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Public Input Sought on Clean Water Fund Allocation Priorities

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Clean Water Fund Board is seeking public input on proposed Clean Water Fund allocation priorities by 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 2015.

The Vermont Clean Water Fund and its board were created by Act 64, also known as the Vermont Clean Water Act, which was passed by the legislature during the 2015 session and signed by Governor Shumlin on June 16, 2015. The purpose of the Clean Water Fund is to provide direct financial support for actions that will reduce pollution washing into Vermont's waterways. The Clean Water Fund Board, which administers the Fund, includes representatives from the agencies of Administration, Agriculture, Farm and Markets, Commerce and Community Development, Natural Resources and Transportation.

The Clean Water Fund Board is charged with developing a spending proposal for the Clean Water Fund, which shall be used by the Agency of Administration for the State budget that is transmitted to the Legislature. The Board met on September 8, 2015, and approved a draft proposal to invest Clean Water Fund revenues in State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2016 and 2017 for public notice and comment. The draft proposal can be found on the Clean Water Vermont webpage: <http://cleanwater.vermont.gov>. The Board will consider submitted comments in preparation of a final spending proposal, anticipated to be completed in November, 2015.

The public may submit electronic or written comments on this draft spending proposal by the deadline of 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 2015. Please reference the **Vermont Clean Water Fund** in your submission.

Electronic Submission of Comments: Comments may be electronically submitted using the following email address: anr.wsmderp@vermont.gov

Written Comments: Comments may be mailed to:

Attention: Vermont Clean Water Fund
Department of Environmental Conservation
1 National Life Drive, Main 2
Montpelier, VT 05620-3522

For additional information about the Clean Water Fund Board, the process and the draft proposal, please contact Kari Dolan, manager, Clean Water Initiative Program, at kari.dolan@vermont.gov or (802) 490-6113 or on our website: <http://cleanwater.vermont.gov>.

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