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To: Basin 5 Water Quality Council
CC: DEC staff and subgrant applicants

Re: Staff recommendation: applications for Water Quality Formula Subgrant, round 1

Attached is a 3-page PDF showing the relative scores for each of the four applications we received based upon a scale of 70 points for phosphorus reduction cost effectiveness, 20 points for co-benefits and 10 points for other considerations. Note that pursuant to Act 76 Rule and Guidance, the Council may adjust the co-benefit scores if it disagrees with my scoring.

The goal of CCRPC as the Basin 5 CWSP is to meet our annual target of 41.9 kg per year with an available projects budget of approximately \$548,539. That means that a key metric for us is that projects on average should achieve a Cost Effectiveness in \$/kg/year of approximately \$13,092. We have some leeway from DEC given that we and other CWSPs are just getting started, and overall CWSP performance term ends 6/30/26 but it is a metric we must always bear in mind.

My recommendation regarding these applications is as follows:

- **Georgia: Mill River Rd., NW:** Due to the very low Annual Average reduction of 1.46 kg/year, sub-optimal design life as well as questions about interaction with the town's MRGP requirements, ask the FNLC to update the application with a more detailed scope of work based upon a scope of work and cost secured via competitive RFP and resubmit it for our next round of applications.
- **Georgia: Mill River Rd. SE:** Due to relatively lower kg/year reduction and sub-optimal design life, FNLC should be selected to receive a subgrant with the proviso that FNLC check-in after 60% design is complete and the numbers for kg/year and design life are updated, then report back to CWSP and Council who will then authorize completion of grant scope or halt expenditure for the time being.
- **Georgia: Falls Trail Gully Repair:** Due to the excellent potential kg/year reduction, the Town of Georgia should be selected to receive the subgrant as proposed.
- **Shelburne: McCabe's Brook:** Due to the potential kg/year reduction being very close to the Basin 5 required average of \$13,092, Lewis Creek Association should be selected to receive the subgrant as proposed.

Note that subgrantees will be required to adhere to all provisions of the Master Agreement as posted at <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/northern-lake-champlain-cwsp/#funding> as well as all the other requirements in the Call for Applications especially the [CWIP Funding Policy](#)

You will note that the agenda includes "Appointment of three Member to advise CWSP on scoring methodology." Given that this my first attempt at developing a scoring system using the recommended 70-2-10 split and we are all learning by doing, it would be helpful to me to have 2-3 council members advise me on further refinements to the methodology.

I look forward to our meeting on February 23rd at 10 a.m.