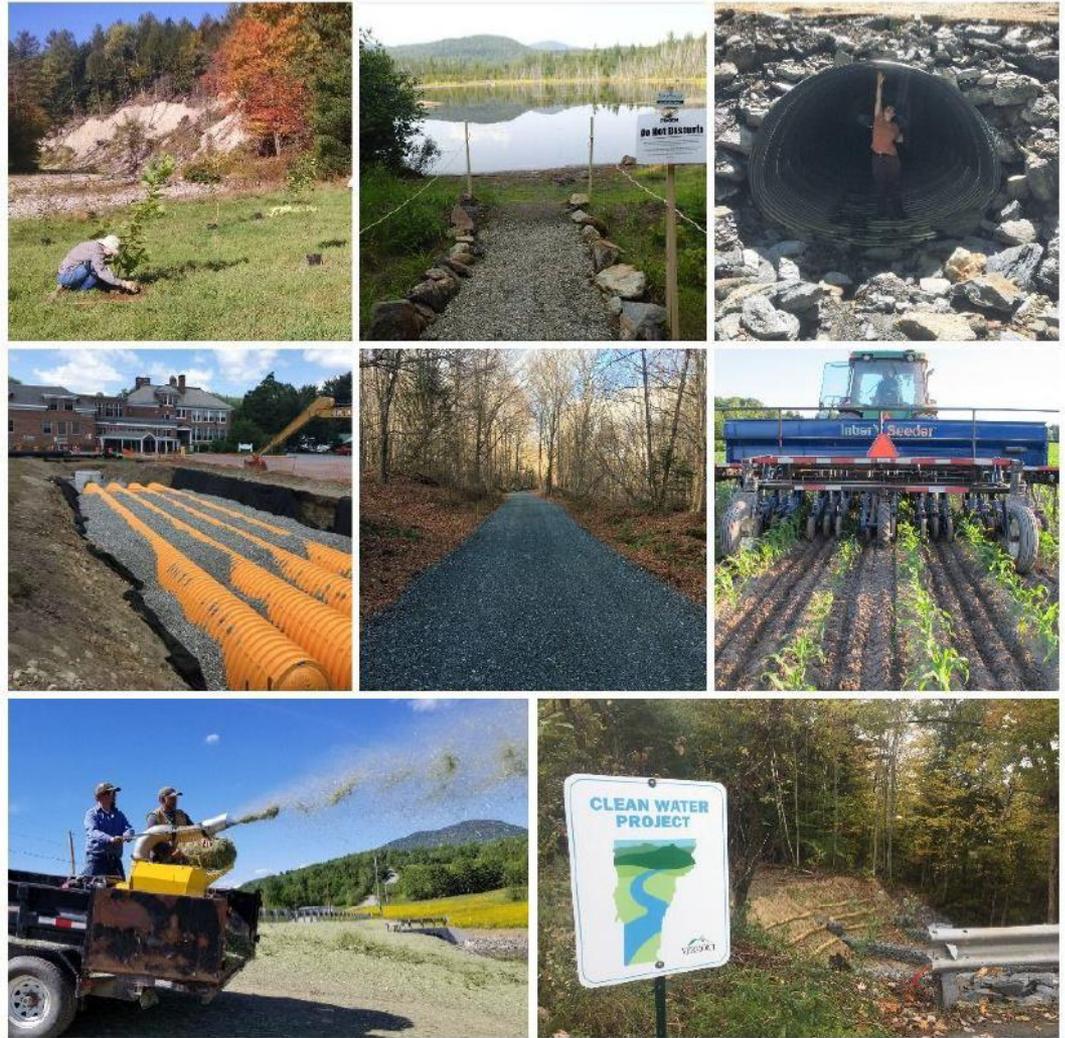


Clean Water Performance [Investment] Report

To: Senate Committee on Transportation

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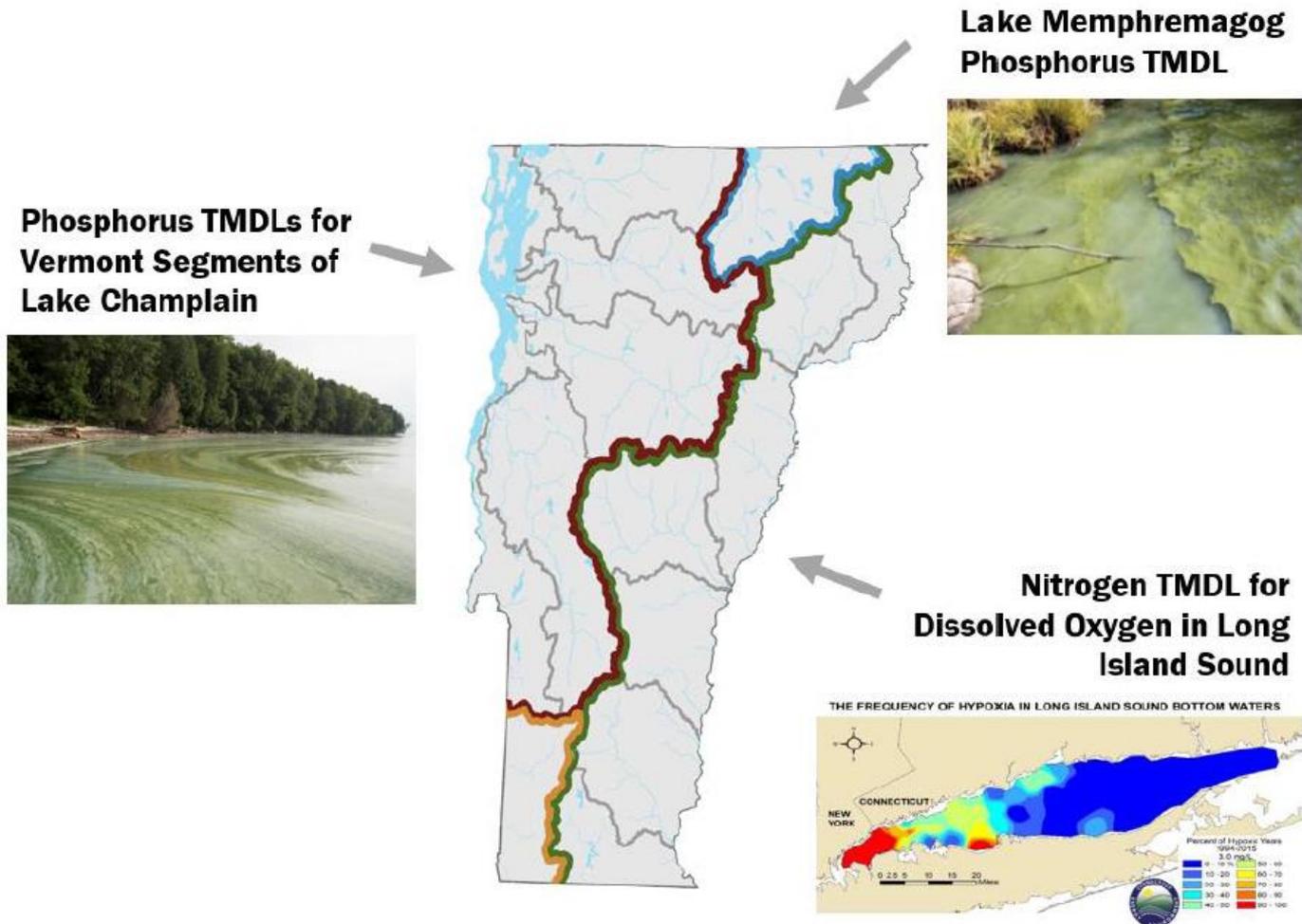
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What is a Clean Water Project?

Land Use	Clean Water Project Objectives and Example Project Images	Additional Benefits
 AGRICULTURE	<p>Addresses runoff and soil erosion from farm production areas and farm fields</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • Cost-effective • Leverages federal funds • Supports agricultural economy
 DEVELOPED LANDS	<p>Addresses stormwater runoff from developed lands, such as parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • Increases flood resilience • May enhance aesthetic appeal
 NATURAL RESOURCES	<p>Restores functions of “natural infrastructure”—river channels, floodplains, lakeshores, and wetlands</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • Cost-effective • Increases flood resilience • Improves habitat • Enhances recreation
 ROADS	<p>Addresses stormwater runoff from roads</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • Cost-effective • Increases flood resilience • Leverages federal funds • Reduces future road maintenance costs
 WASTEWATER	<p>Decreases nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) through enhanced wastewater treatment and addresses aging infrastructure</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protects public health and safety • Supports Clean Water Act compliance • Leverages federal funds

What is a “Total Maximum Daily Load?”

Figure 2. Vermont's large TMDLs that require nutrient pollutant reductions



Report Scope

Types of Measures Reported



Investment measures of how State of Vermont invests in clean water projects from planning to design and implementation



Project output measures that quantify the results of state-funded clean water projects



Education measures on outreach and technical assistance to support, identify, and develop clean water projects



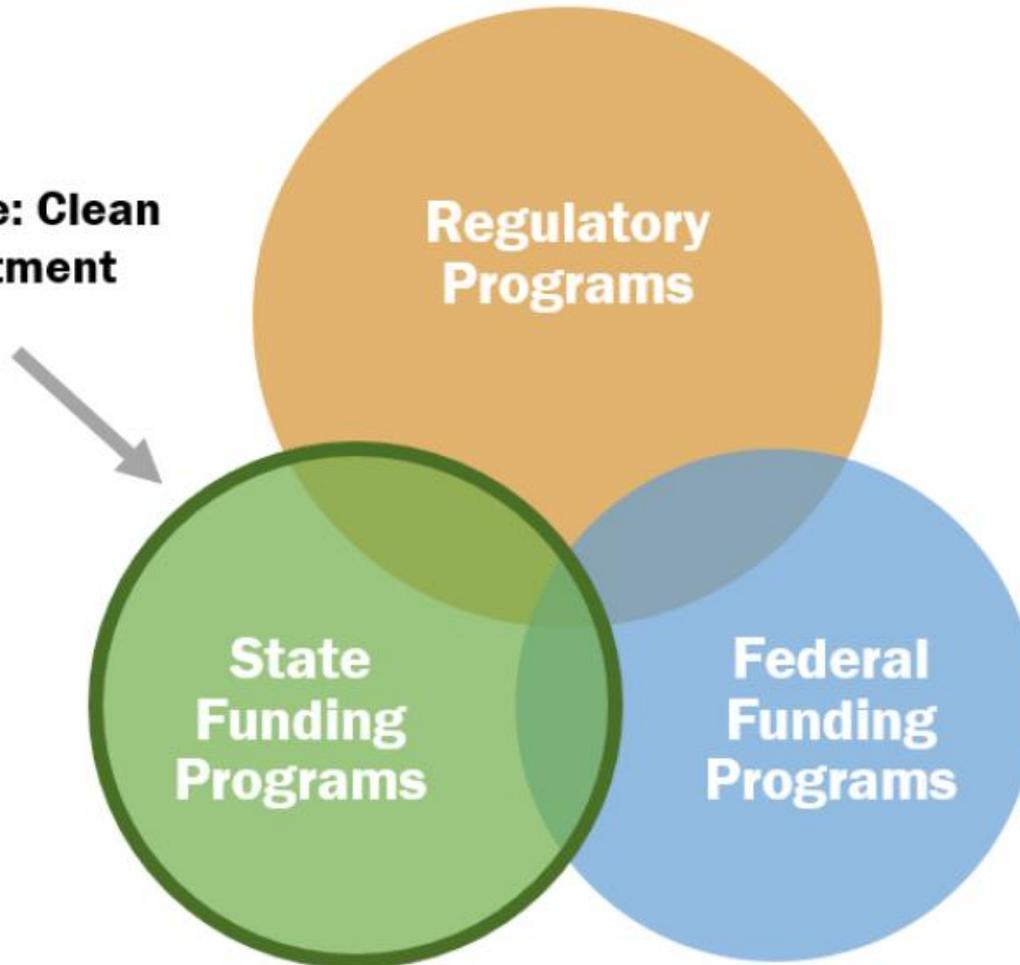
Pollutant reduction measures of estimated nutrient load reductions achieved by clean water projects

Report Scope

Part 1: Vermont Clean Water Investment Report

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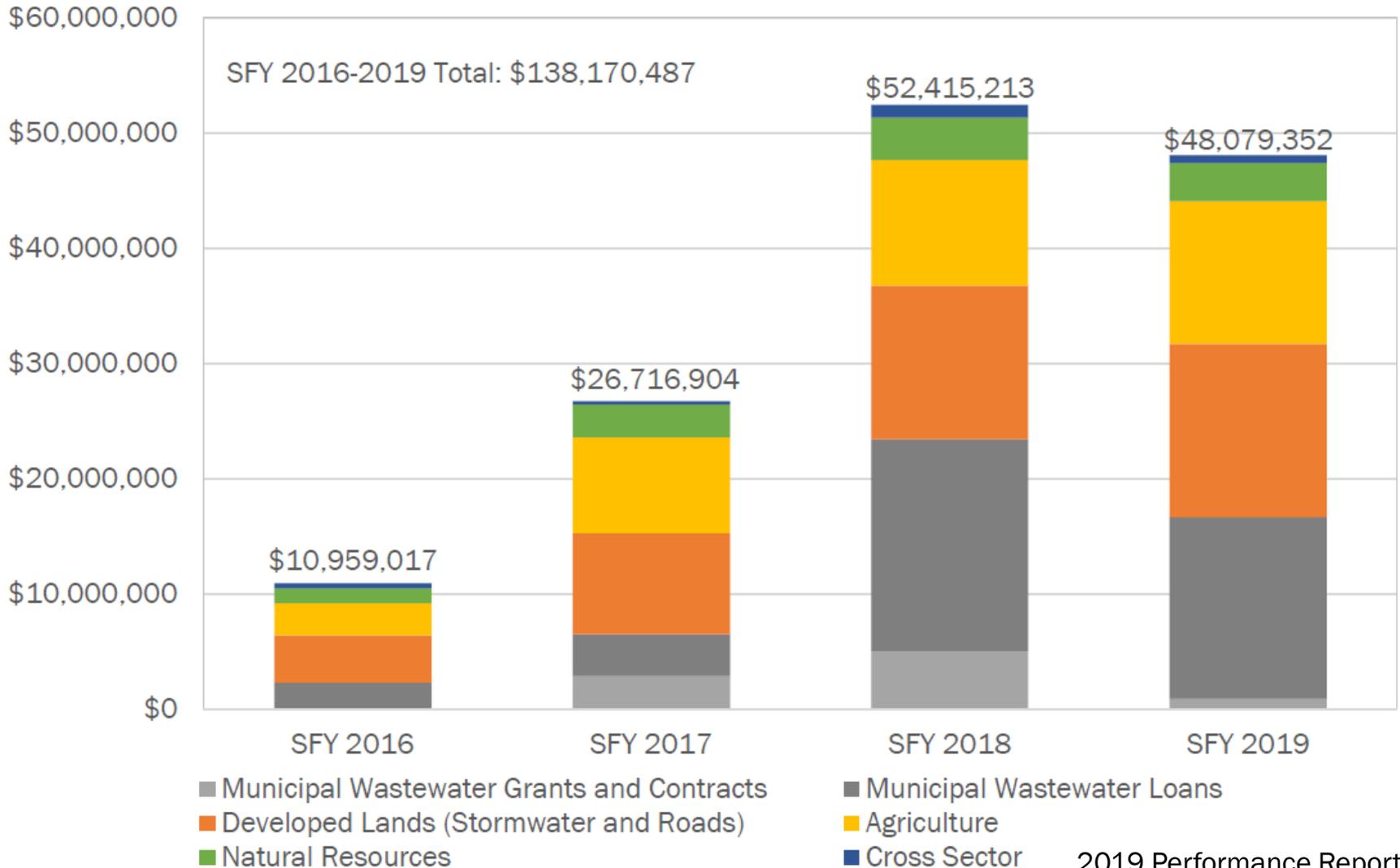
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Vermont's Clean Water Investments



Figure 7. Total dollars awarded to clean water projects through State of Vermont agencies, SFY 2016-2019 by land use sector⁵



Vermont's Clean Water Education



Table 4. State of Vermont technical assistance targeting stormwater, roads, and wastewater treatment improvements, SFY 2016-2019

Technical Assistance Measures	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Approximate hours of technical assistance provided by DEC's Water Investment Division engineers on municipal stormwater and wastewater projects	--	5,300	6,400	5,200	16,900
Hours of water quality municipal technical assistance provided by VTrans staff	--	1,483	1,489	2,063	5,035



Figure 19. Pre-construction site visit under the Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid program to identify and select priority project locations and best management practices (Source: Addison County RPC)



Figure 20. VTrans and ANR staff educate partners on municipal river and road related issues

Results of Vermont's Clean Water Investments



DEVELOPED LANDS AND ROADS PROJECT OUTPUTS	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Acres of existing impervious surface treated by stormwater practices	0.2	87	28	107	222
Miles of municipal road drainage and erosion control improvements	1	12	68	88	169
Number of municipal road drainage and stream culverts replaced	-	106	137	254	497
Cubic yards of Class IV road gully erosion remediated	-	-	260	33	293
Cubic yards of catch basin outlet erosion remediated	-	-	1	784	785
Acres stabilized through use of hydroseeder/mulcher equipment per year	-	-	19	98	117

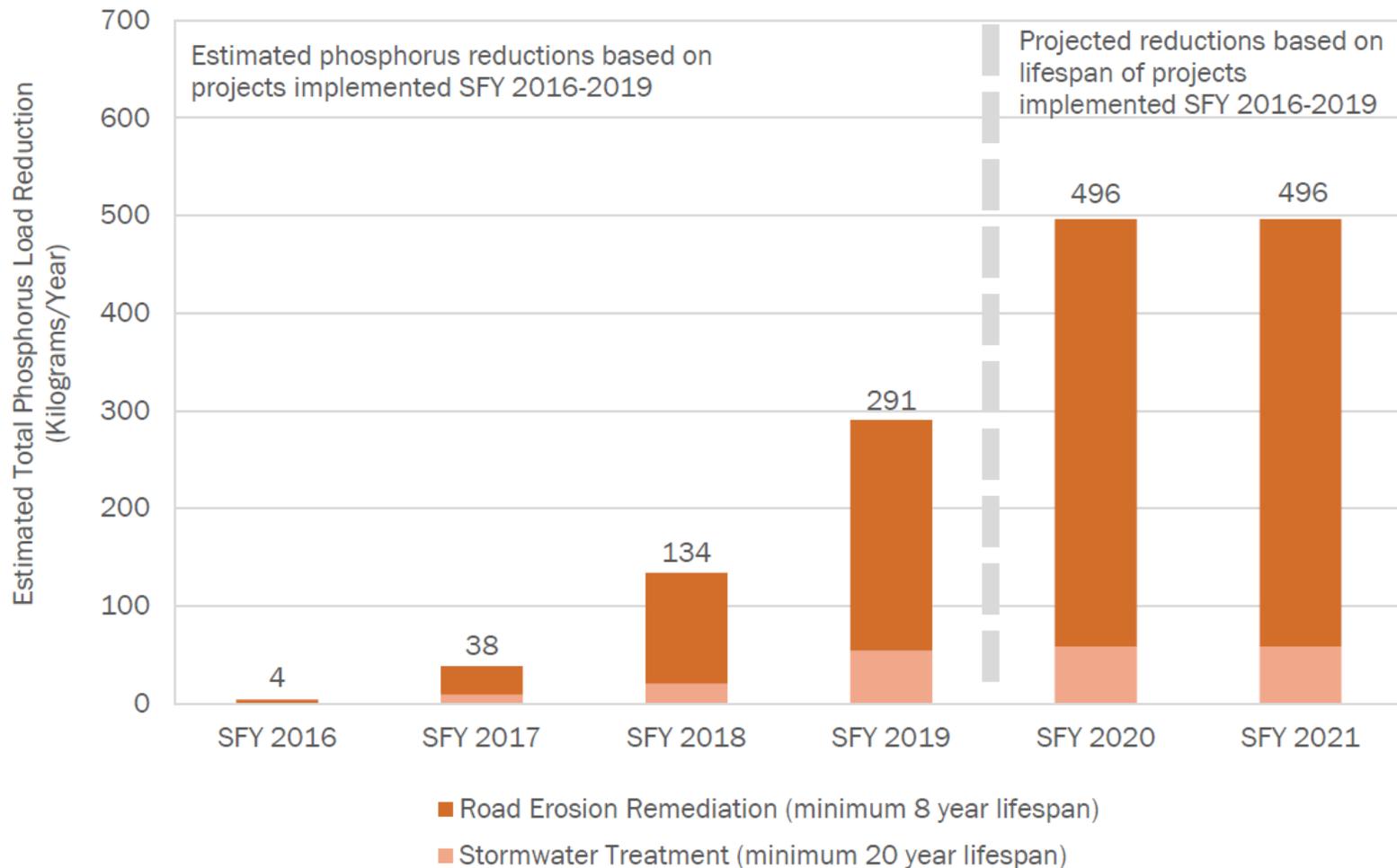
Figure 29. Before (left) and after (right) installation of stone-lined drainage ditches, removal of high road shoulders and replacement of drainage culverts along Dorset Hill Road by the Town of Dorset in partnership with Bennington County Regional Commission funded through the Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program



Results of Vermont's Clean Water Investments

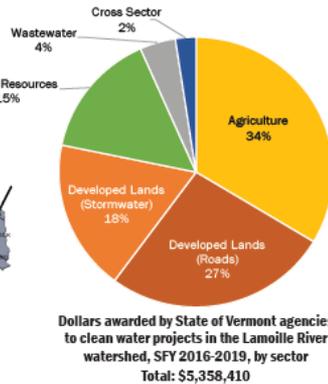
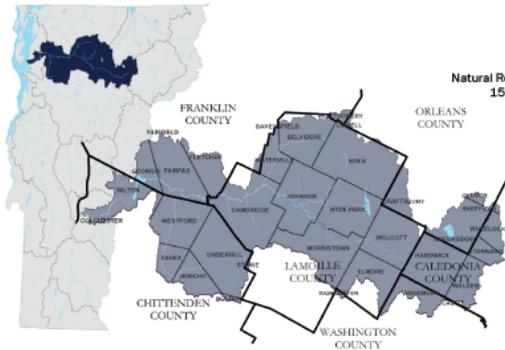


Figure 26. Annual estimated total phosphorus load reduction (kilograms per year) achieved by state-funded stormwater treatment and road erosion remediation projects implemented/constructed SFY 2016-2019 (projected reductions are based on lifespan of projects completed SFY 2016-2019)

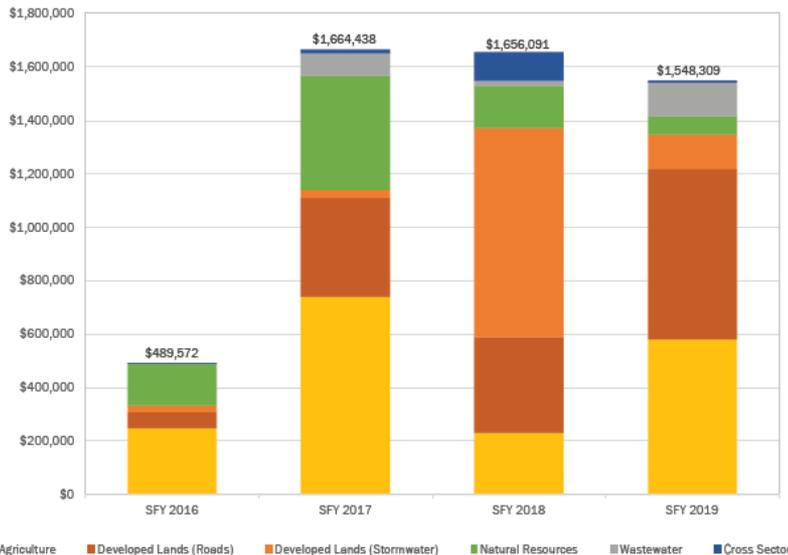


Watershed Summaries (Appendix A)

Lamoille River Watershed Investments



Dollars awarded by State of Vermont agencies to clean water projects in the Lamoille River watershed, by sector and State Fiscal Year.



Lamoille River Watershed Results



Results of clean water projects funded by State of Vermont agencies completed, SFY 2016-2019, by sector, in the Lamoille River watershed. Note: Does not include results of projects funded, but not yet completed. The Lamoille River Tactical Basin Plan is due for an interim report card as part of the Lake Champlain Progress Report this reporting period. Refer to Part 2 "Lake Champlain Progress Report" and Appendix B "Interim Lake Champlain TMDL Progress Report for Lamoille River" of this report for more information.



AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE PROJECT OUTPUTS	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Acres of agricultural land treated by conservation practices	189	87	182	840	1,298
Acres of agricultural land treated by forest and grass buffers	-	14	100	-	114
Acres of pasture with livestock excluded from surface waters	-	9	27	-	36
Number of barnyard and production area practices installed	12	29	2	2	45
Acres of water quality protections within newly conserved agricultural lands	-	-	42	-	42
Estimated acres of agricultural land treated through equipment	-	153	2	104	259
AGRICULTURE POLLUTANT REDUCTION	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Total phosphorus load reduction (kilograms per year)	29.6	34.3	86.9	243.0	



NATURAL RESOURCES

NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECT OUTPUTS	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Acres of forested riparian buffer restored	1	1	0.9	8	11
Acres of riparian corridor conserved and restored through easements	21	35	35	-	91
Acres of floodplain restored	-	-	0.3	-	0.3
Acres of lakeshore restored	-	-	-	-	-
Stream miles reconnected for stream equilibrium/fish passage	-	-	-	-	-
Acres of wetland conserved and restored through easements	-	-	-	-	-
Acres of forestland conserved with water quality protections	-	15	15	-	30
Miles of forest road drainage and erosion control improvements	-	-	-	0.8	1
Number of stream crossings improved	-	-	-	2	2
Square feet of eroding gully remediated	-	-	-	27	27
NATURAL RESOURCES POLLUTANT REDUCTION	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Total phosphorus load reduction (kilograms per year)	0.5	2.7	6.2	6.8	



DEVELOPED LANDS

DEVELOPED LANDS AND ROADS PROJECT OUTPUTS	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Acres of existing impervious surface treated by stormwater practices	-	4	10	3	17
Miles of municipal road drainage and erosion control improvements	-	0.7	7	4	12
Number of municipal road drainage and stream culverts replaced	-	1	32	11	44
Cubic yards of Class IV road gully erosion remediated	-	-	-	-	-
Cubic yards of catch basin outlet erosion remediated	-	-	-	-	-
Acres stabilized through use of hydroseeder/mulcher equipment per year	-	-	1	81	82
DEVELOPED LANDS AND ROADS POLLUTANT REDUCTION	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Total phosphorus load reduction (kilograms per year)	-	3.9	30.9	48.5	



ROADS



WASTEWATER

WASTEWATER PROJECT OUTPUTS	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Number of combined sewer overflow abatements completed	-	-	-	-	-
Number of sewer extensions completed	-	-	-	-	-
Number of wastewater collection systems refurbished	-	-	-	-	-
Number of wastewater treatment facility refurbished	-	-	-	-	-
Number of wastewater treatment facility upgrades completed	-	-	-	-	-

Online Clean Water Projects Explorer

Clean Water Project Explorer <<

Project Status

Potential Projects | Projects In Progress | **Completed Projects**

Keyword ex. storm water pond

Sector Road

Step

Type

Agency

County

Include Multi County Projects

Town

Basin

Include Multi Basin Projects

WPD ID

Search Results (Click for Listing)

Projects found: 1042
Projects with map points found: 638

Map Key

- Agriculture
- Agriculture Approximate Location (HUC 12 Center)
- Developed Lands
- Natural Resources
- Other
- Wastewater

TH 1 Stage Road - Municipal Roads Erosion Control and Culvert Upgrade

Type: Road Project - Implementation
Program: VTrans Better Roads Program
State Funds: \$40,000
Funded SFY: 2017
Completed SFY: 2018

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