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CHITTENDEN COUNTY RPC TO ASSIST STATE TACTICAL BASIN PLANNING

Winooski, VT – The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is pleased to announce expanded outreach and services to municipalities and the public to improve tactical basin planning efforts for the Northern Lake Champlain Direct Drainages (Basin 5) and overall water quality efforts. The work is provided through a grant provided by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Activities began this fall and will extend through September 2020.

The Tactical Basin Plan (TBP) for Basin 5 is currently being updated by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). CCRPC staff will assist the DEC by facilitating enhanced municipal and public input during the drafting process so that the TBP accurately reflects local concerns and priorities. Basin Plans help provide the umbrella for other various planning initiatives, including Stormwater Master Planning and River Corridor Planning, and ultimately provide a vehicle to strategically address regional water quality priorities. A formal draft of the TBP is anticipated to be released in July 2020. Tactical Basin Plans help identify and focus efforts needed to protect or restore specific watersheds through the state.

In addition, the CCRPC will also work with its member municipalities to encourage a variety of efforts to improve water quality. These efforts could include suggested improvements to zoning bylaws (such as river corridor bylaw considerations), assistance with securing funding for project development and implementation or helping towns comply with the upcoming Draft General Permit 3-9050, aka the “3-acre” developed lands permit.

The CCRPC provides planning and technical assistance in the areas of community development, transportation, agriculture, natural resources, housing, economic development, telecommunications and emergency management to the 19 municipalities of Chittenden County and to the public, while remaining consistent with federal and state requirements. The collaboration between the CCRPC, Chittenden County municipalities and other related resources agencies results in the development and implementation of plans that support sustainable development and improve the region’s environment and quality of life. For more information about the CCRPC, please visit www.ccrpcvt.org.

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