

Chair Stevens,

The latest draft of the Tri-Park language in S.237 is in black below. We (Erhard, Sue and I) suggest revising as shown in red and believe it will meet most of DEC's concerns. We are not clear if they will be okay with the word "forgiveness." But think it is important to add. Erhard researched the underlying federal rules and believes forgiveness is an option. DEC had asked that forgiveness be struck, but if it is allowed, it seems better to include it. The language says "to the extent" feasible, which means they would not be required to forgive if the federal rules or other circumstances do not allow it.

DEC also suggested that "other small communities" should be better defined. It's a good point and we suggest it just be deleted.

Commissioner Walke told me he was planning to get back to the committee with an update. I don't know if he has and we hope this language works.

Sec. 10. MOBILE HOME PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall:

(1) assist the Town of Brattleboro and the Tri-Park Cooperative in the implementation of the Tri-Park Master Plan and Deerfield River & Lower Connecticut River Tactical Basin Plan, including through restructuring **or forgiveness** of State Revolving Loans RF1-104 and RF3-163 and additional loans to the extent possible, to allow for improvements to wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs;

(2) provide similar assistance to the extent possible to similarly situated mobile home parks that also have infrastructure needs; and

(3) identify statutory and programmatic changes necessary to assist in the implementation of the plans and to improve access and terms by mobile home parks **and other small communities** to the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund, Water Infrastructure Sponsorship Program and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

(b) On or before January 15, 2021, the Department shall report on actions taken and recommendations for statutory or programmatic changes to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Institutions and to the House Committees on General, Housing, and Military Affairs and on Corrections and Institutions.

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