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## **CCRPC assists towns and homeowners' associations with design of stormwater treatment projects**

*Winooski, VT* – During this past fall and early winter, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) assisted the towns of Milton and Shelburne with the final design of two stormwater treatment projects. These projects will slow the flow of stormwater and reduce sedimentation into local streams as well as lower inputs of phosphorus into Lake Champlain. The CCRPC secured Design Implementation Block Grant funds from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Clean Water Initiative Program. This program is supported by both state and federal sources such as the State's Clean Water Fund and Capital Fund and US EPA Lake Champlain Basin Program. These funds were then matched on a 50-50 basis by the Town of Milton and the Town of Shelburne.

CCRPC hired two local engineering firms with the grant funds. Fitzgerald Environmental Associates worked with Milton staff and the Petty Brook Estates Homeowners Association to design an infiltration basin to treat runoff from homes, driveways and roads in this neighborhood located just east of U.S. Route 7. Watershed Consulting Associates worked with Shelburne staff and the Boulder Hill Homeowners Association to design a retrofit to an existing stormwater pond that treats runoff from homes, driveways and roads in this neighborhood located just north of Webster Road. Headed into 2022, both towns and the respective associations will be looking to secure grant funds to construct these critically needed improvements.

The CCRPC provides planning and technical assistance in the areas of community development, transportation, natural resources, housing, economic development, 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](http://www.ccrpcvt.org).

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