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**Subject:** Extension of Green Infrastructure Executive Order Deadline

**Attachments:** 130128 Governor Shumlin.EO 06 12.pdf

Dear Sarah and Sue: I have attached a scanned copy of a letter that is being sent to the Governor's office requesting an extension to a deadline in the Green Infrastructure Executive Order 06-12 signed by Governor Shumlin. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We were not exactly certain the best way to request the extension and hope this is a proper means of doing so. Sincerely, David

David K. Mears, Commissioner  
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Governor Peter Shumlin  
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Dear Governor Shumlin,

I am writing in reference to Executive Order No. 06-12, which establishes an Interagency Green Infrastructure Council in the State of Vermont.

The deadline for submittal of work plans implementing this Order was January 1, 2013. Due to the dynamic nature of the Agencies involved, the ongoing shuffle of moving State offices, and finalizing the hiring process for a full-time Green Infrastructure Coordinator at ANR, we will request an extension for submittal of work plans until July 1, 2013. This revised deadline will provide enough time for the new Green Infrastructure Coordinator to become familiar with the Council, and assist each Agency in developing their individual plan.

Since March 2012, we have coordinated a meeting with the Council to establish tasks and an overall framework for how the Council will operate and implement the tasks requested in the Order. The Council members have been more than receptive to the terms of the Order, and since our initial meeting have been eager to work within their own organizations to find ways to implement green infrastructure and associated stormwater management practices. Once a full-time Green Infrastructure Coordinator has been hired at ANR, he/she will reconvene the Council members and actively work toward implementing the requirements of the Order.

Moving forward, we plan to make implementation of this Order and coordination of the Council top priority for the Green Infrastructure Initiative. Once the work plans have been developed, they will be submitted to your office with a report on the Council's progress.

We appreciate your continued dedication to protecting and improving water quality in Vermont. Any questions should be directed to Jenna Calvi ([jenna.calvi@state.vt.us](mailto:jenna.calvi@state.vt.us) or (802) 490-6166).

Sincerely,

David K. Mears  
Commissioner

cc: Jenna Calvi, Watershed Management Division