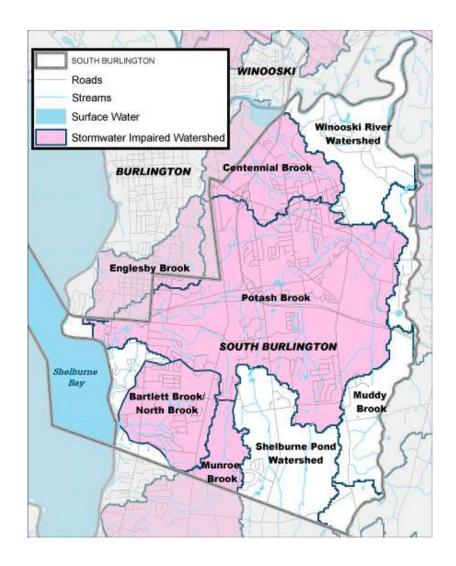
# South Burlington Stormwater Project Updates

June 2023

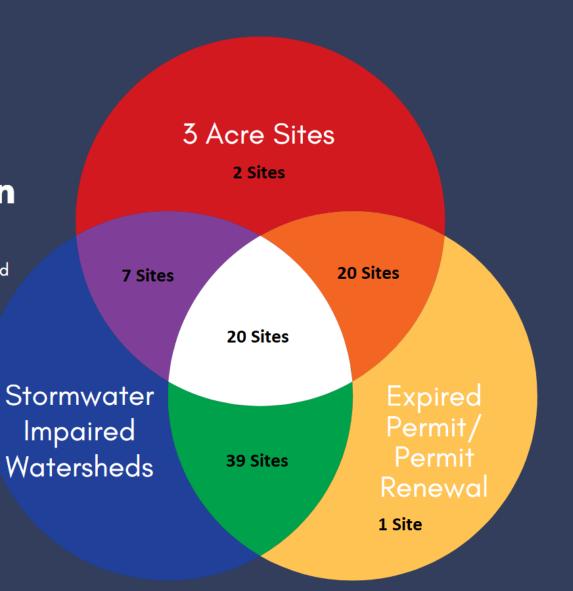
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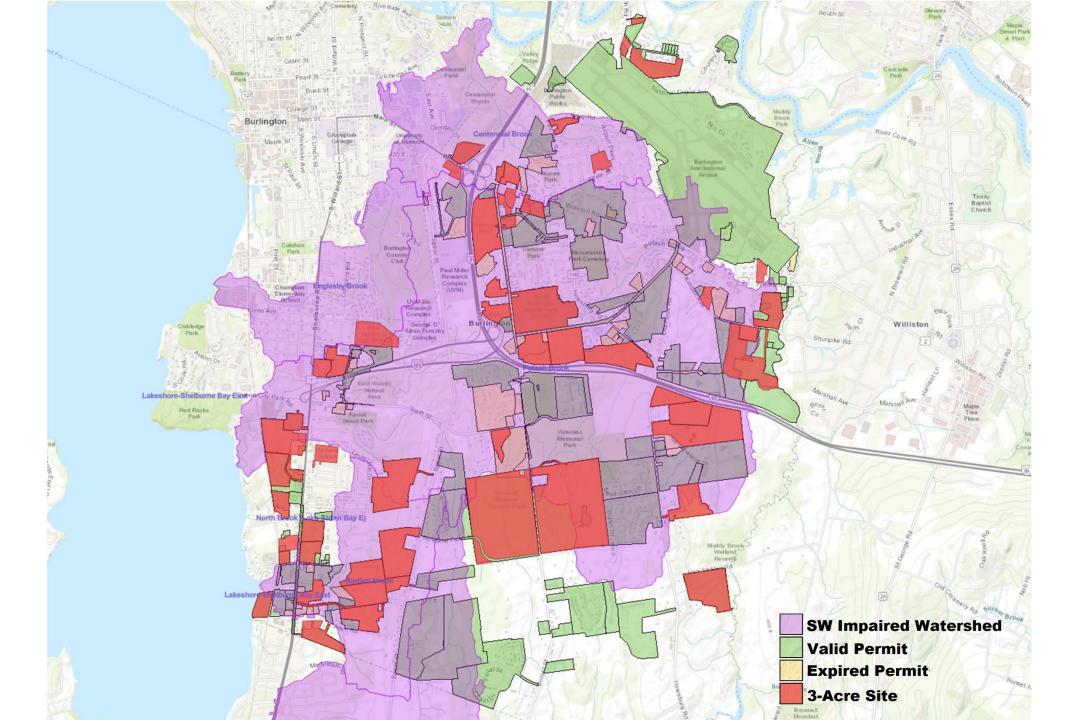
- Stormwater Impairments:
  - Potash Brook
  - Bartlett Brook
  - Centennial Brook
  - Munroe Brook
  - Englesby Brook
- Phosphorous Impaired:
  - Lake Champlain



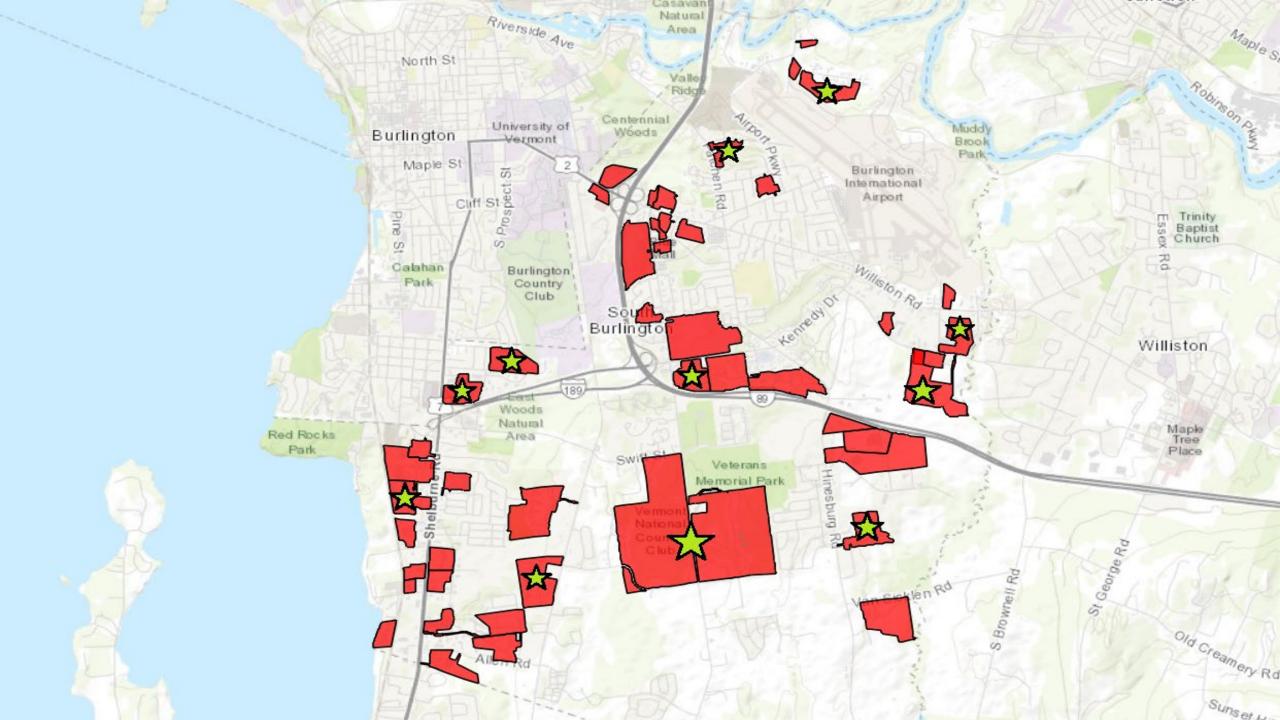
# Stormwater Permit Scenarios in South Burlington

Sites around South Burlington are subject to different requirements based on their geographic location and size.









# Stormwater Projects in Design

Kennedy Drive Pond 2 Expansion	Kennedy Drive Pond 7 Expansion	Bartlett Bay Stormwater Treatment System Expansion	Irish Farm	UVM Hort Farm
Grandview	Windjammer	Overlook at Spear	Rice	Ethan Allen Industrial Park
Logwood	Queensbury	Technology Park	L&M Park	Green Tree Park
Vermont National Country Club	Acadia	O'Dell Parkway	Ledge Knoll	Airport Drive

# Kennedy Drive Pond 2

- 2.23 Acres of Impervious Managed
- Potash Brook FRP Project
- Vtrans Grant: \$253,616
- Construction Starts: 6/12/2023
- Road Closure: West Twin Oaks Terrace at Kennedy Drive

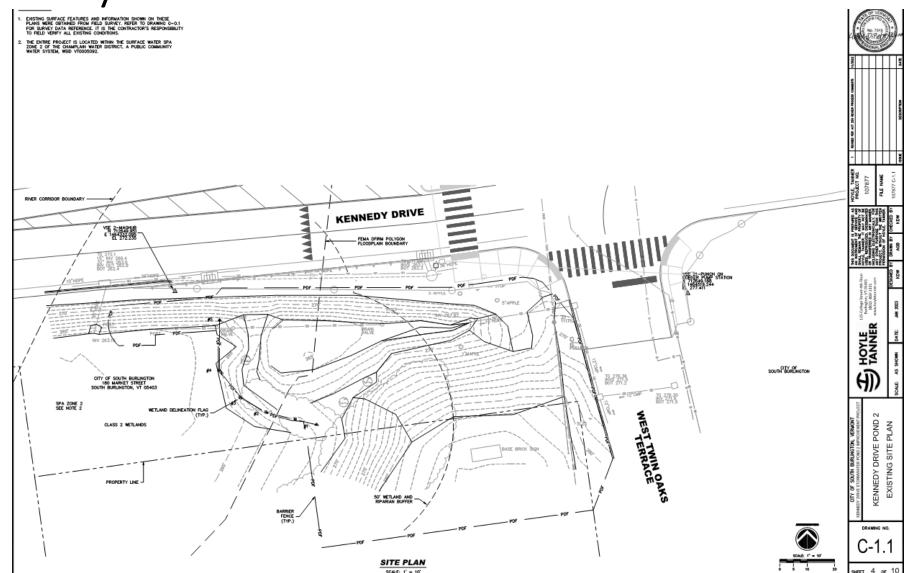








# Kennedy Drive Pond 2

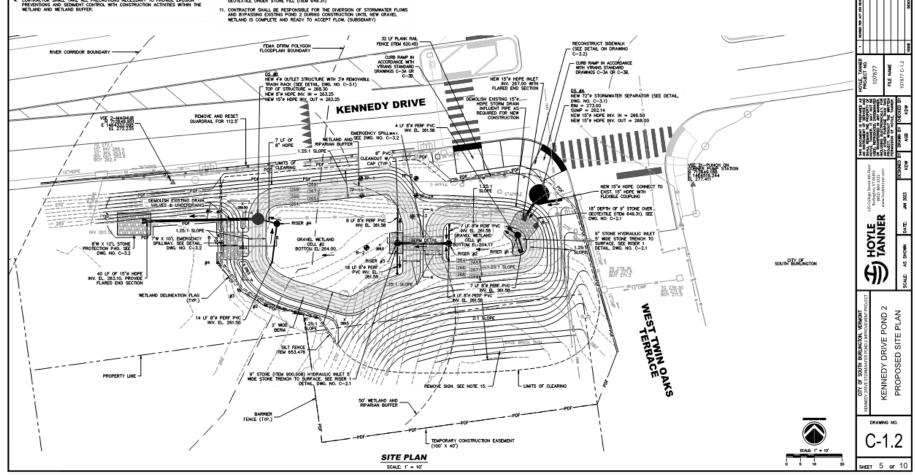




- CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF WORK, INCLUDING UTILITY POLES.
- THE LOCATION OF UTUTIES SHOWN ON THESE PLANS ARE APPROXIMATE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONDED FOR CONTINUATION WITH THE UTUTION AND STREET OF THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONDED FOR CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE SHAPE SHAPE CONTRACTOR SHAPE CONTRACTOR
- CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE EROSION PREVENTIONS AND SECREDIT CONTROL WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE WETLAND AND WETLAND BUFFER.

- CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE ALL TREES, BRUSH, AND STUMPS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CLEARING, PAYMENT FOR CLEARING AND GRUBBING SHALL BE UNDER PAY ITEM 201.10.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL CONFINE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES TO AREAS OWNED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH BURLINGTON AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL SECURE WORK AREA WITH FENCING. PAID AS ITEM 653.50 BARRIER FENCE.

- ALL SLOPES 1:1.25 OR GREATER SHALL BE ARMORED WITH 18" OF 9" STONE RP-RAP FILL (PAID AS ITEM 900.008 SPECIAL PROMSION (9" STONE)) OVER GEOTECTILE LINGER STONE FILL (ITEM 649.31)
- SEE SPECIAL PROVISION SPECIFICATION 900.645 (GRAVEL WETLAND FACILITY) FOR GRAVEL WETLAND PLANTS, SOIL AND MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS.
- 13. SEE DRAWING NO. C-2.1 FOR POND 2 GRAVEL WETLAND DETAILS.
- 14. SEE DRAWING NO. C-2.2 FOR LANDSCAPING PLAN.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE SIGN AND SALVAGE SIGN FACE TO THE OWNER. PAID AS ITEM 900.645 SPECIAL PROVISION (REMOVE SIGN).
- CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE RELOCATION OF THE BUS STOP WITH THE BUS COMPANY AND THE CITY OF SOUTH BURLINGTON PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION.



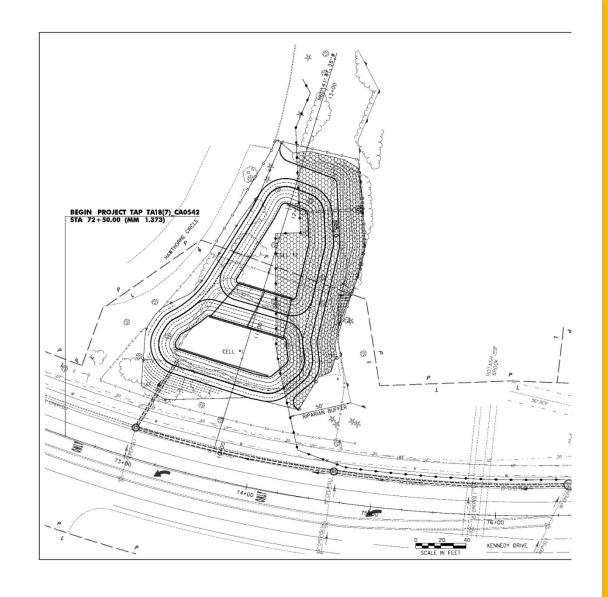
### Kennedy Drive Pond 7

- Potash Brook FRP Project
- Vtrans Grant: \$300,000
- Rerouting of approximately 18.35
   acres of largely impervious area
   (Williston Rd., Airport Dr. as well as
   surrounding commercial areas)
- Currently, this area discharges
   primarily untreated stormwater runoff
   directly into Potash Brook behind the
   Key Bank property



# Proposed Gravel Wetland

- Permit Requirements
- VT Individual Wetland Permit
- 9,860 SF Permanent Buffer Impact
- 200 SF Permanent Wetland Impact
- Requires a wetland planting along the buffer side of the berm to act as a delineation between the system and the actual wetland.



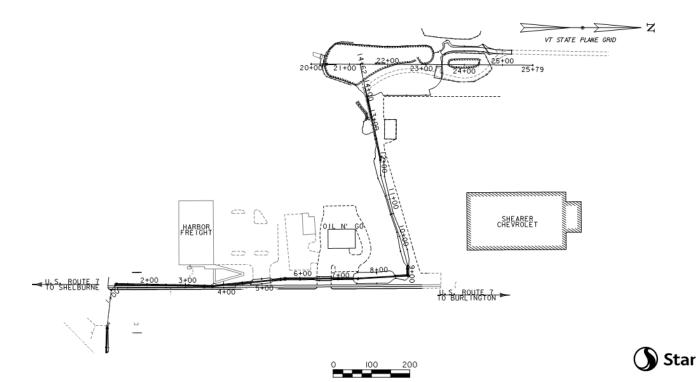
# Proposed Gravel Wetland

- Permit Requirements
- Archeological
- Requires a Phase IB Archeological Investigation
- 14 Systematically placed shovel test pits (STPs)
- 4 Confirmation STPs
- 20-inch square shovel tests
- 20-inch deep (max 36-inch depth)

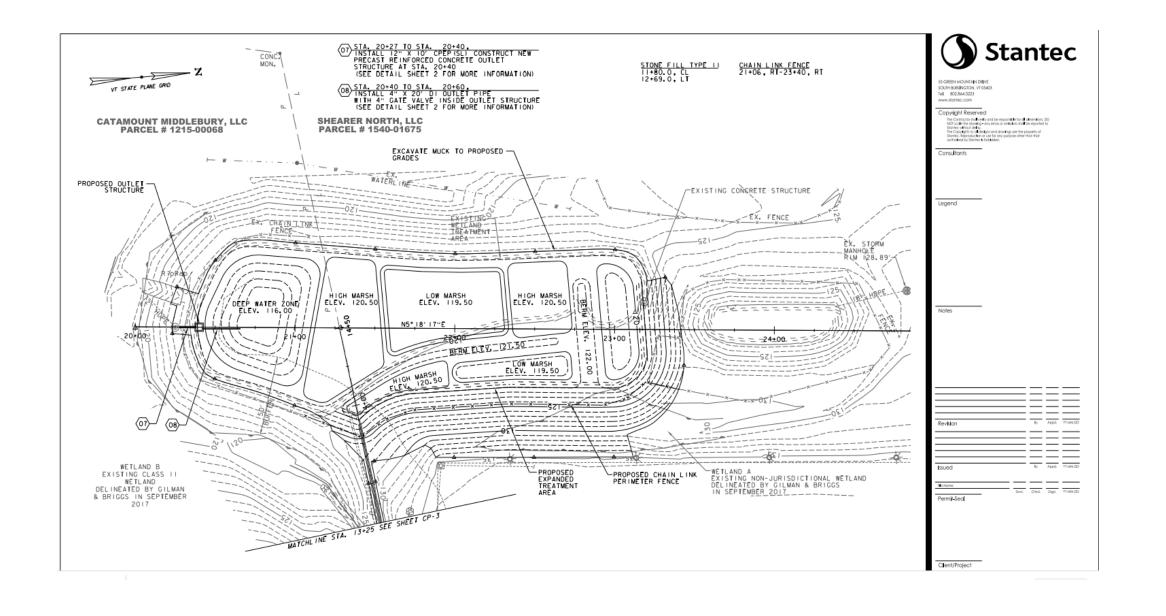


# **BBSTS** Expansion

- 9.34 Acres of Impervious Managed
- Bartlett Brook FRP Project
- Vtrans Grant: \$375,720

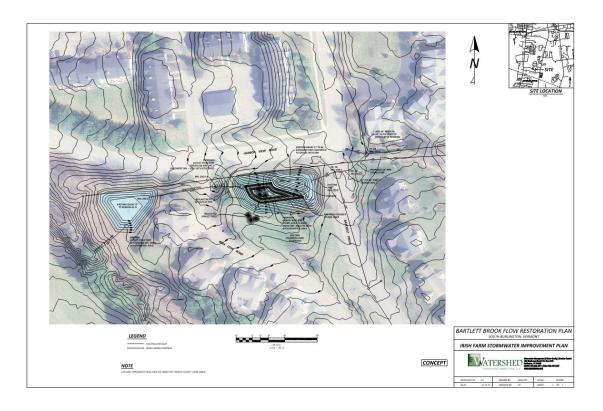






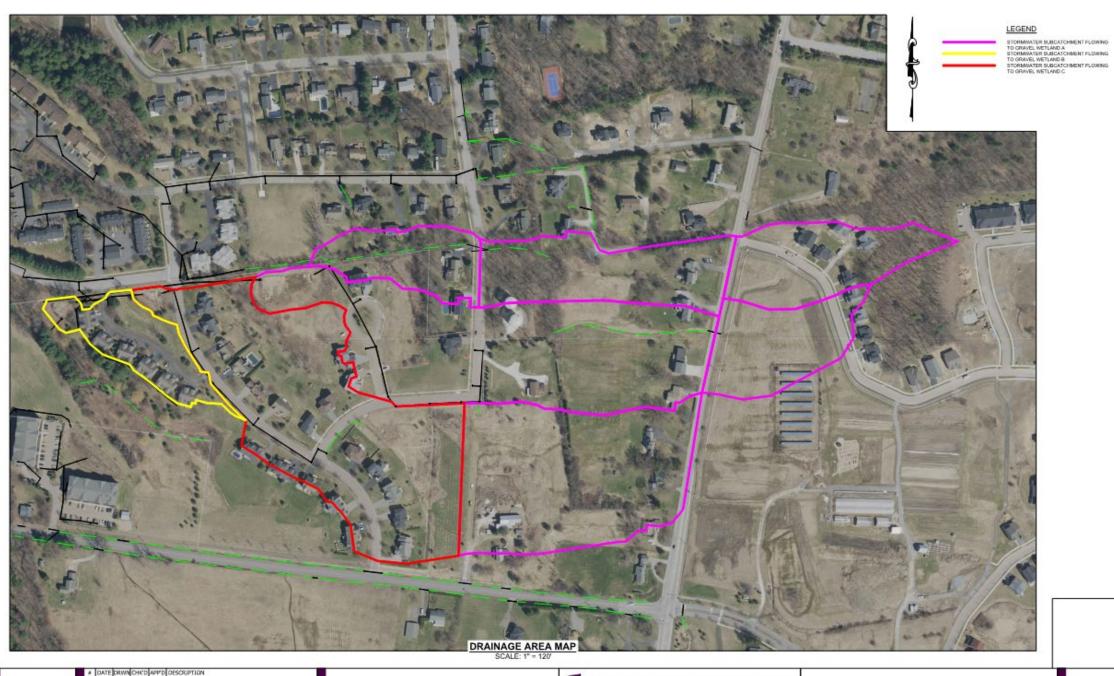
#### Irish Farm

- 9.84 Acres of Impervious
- Bartlett Brook FRP Project
- 3-Acre Site
- LCBP Grant: \$40,000



#### Irish Farm Development Impervious Area (Permit# 1-1404)

Existing Permit Area Impervious	6.05
IA per residential unit	0.14
Undeveloped Lots	9.00
Residential Impervious at full build out	7.31
Offsite Impervious	2.53
Total Impervious Area	9.84
Residential %	74.3%
City %	25.7%



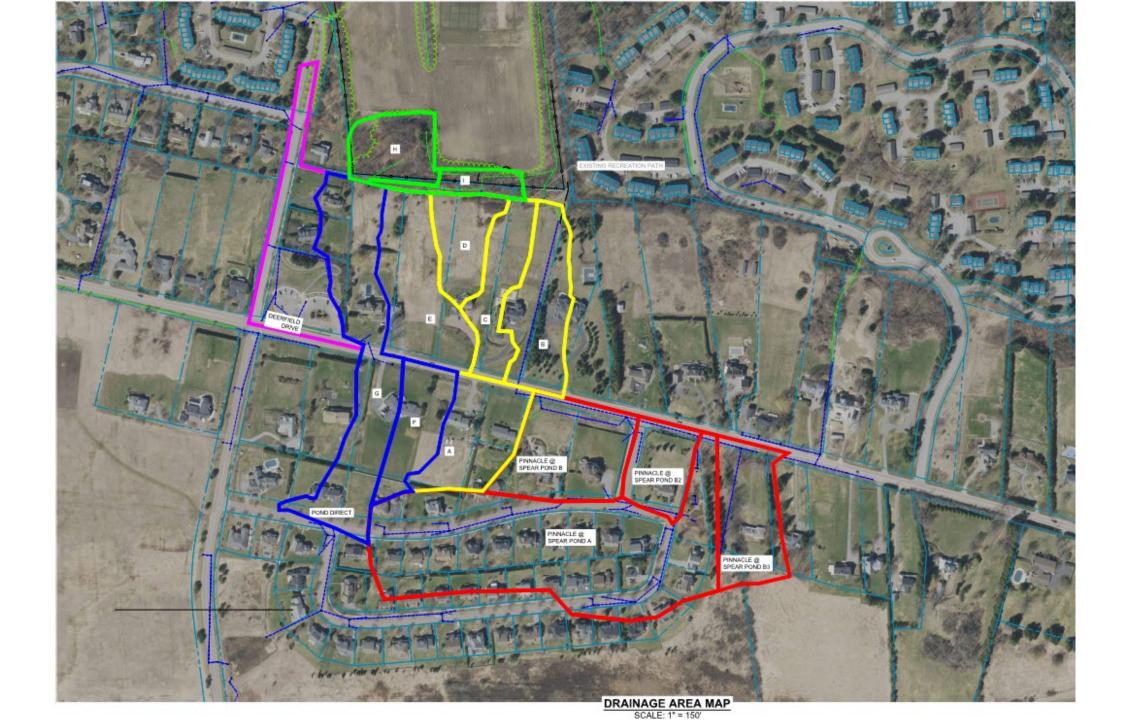
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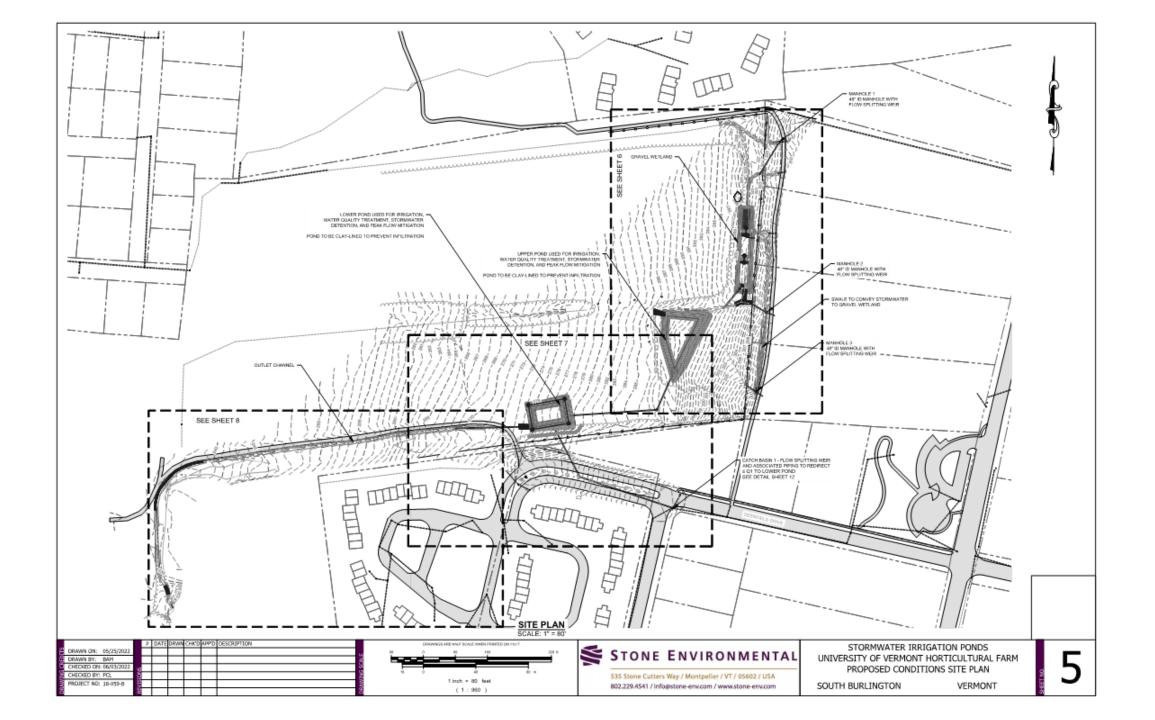


#### **UVM Hort Farm**

- 9.09 Acres of Impervious Managed
- Bartlett Brook FRP Project
- LCBP Grant: \$42,500 Design
- Stormwater Detention Pond
- & Farm Irrigation!







## Grandview

- Grandview development (#2-0238) expired in 1985.
- Southridge development (#2-0737) expired in 1983.
- DIBG Grant: \$20,000 Design
- 3-Acre Site
- Potash Brook FRP Project



	Potash Brook FRP	BMP Summary Sheet	Potash Brook FRP BMP Summary Sheet				
Site name:	Grandview Drive North Detention Pond	South Burlington ID:	PB0031	Site name:	Grandview Drive West Detention Pond	South Burlington ID:	
• • •	Grandview Dr and W Twin Oaks Terr, South Burlington	MS4 where BMP is located: South Burlington	New or existing New BMP?	Approximate address:	Grandview Dr and Dorset St, South Burlington	MS4 where BMP is located: South Burlington	
Proposed BMP type:	Detention Pond			Proposed BMP type:	Detention Pond		
	Grandview Dr Mt.  Cal théasins  Stormwater Man hole  Stormlane	T O O D D			Label  Grandview Dr W  Catchbasins  Stormwater Mashole  Outfall  Other  Stermine  Seele  Wilderchein	D 130.8	
Estimated project cost		MS4s contributing drainage to BMP	South Burlington	Estimated project cost		MS4s contributing drainage to BMP	ľ
Drainage area (acres)	3.02	Primary land use in drainage	0.11.01	Drainage area (acres)	3.14	Primary land use in drainage	╀
Impervious acres manag			Residential	Impervious acres man			ł
% Impervious	46%	2 or more landowners?	No 0.14	% Impervious	60%	2 or more landowners?	H
Land owner of BMP loca		CPv managed (ac-ft)	0.14	Land owner of BMP lo		CPv managed (ac-ft)	ť
BMP Footprint Size (acre	-	Volume infiltrated (ac-ft)	0.00	BMP Footprint Size (ac		Volume infiltrated (ac-ft)	ť
BMP Depth (feet)	6.50 C	Primary or secondary BMP? Expired permit(s)?	Primary 2-0238; 2-0737	BMP Depth (feet)	5.20 C	Primary or secondary BMP? Expired permit(s)?	۲
Hydrologic soil group			<u> </u>	Hydrologic soil group			Т,
Construct new surface	e detention BMP following outfall, oken and experiencing significant erosion.	Feasibility of Wetlands concerns. There are downstream	delineated Class II wetlands	Construct new surf	sed BMP description:  face detention basin to the west of stormline away from brook to new BMP.	Feasibility o	

PB0032

New or

existing

BMP?

South Burlington

Residential

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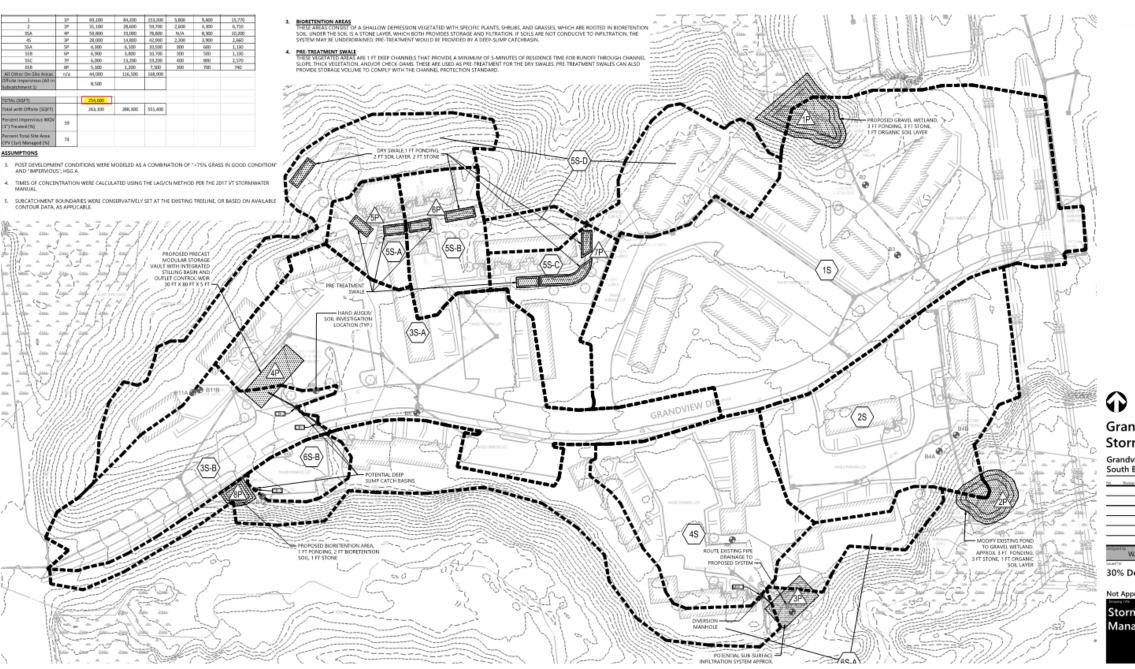
Primary

Feasibility concerns:

Wetlands concerns.

2-0238; 2-0737

New





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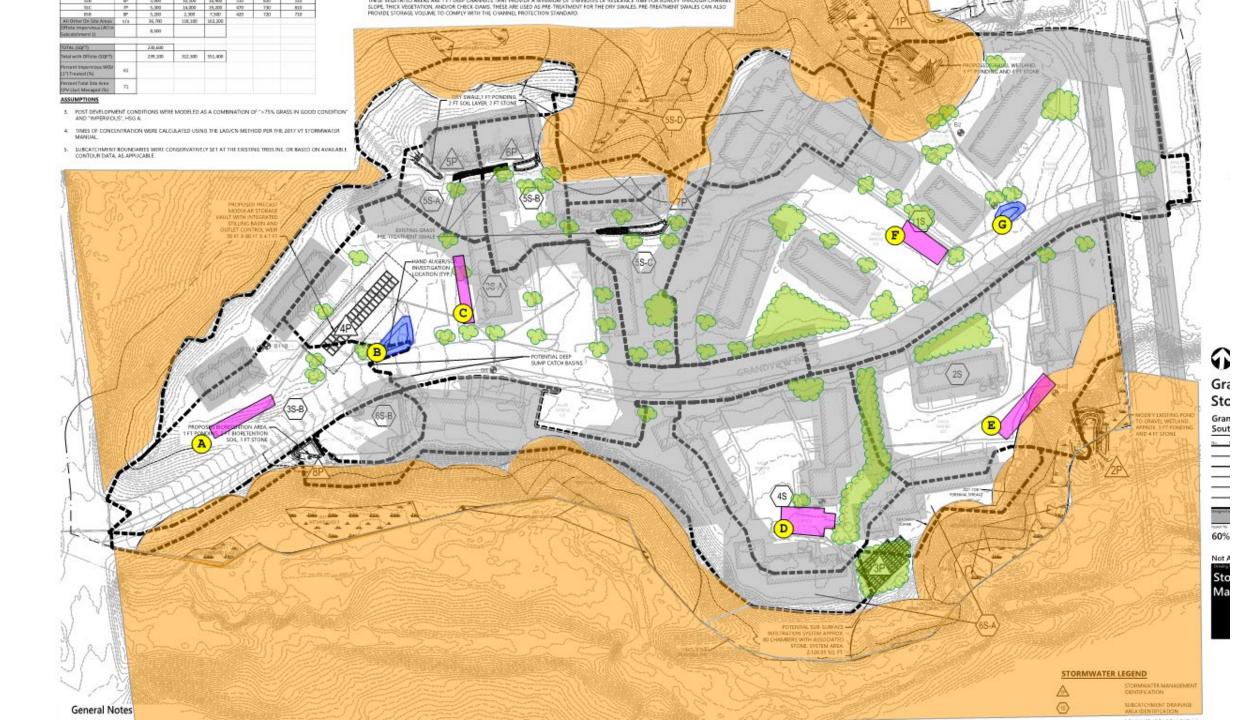
#### Grandview/Southridge Stormwater Imprvmnt.

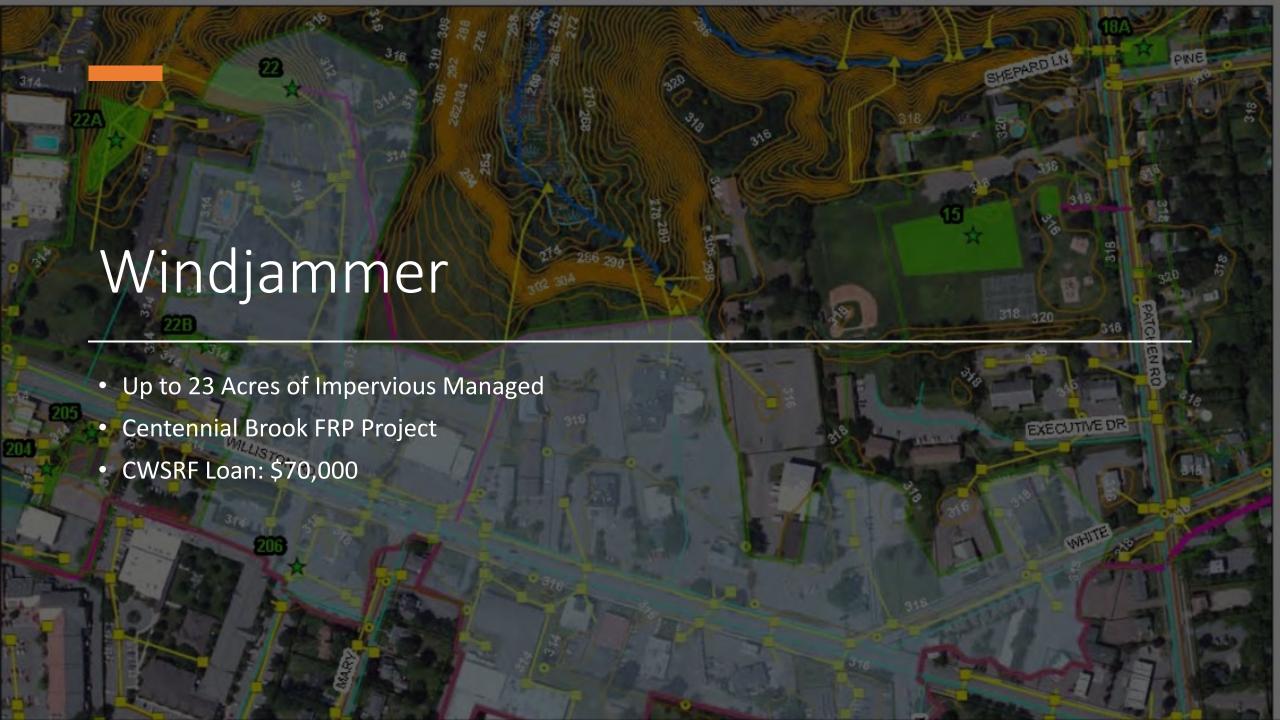
Grandview Drive South Burlington, VT 05403

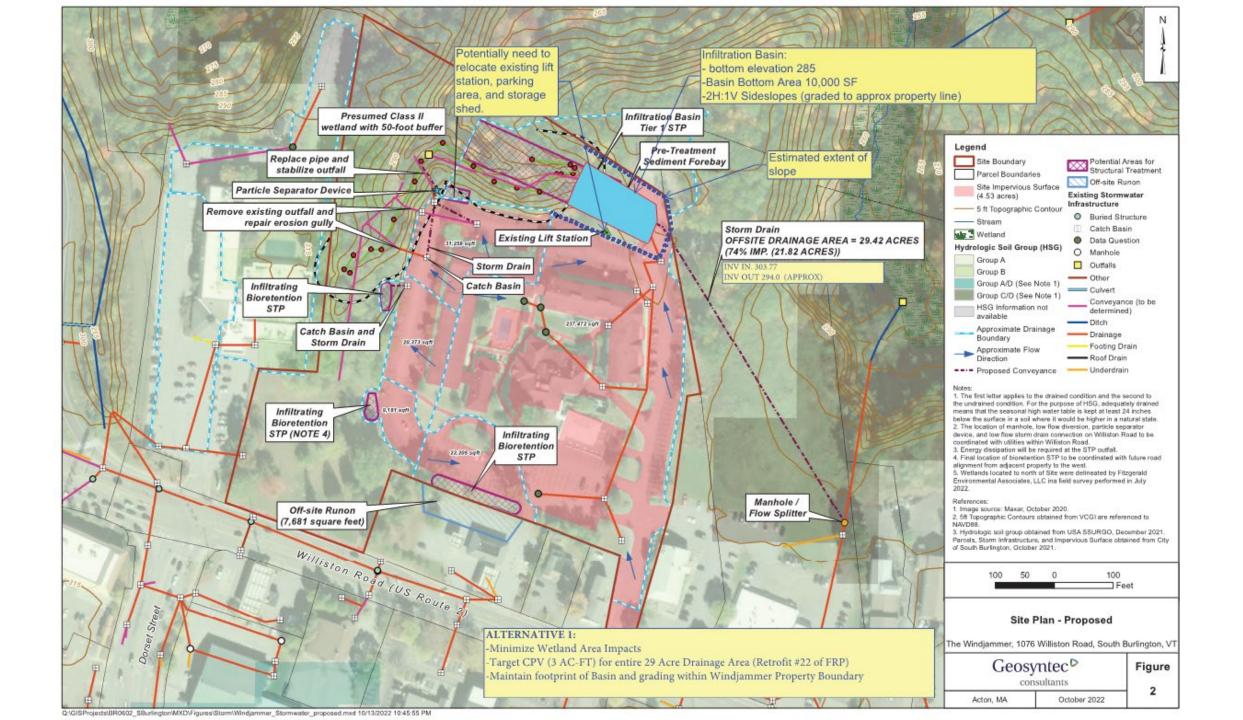
30% Design Submittal July 22, 202

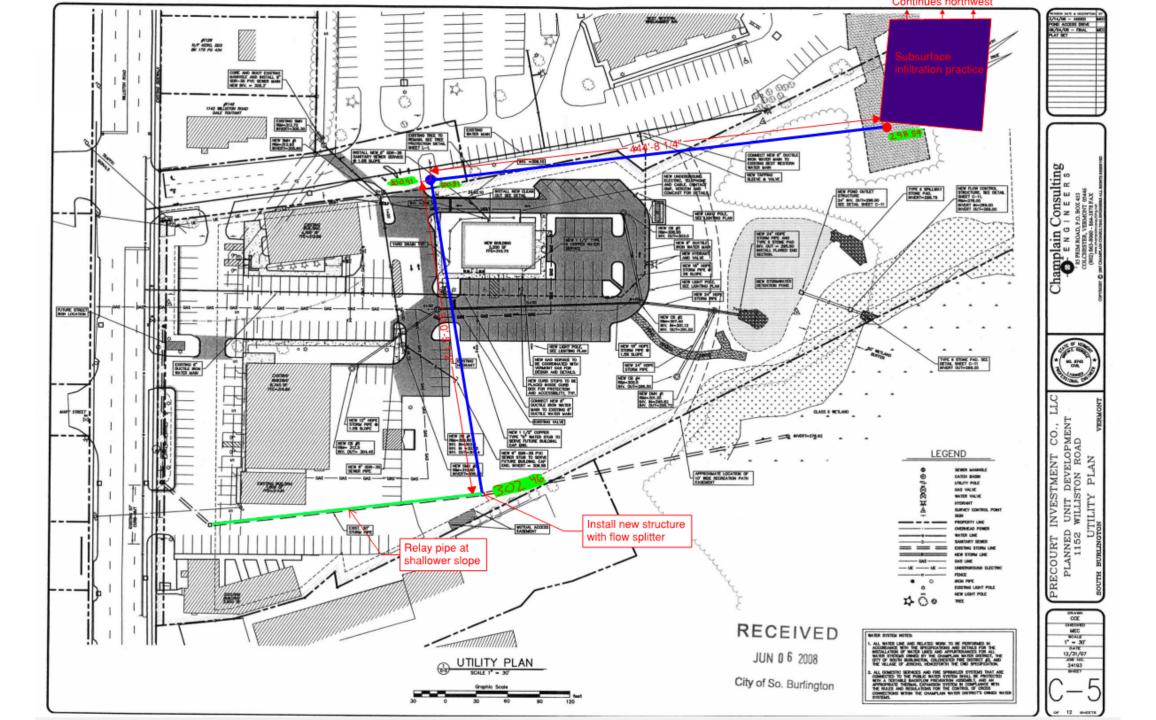
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Stormwater Management Plan









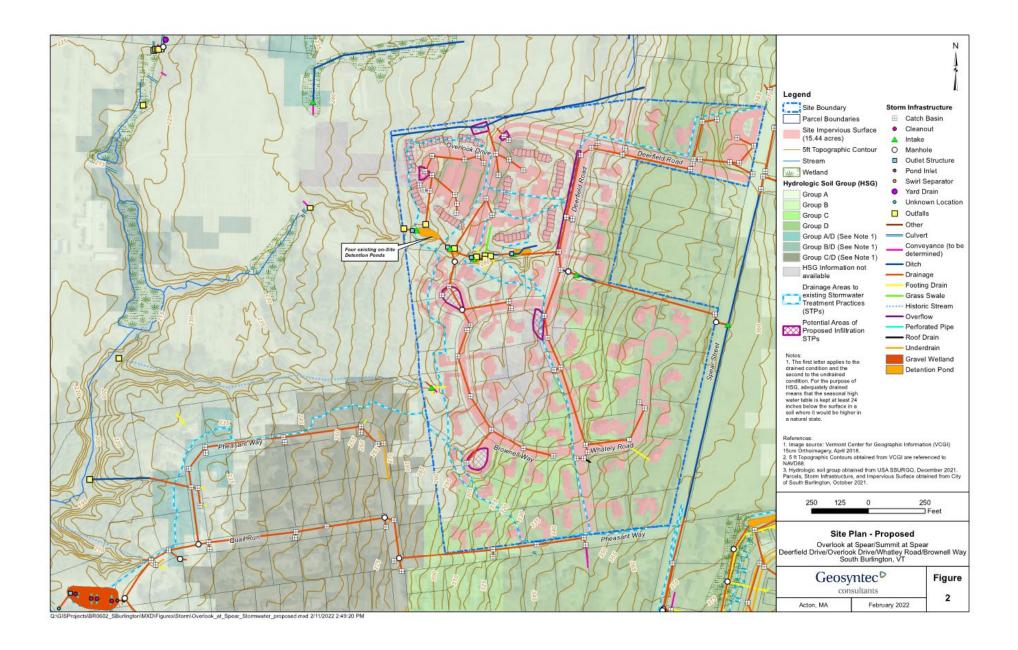


- 17.5 Acres of Impervious to Manage
- Bartlett Brook FRP Project
- 3-Acre Site
- Expired Permit 2-0261
- CWSRF Loan: \$75,000

#### **Expired Permit**

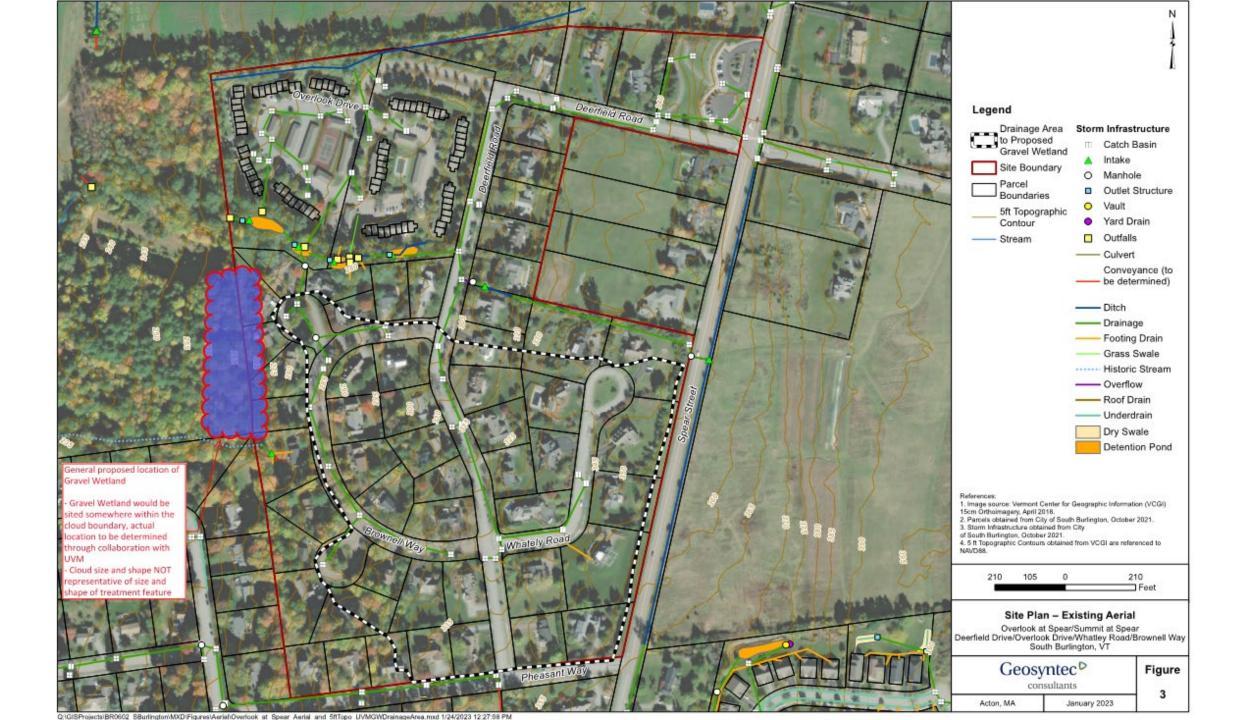
- Covers 141 Properties:
  - City Properties:
    - Deerfield Road, Brownell Way, Whatley Road, Adams Court, Windsor Court
    - Overlook Park
  - Residential Properties:
    - 55 Single Family Homes
    - 79 Condo Units
    - Overlook Drive
- 17.5 Acres of Impervious (Estimate)
  - 4.14 City
  - 13.36 Residential

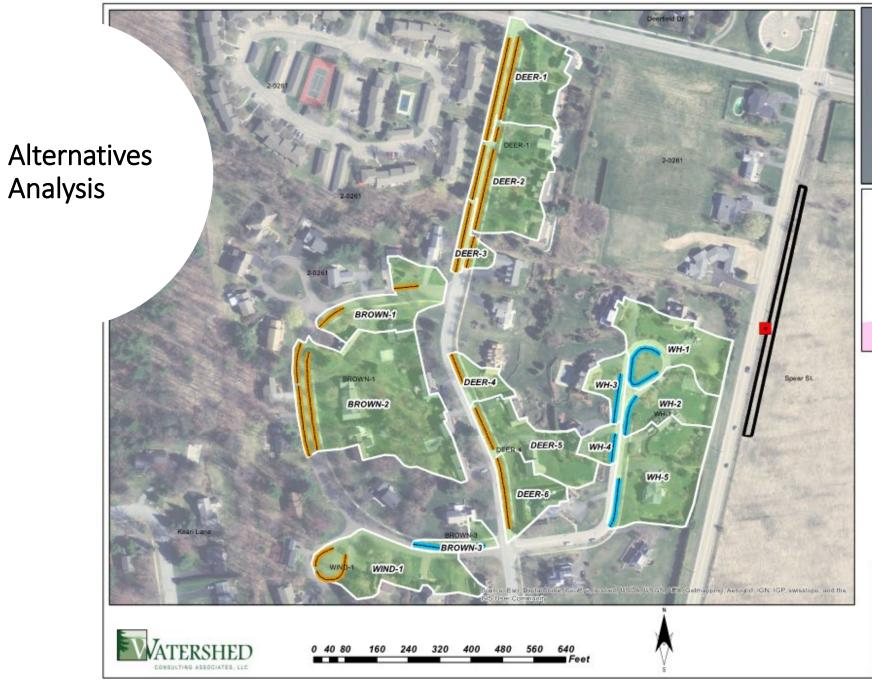


















#### NOTES:

Locations for proposed GSI practices are approximate. Utility and tree conflicts have not been verified. Detention BMPs were designed as biofilters and in the ROW sized to miligate the 1-year storm (CPv) volume with underdrains and overflow outlet structures, tied to the exisiting stormwater system. Infiltration BMPs were designed as bioretention practices, sized to infiltrate the 1-year storm (CPv) volume. Ponding depth for all practices range from 6-8°.

#### BARTLETT BROOK FLOW RESTORATION STUDY SOUTH BURLINGTON, VERMONT

2-0261 Neighborhood Green Stormwater Infrastructure BMPs

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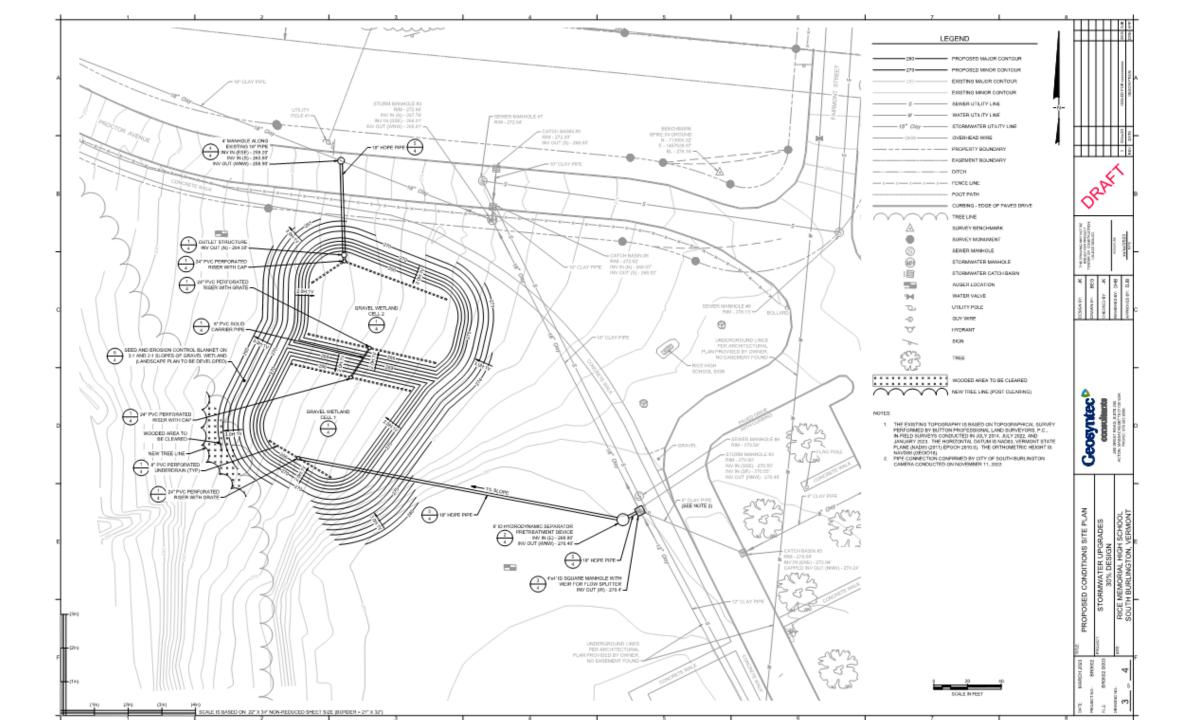
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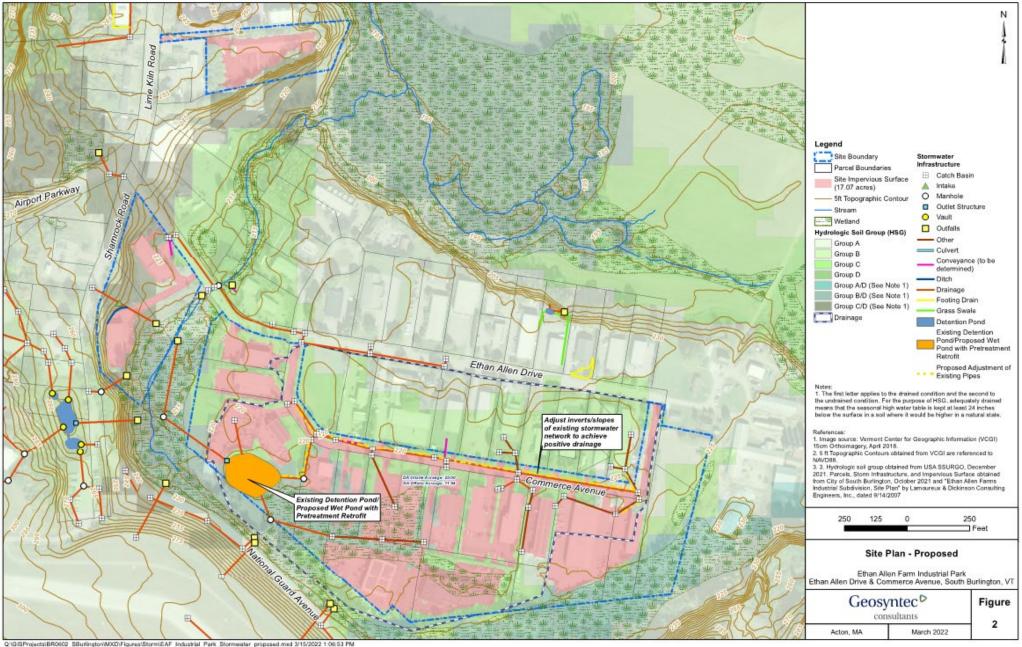
# Rice

- 5.6 Acres of Impervious to Manage
- Englesby Brook FRP Project (Drains to Pond O8)
- 3-Acre Site
- CWSRF Loan: \$72,000







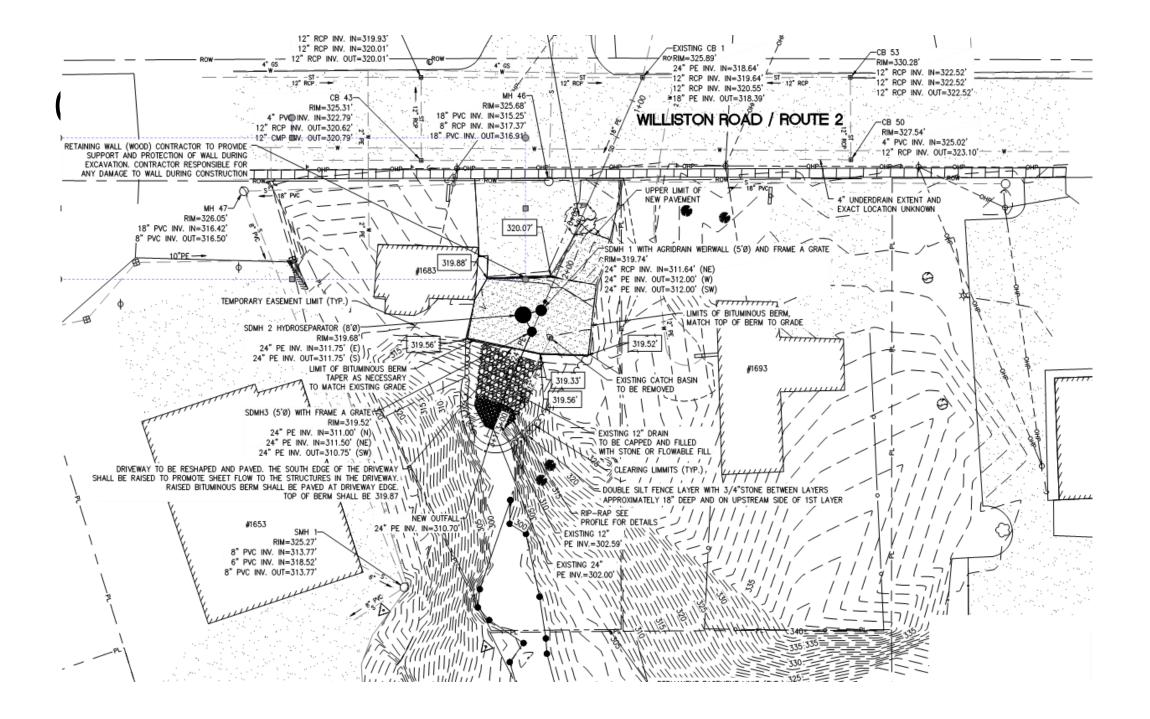


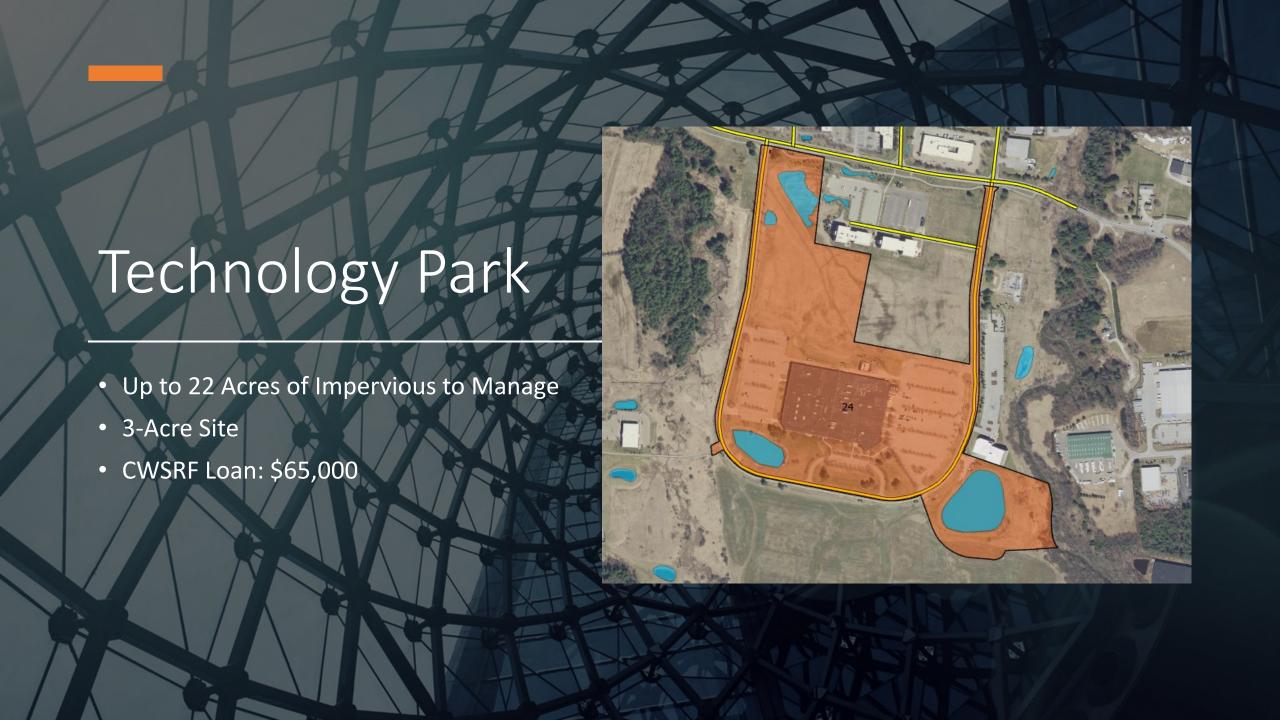
## Logwood

- 18.44 Acres of Impervious Area to Manage
- Potash Brook FRP Project
- CWF MARC Block Grant: \$19,300
- City Match: \$19,300
- Distributed Infiltration
- Swirl Separator

Site name: Logwood Neighborhood Detention Pond			South Burlington ID: PB0051			
Approximate address:	Williston Rd south Airport Rd, South	n of intersection with Burlington	MS4 where BMP is located:	South Burlington	New or existing BMP?	New
Proposed BMP type:	Detention Pond					
	1	Millission Rain's Community South Anni South		, Å 1721	Fourth Resilies	
Estimated project cost \$151,000		MS4s contributing drainage to BMP		South Burlington		
Drainage area (acres) 44.81		I				
Impanious acres man	agod 19.44		Primary land use	in drainage	Paridontial	
			Primary land use		Residential	
% Impervious	41%		2 or more landov	vners?	Yes	
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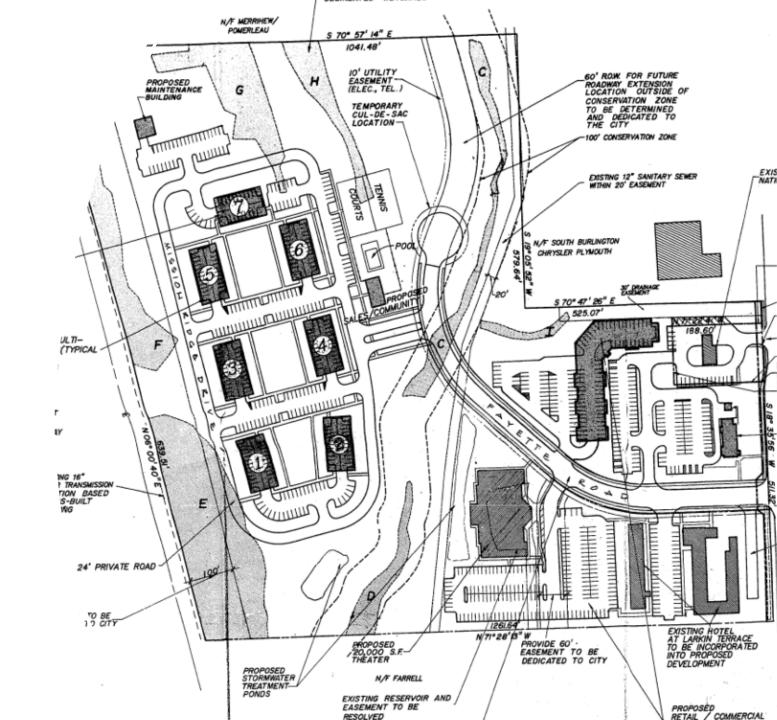
Potash Brook FRP BMP Summary Sheet

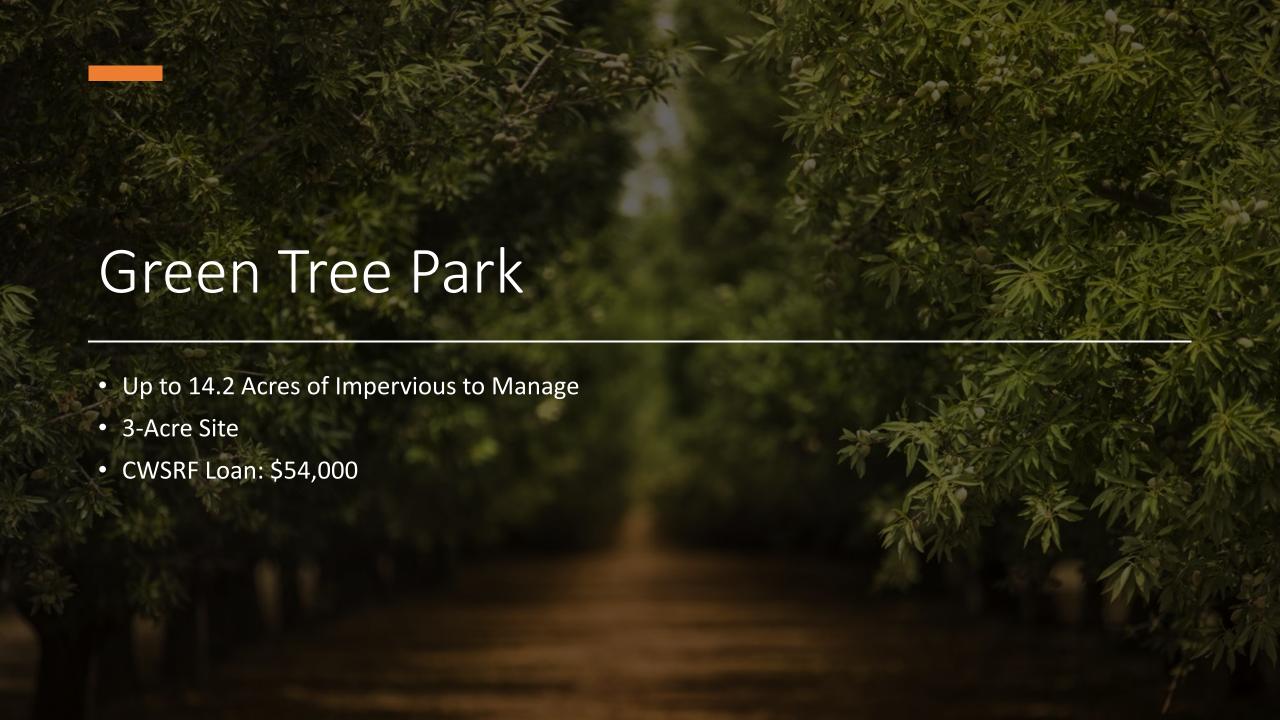




## L&M Park

- Up to 8.5 Acres of Impervious to Manage
- 3-Acre Site
- CWSRF Loan: \$58,000







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Green Tree Park
Stormwater Retrofits
Green Tree Drive / Gregory Drive
South Burlington, VT 05403

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# Vermont National Country Club

- Up to 47 Acres of Impervious to Manage
- 3-Acre Site
- CWSRF Loan: \$60,000



## Acadia

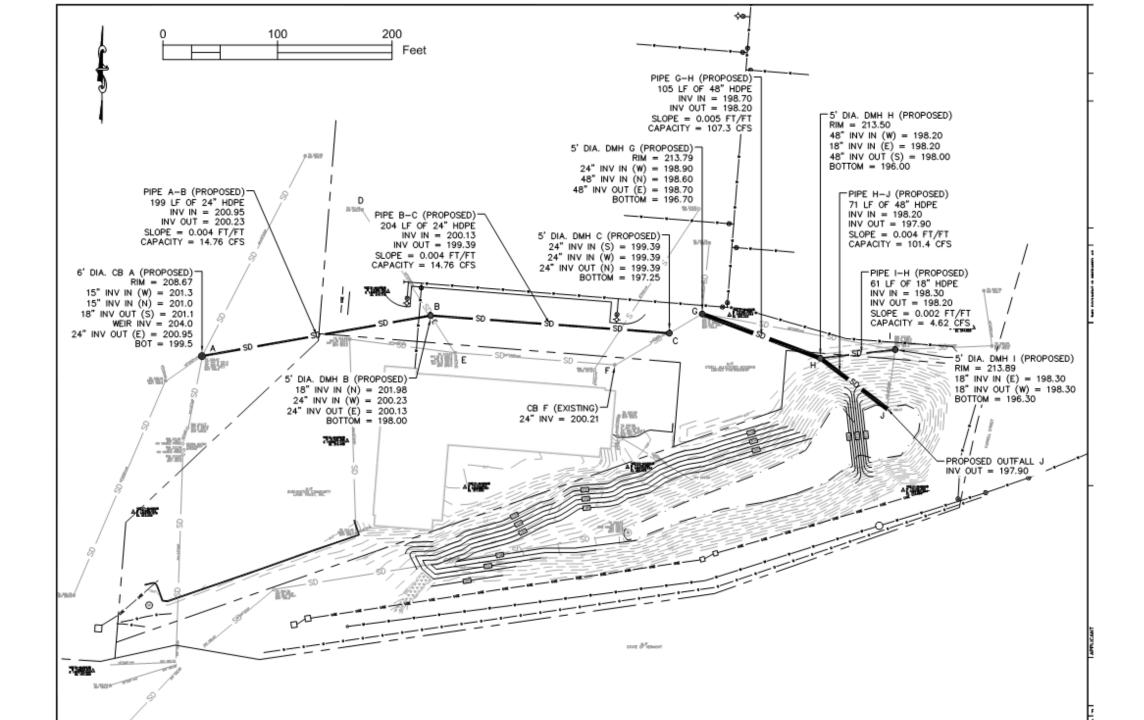
- 6.78 Acres of Impervious Managed
- Potash Brook FRP Project
- CWSRF Loan for Engineering and Permitting
- Shared Project with O'Dell PUD



# O'Dell Parkway PUD

- 9.56 Acres of Impervious Managed
- Potash Brook FRP Project
- CWSRF Loan for Engineering and Permitting
- Shared project with Acadia







• Final NOI Due: 7/23/2023

Potash Brook FRP BMP Summary Sheet							
Site name:	Knoll Circle	South Burli	ington ID:	PB0046			
Approximate address:	Knoll Cir north of Dubois Dr, South Burlington	MS4 where BMP is located:	South Burlington	New or existing BMP?	New		
Proposed BMP type:	Gravel Wetland						



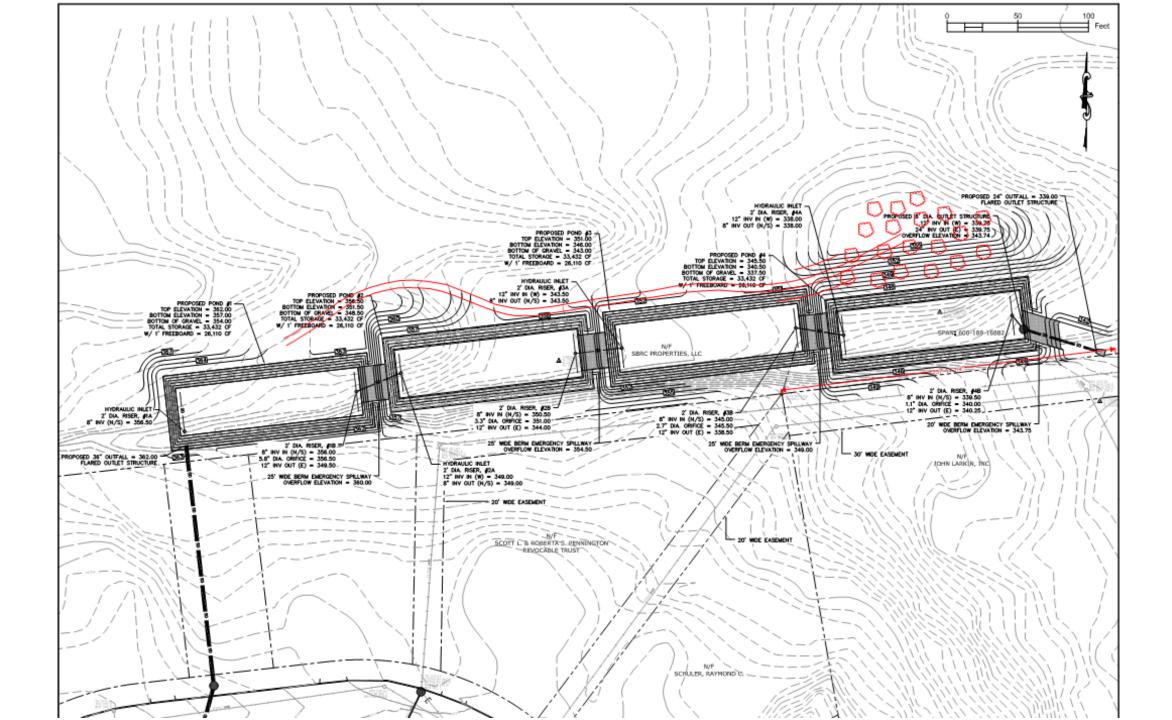
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Estimated project cost	\$750,000		MS4s contributing drainage to BMP	South Burlington
Drainage area (acres)	12.16	]	DIVIE	
Impervious acres managed	2.16	]	Primary land use in drainage	Residential
% Impervious	18%	]	2 or more landowners?	Yes
Land owner of BMP location	Private		CPv managed (ac-ft)	0.80
BMP Footprint Size (acres)	0.35	]	Volume infiltrated (ac-ft)	0.00
BMP Depth (feet)	6.00	]	Primary or secondary BMP?	Primary
Hydrologic soil group	D	]	Expired permit(s)?	2-0220

#### Proposed BMP description

Feasibility concerns:

Construct new gravel wetland with swale inlet. Current stormline draining subdivision already enters swale, which also drains area to the west.

Proposed BMP is located outside of Knoll Cir residential property.



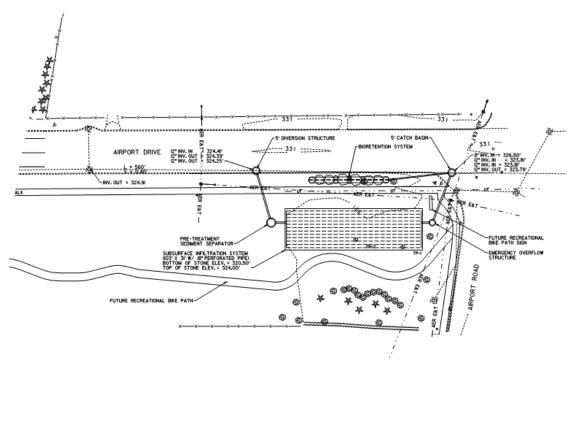
## Airport Drive

- VTrans 2021 Environmental Mitigation Grant
- 80% funded by VTrans (\$365,200)
- 20% funded by City (\$91,300)
- Award Start Date: January 2021
- Award End Date: November 2025
- Funding covers design & construction

## Project Benefits

- 2.71 Acres of Impervious Surface Managed
- 100% TSS Reduction
- 100% Phosphorus Reduction
- 100% Reduction in CPv Peak Flow

		ook FRP E	BMP Summary Sho	eet			
Site name:	Airport Drive	South Bur	lington ID:	PB0009	PB0009		
Approximate address:	Airport Dr and Airport Rd, Sou Burlington	th	MS4 where BMP is located:	BTV	New or existing BMP?	New	
Proposed BMP type:	Infiltration Gallery						
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Estimated project cost	\$439,000		MS4s contributi BMP	ng drainage to	South Burlin	ngton, BTV	
Drainage area (acres)	9.65						
Impervious acres mana	oged 2.71	2.71		Primary land use in drainage		Residential	
% Impervious	28%	28%		2 or more landowners?		Yes	
Land owner of BMP loo	cation MS4 Owned	MS4 Owned		CPv managed (ac-ft)		0.46	
BMP Footprint Size (ac	res) 0.09	0.09		Volume infiltrated (ac-ft)			
BMP Depth (feet)	3.50		Primary or seco	ndary BMP?	Primary		
Hydrologic soil group	A		Expired permit(	s)?	No Permit		
•	sed BMP description: nfiltration chambers in south	ernmost rmline		Feasibility (	concerns:		



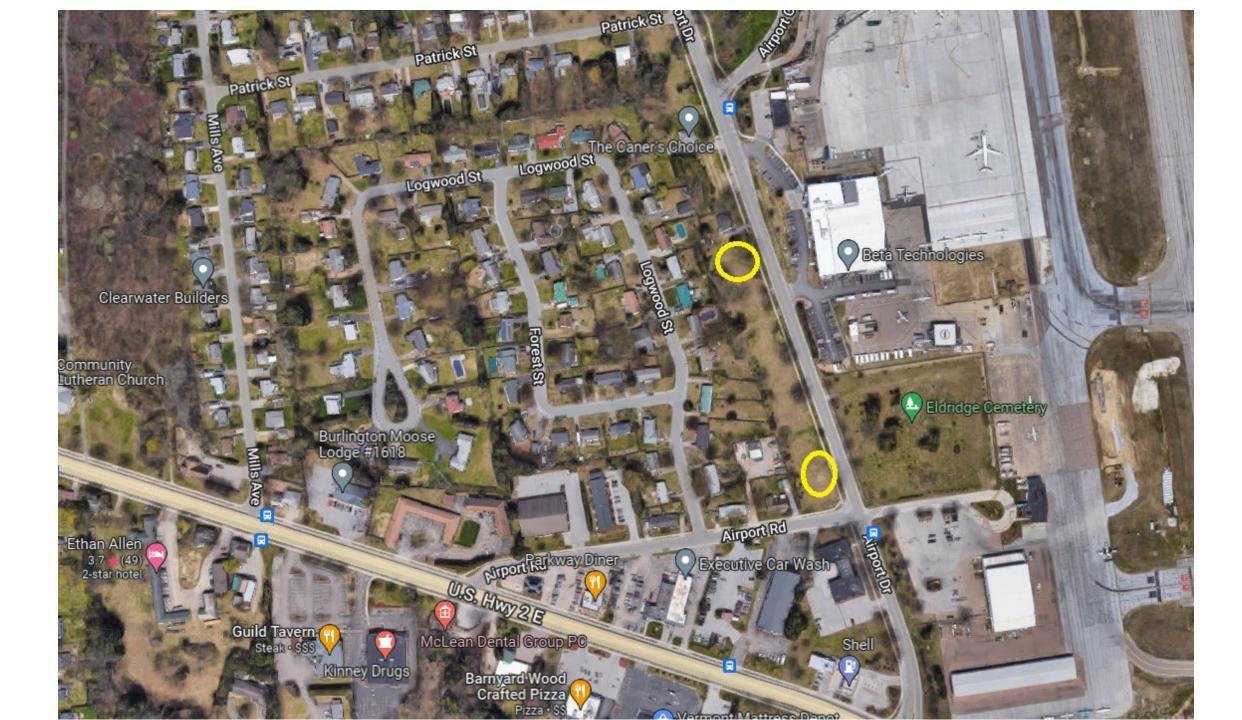
## Soil Test Pits & Infiltration Testing

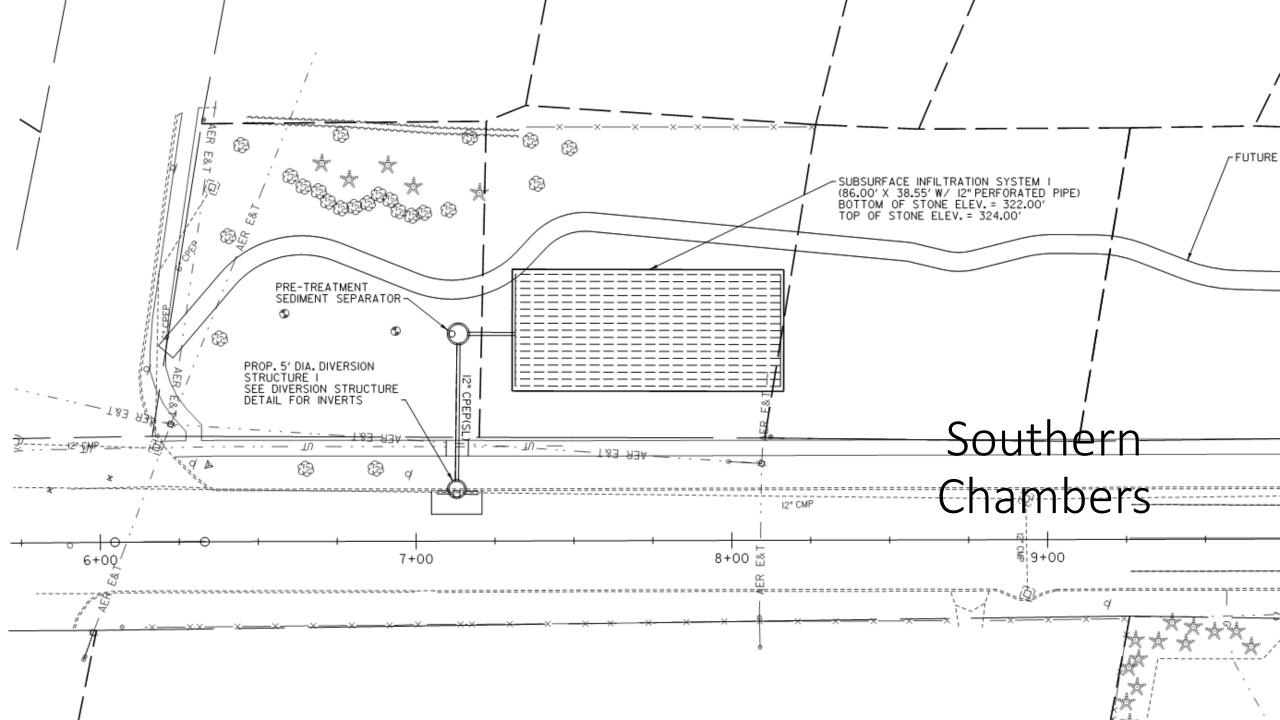
#### Infiltration Test Log

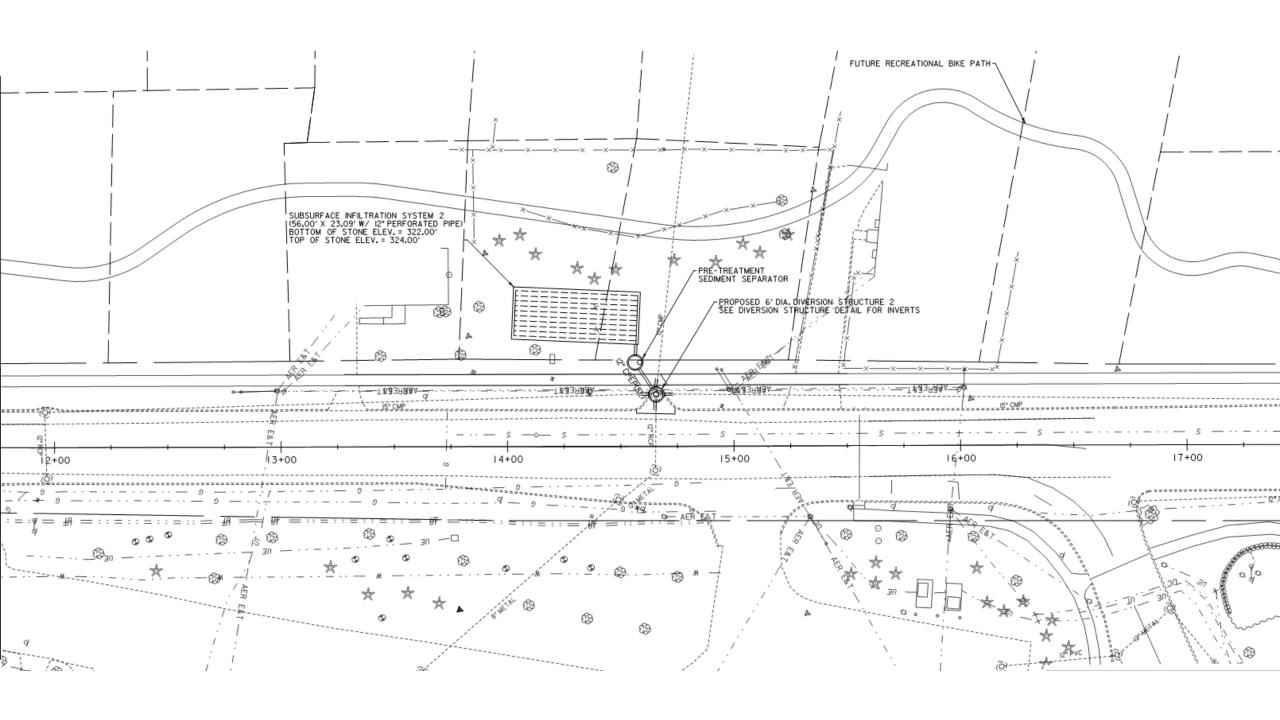
			ater Treatment System rlington, VT	Start Date: 11/05/2020			
		Project Location: 1151	Airport Drive	Finish Date: 11/05/2020			
SANBORN	SANBORN   HEAD			Check By: B. Stringer			
		Project No: 5081.00		Test Performed By: A. Lulias			
Infiltration Test I.	ocation Number	IT-2					
		97.8					
Approximate Ground	Approximate Ground Surface Elev. (ft.):						
Approximate length of P	/C Infiltration Pipe (ft.):	13.0					
Approximate Casing Stick-Up (ft bgs):		1.42					
Approximate Test Elev. (ft.):		85.3					
Proposed Bottom of Stormwater Practice. (ft.):		85.3					
	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Average		
Start Time	9:07 AM	10:10 AM	11:18 AM	12:20 PM	-		
Stop Time	10:07 AM	11:10 AM	12:18 PM	1:20 PM	-		
Test Duration (hr)	1.00	1.00 1.00		1.00	-		
Starting Water Depth (ft)	11.50	11.17	11.00	11.25			
Ending Water Depth (ft)	13.17	13.25	13.25	13.33			
Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	20.0	25.0	27.0	25.0	24.2		
Comments:		•	•	•	•		

- Comments:
  1. Where depths were measured from top of PVC casing,
  2. Infiltration tests conducted in general accordance with Section 4.3.3.2.5 of the 2017 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual Rule and Design Guidance effective, luly 1, 2017.
  3. Tests were terminated prior to one-hour duration when the water was observed to have fully drained from the casing,
  4. Elevations were determined based off Hand Level measurements and fits pecific elevation control. An elevation of 100 feet was established on the top of IT-1 and groundwater and infiltration rates were based off that elevation.





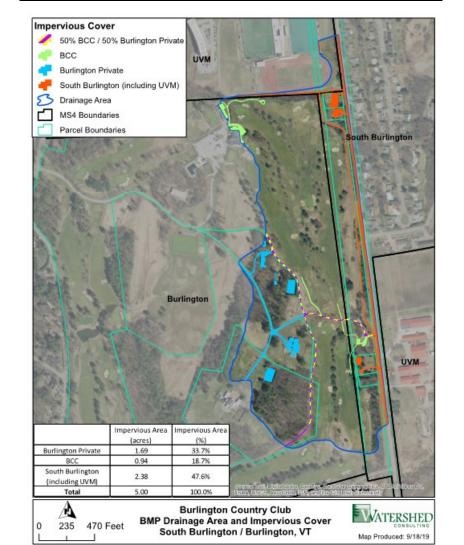




# Burlington Country Club



TOTAL	\$ 618,684.44
City Share Total	\$ 166,685.17
BCC Share Total	\$ 67,948.00
Grant Total	\$ 384,051.27



## Lindenwood

- 2.19 Acres of Impervious
- Potash Brook FRP Project
- Vtrans Grant: \$303,574
- Finished Construction May 2023



## **POLLUTION:** Projects could be held up by ruling

Continued from Page 1A Circumferential Highway -

planned between Interstate 39 in Williston and Vermont 117 in Essex — also is subject to the ruling and could be further delayed.

the state list were guardedly optition, legislators, or some comproenvironmentalists would ultimately soften the ruling. How brooks. long that will take is unclear.

want to start tomorrow morning,"

time is money."

The issue at hand is rainwater dirtied by impurities that washes into rivers and lakes. It's a problem in rural areas, where fertil-Developers of the projects on izers wash into streams, and in urban and suburban areas, where mistic that the Dean Administra- precipitation flows off roofs, roads, parking lots and drivemise between the state and ways. That water picks up pollution and rushes straight into small

For several years, the Agency "Fortunately, we have time of Natural Resources has adwith this project. It's not like we dressed the problem by requiring developers to build special retensaid Miller, referring to possible tion ponds to hold storm water delays. "Typically for developers, temporarily. The agency also is

time is our worst enemy because slowly studying individual waterways and developing new rules.

Environmental groups are unhappy with the pace of the state's the board ruled. enforcement, which has fallen be-

said the best way to combat polluted storm water is to require tougher treatment standards for older developments, something the agency intends to do, not stopping newer projects that have

Contact Tom Zolper at 229-9141 or tzolper@bfp.burlingtonfreepress.com

### ATTENTION FLETCHER ALLEN PATIENTS

**Expanded Valet Parking Service Beginning September 17** 

This \$2.00 service will be available on the Medical Center Campus weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. One charge covers the entire day

Valet parking allows Fletcher Allen to better serve patients and families by:

- · Improving access to the hospital buildings
- · Reducing wait times for the parking garage
- Maximizing available patient parking space on the campus

TIPPING IS NOT PERMITTED

#### LOTTERY

TRI-STATE MEGABUCKS: Nobody won Saturday's jackpot worth \$700,000. Players who matched some of the winning numbers will share \$55,894 in cash and free tickets. Wednesday's drawing is estimated at \$900,000. The numbers: 11-19-24-32-34-41 bonus 40 PICK 3: 9-6-0 PICK 4: 4-9-2-1

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## No immediate solution seen in water debate

By David Gram The Associated Press

MONTPELIER - Amid all the recent discussions about a South Burlington brook stopping the flow of development in Vermont, one fact is becoming clear. State government is on the hot seat.

When the Water Resources Board ruled in June - and reaffirmed last month - that no new pollutants could be added to Potash Brook without a plan in place for cleaning up existing pollution, a troublesome fact emerged: The host Mark Johnson, whose prostate has allowed a huge backlog gram is broadcast on WKDR and to develop in drafting such plans for its polluted streams.

Under the legal standard the board has set up, developers would have to guarantee that no runoff from their driveways and parking lots would carry new pollutants to an impaired stream or they would have to wait for the development of a cleanup plan for the stream.

About 126 streams, lakes or sections of those waterways in Vermont are officially designated as polluted. The state Department of Environmental Conservation is required by the federal Clean Water Act and state law to draft plans for cleaning up those streams.

The state has finished two of those plans and has 11 more in draft form, officials at the Natural Resources Agency said.

Environmentalists charge that a backlog in stream planning dating back years demonstrates a lack of commitment by the Dean administration on the issues of

and any possible health threats

o's "Switchboard" program, according to a VPR transcript. "They're polluted by federal standards, and we list those because we believe we ought to improve the quality of those streams."

He later told radio talk show ect. I've cooked with the water."

As Dean, a physician, was making his radio remarks, his Health Department had posted on its Web site a warning about blue-green algae blooms in Lake Champlain.

"As a precaution, the Health Department recommends that young children and pets be closely supervised, and not allowed to swim or wade in areas with algae," said the message from state epidemiologist Ann Fingar, also a physician.

Kelly Lowry, water program director and lawyer with the Vermont Natural Resources Council said he had heard the governor recently refer to Potash Brook as "technically polluted.".

"The streams are dead, there's no life in them," Lowry said. "That's not technical pollution. ... The fact that dogs die when they

# Stop stalling on stormwater

As a lifelong Vermonter, I am concerned when environmental issues regress to finger pointing, lawsuits and exaggerated ads instead of finding solutions.

Example: Stormwater permits. Rather than exhaustive, expensive studies that do nothing to clean our waters, we need to work with all the stakeholders to institute immediate corrective action. Confrontational lawsuits not only do not clean water, they just stall needed economic stimulus for jobs.

Promoting a healthy economy and protecting the environment must be mutually inclusive. We can, and must, allow for desperately needed housing, additions to hightech facilities and myriad other appropriate expansions, all providing jobs while protecting the environment. House Bill 644, the Clean Water Bill, overwhelmingly passed the House and with leadership from the House, the Senate and the adminis--11 the stalrahalders

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have many options available to them. If we do not support these large companies as well as all of our small, growing companies, then we cannot paint a healthy economic portrait of our state.

The stormwater issue is a flash point and has been used as a means to stop the Circumferential highway. Without the Circ, IBM cannot meet permit issues to expand a critical technological base. This puts thousands of jobs at risk while forcing commuters to waste time and run cars needlessly in stalled traffic. Technology exists to deal with stormwater in this project using this issue in the debate, as a mask to other concerns, is inappropriate. If stormwater is the issue, let's talk about solutions - if not, let's talk about the real issues and find solutions to them.

worked on appropriate compromises that meet the needs of the environment and business without jeopardizing either's much needed position in Vermont.

Vermont is a magical place, which draws hikers, boaters, eache is the underpinning of why businesses are here as well. Simultaneously, however, they must be profitable. Nonprofit regional economic development organizations and state agencies constantly struggle to attract high-paying jobs to this state. Employers often spend years of planning and invest time and money in the elaborate Act 250 process to protect wetlands, agriculture and archaeology and promote historic preservation. If these requirements are satisfied, a proposal has a chance to go forward. At the moment, the stormwater standstill makes economic development a questionable matter. At the very least, we need to assure companies that are integral to our community that they can survive and grow by staying in Vermont. Companies like IBM, Husky, General Dynamics and IDX

Here's the irony, the Dean administration, the Agency of Natural Resources, Legislature, businesses and environmental groups have the same goal: clean water. The ANR acknowledges it has moved too slowly. A debate that has brought this issue to the headlines becomes counterproductive when it inspires litigation, or worse, stereotypes business people as polluters. This is less about finding a middle ground than about finding solutions that will simultaneously protect the environment and endorse sensible expansion, therefore creating jobs.

We don't need more studies or lawsuits. We need to find a new model where all the stakeholders can work together and understand the interests of all parties to create a healthier environment that we can all cherish while simultaneously promoting a healthy economy, which creates a better quality of life for all Vermonters.

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