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**CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC TO AID STATE
WITH DEVELOPMENT OF WATERSHED PROJECTS DATABASE**

Winooski, VT – The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) will aid the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in cleaning up our waters through the incorporation of potential projects into DEC’s Watershed Projects Database.

This Database is a key component of the DEC’s Tactical Basin Plans that address water quality issues throughout the State. These plans prioritize water quality problems, consider alternatives, and recommend solutions and funding sources. The Database keeps track of potential projects to address these problems as well as assess project readiness. For example, some projects are only at the scoping level and would need further definition while others have been fully designed with both construction plans and cost estimates prepared.

The CCRPC will work over the winter of 2019/2020 to identify projects from a variety of plans for incorporation of projects into the DEC database. These include Flow Restoration Plans and Phosphorus Control Plans prepared for towns subject to a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit; from River Corridor Plans and other studies on stream erosion, and from Stormwater Master Plans that identified stormwater runoff problem areas. Incorporation of these projects into the database will enable DEC basin planners, municipalities, watershed organizations, and others to efficiently and quickly identify all the projects needed to help improve and sustain the quality of our local streams and lakes and prioritize the projects that should be implemented first.

This work by CCRPC is under the State’s 604 B water quality program and funded by a Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) grant in the amount of \$3,636 to the CCRPC. The DEC is required to pass through to regional planning organizations 40% of its annual federal Clean Water Act Section 604 B allocation to conduct a variety of water-related planning activities.

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