting requirement
  – Further discussion?
Municipal Grants in Aid from DEC

- RPC’s Role – Municipal Assistance
  - Assistance in application
  - Send out confirmation letters (must be signed by July 5th)
  - Assistance in REI data/segment identification/standard meeting, etc
    - Coordinate additional technical assistance (NRPC)
  - Host/facilitate pre/post construction meetings
    - Include Better Roads staff
  - Before/after reporting
    - Similar to Better Roads reporting

3.3.2 Municipal Road Grants-in-Aid Pilot Program
Possible Block Grants

- Construction of clean water improvement projects, administered by statewide partner(s), including stormwater management and natural resources restoration projects
- $1.5 million was awarded to RPCs to provide construction dollars to municipalities & work with partners
- 50% match for MS4s; 20% for non-MS4s