

Date: July 14, 2026 **Three-page memo + three spreadsheets**

To: Basin 5 Water Quality Council

CC: DEC staff and subgrant applicants

Re: Staff recommendation: application for Water Quality Formula Subgrants, July 2026 Round

Attached are three spreadsheets showing how I scored the request received for this meeting. Pursuant to Act 76 Rule and Guidance, the Council may adjust the co-benefit scores if it disagrees with my scoring.

Relative scoring of previous **Design or Construction** projects received is shown for reference including the previous request for Preliminary Design or Final Design phase funding where applicable.

	P-reduction	Co-Benefits	Other Considerations	Total	BWQC mtg. date & action
Pelots Point Road – Shoreland Stabilization – Implementation – North Hero	50	9	8	67	7/14/26, _____
Petty Brook Road – Stormwater – Final Design & Implementation - Milton	50	4	8	62	6/18/26, tabled, \$ allocated for further development
Woods Briar Mobile Home Park - – Stormwater – Final Design & Implementation - Milton	50	5	8	62	6/18/26, tabled, \$ allocated for further development
Forbes Road – Stormwater – Final Design & Implementation - Milton	50	4	8	62	6/18/26, tabled, \$ allocated for further development
Gonyeau Road – Stormwater – Final Design & Implementation - Milton	20	4	8	32	6/18/26, tabled, \$ allocated for further development
Lauren Drive – Stormwater – Final Design & Implementation - Milton	20	4	8	32	6/18/26, tabled, \$ allocated for further development
Sunset Drive Bioengineered Shoreline – Lake Shoreland Implementation – South Hero	40	8	8	56	5/21/26, Fund in full
Lake Forest Condominiums - Stormwater – Implementation – Burlington	40	6	8	54	5/21/26, Fund in full
Button Stream and Floodplain Restoration – Colchester – Final Design & Implementation	70	6	8	84	4/16/26, Fund in full
Polly Hubbard Road – Stream/Floodplain Restoration – Georgia Revised Request	20	2	6	28	2/18/26, Fund in full
Lake Forest Condominiums - Stormwater –	50	6	4	60	1/15/26,

Final Design – Burlington					Fund in full
Shelburne Vineyards Riparian Planting- McCabe's Brook- Adoption thru 9/29/2026	70	5	0	75	1/15/26, Fund in full
Essex High School Riparian Planting-Indian Brook- Adoption thru 9/29/2026	70	7	0	77	1/15/26, Fund in full
Town Beach Shoreline Stabilization – Final Design	30	12	4	46	12/18/25, Fund in full
Pelots Points Shoreline Stabilization – Prelim & Final Design	50	6	4	60	11/20/25, Fund in full
Polly Hubbard Stream Restoration – Archeology & Final Design	20	4	4	28	10/16/25, Fund in full
<i>Projects below assessed on following P-reduction metric methodology: an annual average cost-per-kilograms-p-reduction (\$-per-kg) of around \$15,000 scored 50 points while a project with a cost higher than \$40,000-per-kg scored zero points.</i>					
Lake Forest Condominiums - Stormwater – Preliminary Design – Burlington (amended from 6/18 mtg)	50	5	4	59	9/18/25, Fund in full
Lake Forest Condominiums - Stormwater – Preliminary Design – Burlington	35	5	8	48	6/18/25, Fund in full
<i>Projects below assessed on following P-reduction metric methodology: an annual average cost-per-kilograms-p-reduction (\$-per-kg) of around \$26,000 scored 50 points while a project with a cost higher than \$50,000-per-kg scored zero points.</i>					
Mill River Road SE Stormwater Practices– Implementation	30	3	6	39	3/20/25, Fund in full
Beebe Lane – Road Project – Implementation	50	5	10	65	3/20/25, Fund in full
Wolcott Family Natural Area – Floodplain Reconnection – Final Design & Implementation	10	7	8	25	2/20/25, Fund in full
Fairfax St. Culvert - Floodplain Restoration - Implementation	20	4	10	34	9/19/24, Fund in full
Falls Road Trail – Gully Stabilization / Stormwater - Implementation	70	4	6	80	7/18/24, Fund in full
Two Heroes - Stream Restoration - Final Design (Scenario with match)	10	9	10	29	5/16/24, Fund in full
Wolcott Family Natural Area – Floodplain Reconnection – Preliminary Design Low Cost Scenario)	20	7	8	35	4/18/24, Fund in full
UVM Hort Farm – Floodplain Restoration - Construction	40	9	10	59	4/18/24, Fund in full
Fairfax St. Culvert - Floodplain Restoration - Preliminary Design	30	4	8	42	3/21/24, Fund in full
<i>Projects below assessed on following P-reduction metric methodology: an annual average cost-per-kilograms-p-reduction (\$-per-kg) of around \$13,000 scored 50 points while a project with a cost higher than \$25,000-per-kg scored zero points.</i>					
UVM Hort Farm – Floodplain Restoration - Construction	40	9	10	59	11/16/23, Fund in part
McCabe's Brook – Process-Based Restoration – Preliminary Design	40	4	0	44	2/23/23, Fund in full
Falls Road Trail Design – Final Design	70	1	6	77	2/23/23,

					Fund in full
Mill River Road, SE – Infiltration Chamber & Gully Restoration Design – Final Design	30	3	2	35	2/23/23, Fund in full
Mill River Rd, NW – Regrading & Plunge Pool	10	3	2	15	2/23/23, denied

Staff comments and Recommendations:

The project has passed through the design funded by the Basin 5 CWSP and is ready to move towards implementation. The cost-per-kilo of P-reduction is efficient, and the overall P-reduction is robust as well. My scoring on co-benefits is slightly different from that of the applicant. The Council is free to change the scoring for those co-benefits if desired.

I recommend that the Council approve funding.

-Dan Albrecht
Basin 5 CWSP Manager

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* Scoring Scale *	
< \$8,000	70
< \$16,000	60
< \$24,000	50
< \$32,000	40
< \$40,000	30
< \$48,000	20
< \$56,000	10
> \$64,000	0

Applications for projects with less than 1 kilograms reduction may be considered as long as annual maintenance costs covered by the CWSP are less than \$500.

Co-Benefit Scores

Scoring Template for Co-Benefits, as finalized, 8-17-2023

				7/16/26 mtg
Benefit	Range	Weight, 1 or 2	Max Score	Pelots Point Road Shoreline Stabilization - Implementation
Hazard Mitigation	1-4	2	8	6
Education	1-4	2	8	2
Ecosystem Improvement	1-4	2	8	2
Habitat Improvement	1-4	2	8	4
Environmental Justice	1-4	2	8	0
Community Support	1-3	2	6	8
Other Benefits	1-4	1	4	0
		MAX	50	22
Conversion to 20 point scale		>>>>	20	9

* Note: Co-Benefit matrix changed between version used in February 2023 and version finalized in August 2023

