

TOWN OF ESSEX SELECTBOARD CHANGES TO TITLE 10.20, STORM WATER ORDINANCE

The Selectboard of the Town of Essex hereby ordains that the following changes be made to the Municipal Ordinance, Title 10.20, Storm Water Ordinance. Added material is underlined, with the exception that entire added chapter sub-sections shall be noted in the heading as **"added in entirety"**. Deleted material is in brackets and struck through.

Add the following to Section 10.20.015, Definitions:

Added in Entirety:

"Authorization to Discharge Permits" means permits issued by the State of Vermont to discharge storm water into receiving water bodies, which may or may not be valid permits at time of adoption of Section 10.20.090 of this Ordinance.

"Expired storm water permits" means storm water permits previously issued by the State of Vermont that are no longer current.

"Flow Restoration Plan (s)" means a stream flow plan required by the State of Vermont designed to implement storm water runoff controls producing runoff characteristics that return stream flows to compliant, stable flow conditions as required to meet the water-quality based TMDL requirements for a particular impaired waterway.

"Impaired waterways" means rivers, lakes, or streams that do not meet one or more water-quality standards, and therefore are considered too polluted for their intended uses.

"Non-impaired waterways" means rivers, lakes, or streams that currently meet the designated water-quality standards for the water body.

"Non-public contributing storm water permittee" means a current storm water permit holder, including homeowner associations and any successors or assigns, of either a valid or expired storm water permit that is not a public entity.

"Non-public storm water infrastructure" means storm water infrastructure not owned, operated or maintained by the Town.

"Private (storm water) system owner" means the non-public owner of a storm water system, including homeowner associations and any successors or assigns, consisting of, but not limited to, culverts, pipes, catch basins, treatment ponds, treatment devices, and/or storm water infiltration systems.

"Public storm water infrastructure" means storm water infrastructure such as, but not limited to, culverts, pipes, catch basins, treatment ponds, treatment devices, and/or storm water infiltration systems, all of which is under Town ownership or within Town

easements, and which infrastructure has been accepted by the Town as a component of the Town storm water system or systems.

“Residual Designation Authority (RDA)” means the authority granted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and delegated to the State of Vermont to issue a permit directly to a party or parties discharging storm water to a water body where a TMDL supports such a determination and where discharges are contributing to water quality violations.

“Shared storm water system” means a storm water system such as, but not limited to, culverts, pipes, catch basins, treatment ponds, treatment devices, and/or storm water infiltration systems which consist of both public and non-public storm water infrastructure.

“Unpermitted (storm water) discharges” means a system discharging storm water to a stream or watercourse that has never been issued any type of authorization to discharge storm water by either the Town or the State of Vermont.

“Valid storm water system” means a system which has been issued a storm water permit by the Town or the State of Vermont that is current with respect to the issuance and expiration dates of the permit.

Revise Section 10.20.090 to delete reference to (~~Riparian Buffer Zones (Reserved for Future)~~ and rename): Establishment and Transfer of Responsibility for State of Vermont issued Department of Environmental Conservation Authorization to Discharge Permits under General Storm Water Permits and for Unpermitted Discharges to Impaired Waterways within the Town of Essex, Inclusive of the Village of Essex Junction

Add Section 10.20.90: (added in entirety):

10.20.090 Establishment and Transfer of Responsibility for State of Vermont issued Department of Environmental Conservation Authorization to Discharge Permits under General Storm Water Permits and for Unpermitted Discharges to Impaired Waterways within the Town of Essex, Inclusive of the Village of Essex Junction (the “Town”) to NPDES MS4 General Permit 3-9014.

A. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) issues Authorization to Discharge Permits under General Permits for area or site-specific storm water discharges to applicants, including municipalities, private parties, and shared storm water systems involving both privately-owned and publicly-owned components.

B. Valid storm water system discharge permits have been issued by the DEC for projects in the non-impaired and impaired waterways within the Town, and the Town has either accepted full responsibility for such permits in these waterways or shared permit responsibility based upon the percentage of impervious area contributed by the

publicly-owned component of the system in comparison to the impervious area contributed by the privately-owned component.

C. As of the adoption of this Ordinance, valid storm water system discharge permits have not been issued to expired storm water permit holders in the impaired waterways due to the inability to legally authorize, under State law, renewal of the previously issued Authorization to Discharge Permits.

D. Current responsibility for previously issued expired storm water permits and valid storm water system discharge permits in the impaired watersheds in the MS4 area varies widely. In some cases, there is a well-defined chain of responsibility from the “owner” of the original permit to the current permit holder. In other cases, permit responsibility is either poorly defined or non-existent notwithstanding that permit responsibility runs with the land. Some expired and valid (permit) discharges are defined in the original permit as directly to a stream or water body; in others, they are defined as being directed to or connected into a shared storm water system.

E. Pre-existing unpermitted storm water discharges occur within the impaired and non-impaired waterways. These discharges were either never issued permits or the discharges occurred before DEC began issuing discharge permits. Pre-existing unpermitted storm water discharges into impaired waterways may obtain legal coverage under the MS4 general permit in the manner outlined in this Ordinance.

F. The Village of Essex Junction (“Village”) regulates storm water discharges through its Land Development Code. The Village intends to amend its Ordinances to incorporate the terms of this Town Ordinance, which is intended to apply to storm water discharges in the Town, inclusive of the Village. To the extent the terms of this Ordinance conflict with the Village Ordinance, the Town Ordinance governs.

G. For purposes of this Ordinance, the “appropriate legislative body” for the Town outside the Village shall be the Selectboard, and for the Village, the Board of Trustees. Either appropriate legislative body may delegate its authority under this Ordinance to an appropriate municipal panel.

10.20.091 General Approach and Purpose

A. The Town seeks to develop consistent policy and procedures for determination of storm water permit responsibility for both valid storm water system discharge permits and expired storm water permits, and to establish minimum requirements for transfer of expired and future new permit responsibility by and between the appropriate parties.

B. MS4 responsibility for operation, repair and maintenance of storm water infrastructure extends only to public storm water infrastructure and proportional shared

responsibility on shared storm water systems, and is separate and distinct from permit responsibility. The Town may accept permit responsibility if determined by the appropriate legislative body to be in the Town's best interests. Factors to be considered when determining whether acceptance of permit responsibility is in the Town's "best interests" include, but are not limited to, whether improved water quality is not otherwise obtainable without additional Town participation, potential cost savings to the Town, or provision of land or easements for treatment or storage of storm water for shared systems. The non-public contributing storm water permittee shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade of the non-public infrastructure, unless the Town determines that accepting some or all of this responsibility to be in its best interests as defined above.

10.20.092 NPDES Phase 2 MS4 Requirement for Expired Authorization to Discharge Permits

A. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR) Authorization to Discharge Permit Number 7025-9014 issued to the Town and Authorization to Discharge Permit Number 7024-9014 issued to the Village under NPDES MS4 General Permit 3-9014 requires the Town and the Village, separately as MS4 permittees, to submit to the Secretary of VANR a plan for addressing expired storm water permits discharging to the MS4 permittee's system, which was accomplished through the proposed adoption of this Ordinance.

B. A compliance date of October 2015 is set within the Authorization to Discharge Permits for verification of the condition of all public and non-public storm water infrastructure identified in and approved under each original expired permit.

C. On expired permits within the impaired waterways or with regard to discharges that have no permits in the impaired waterways, it is the intent of the VANR to either have these permits ultimately come under the umbrella of the Town MS4 Permit or issue Residual Designation Authority (RDA) permits directly to each permittee or party responsible for the storm water discharge not covered under the MS4 umbrella permit.

10.20.093 Classification of Storm Water Systems within the Town as relates to Authorization to Discharge Permits

A. Due to the complexity and variety of existing permit "ownership" and types of permits, the Town has classified all valid storm water system discharge permits and all expired storm water permits into one of the following four types for purposes of determining permit responsibility:

1. Type 1 Storm Water System:

a. A Type 1 storm water system consists of a system of storm water infrastructure that is entirely on public land (public rights of

way, municipally-owned property or on public storm water easements) and owned by the Town, including residential subdivisions or groups of houses with no non-public storm water infrastructure, such as privately-owned catch basins or privately-owned storm water pipelines connected into storm water systems on public land (excluding private underdrain systems). For purposes of this Ordinance, a “private underdrain system” is storm water infrastructure serving individual private lots or buildings from the private lot or building to the point of interconnection with public storm water infrastructure.

b. Examples of Type 1 storm water systems include:

1) Public buildings such as municipal offices, police stations, fire stations, municipal highway garage complexes, schools or other educational facilities with no on-site storm water infrastructure (other than underdrains connected with public storm water infrastructure) which do not discharge directly into a stream, and/or similar facilities.

2) Residential subdivisions with valid or expired permits in the Town. Those residential subdivisions presently identified by the Town as meeting the Type 1 criterion are listed in Table 1 in the Appendix to this Ordinance. Table 1 may be revised by the Town, acting through its Municipal Manager or their designee(s) as such additional systems are identified.

c. Type 1 storm water systems do not include any private lot, residential subdivision or groups of housing covered under an expired storm water permit that has non-public storm water infrastructure such as catch basins and pipelines (excluding private underdrain systems) connected into public storm water infrastructure.

2. Type 2 Storm Water System:

a. A Type 2 storm water system consists of a system of storm water infrastructure that is entirely contained on private property, discharges directly or indirectly to a stream or other recognized water body and is not directly connected by piping to a Type 1 or Type 3 storm water system.

b. Examples of Type 2 of storm water systems include:

1) Private residential, commercial or industrial systems that retain all storm water flows onsite as originally designed and

have valid or expired permits for such discharge, and private residential, commercial or industrial systems that discharge some or all of their storm water flows to a stream or other recognized water body.

2) Select storm water systems in the Town. Those private residential, commercial or industrial systems presently identified by the Town as meeting the Type 2 criterion are listed in Table 1 in the Appendix to this Ordinance. Table 1 may be revised by the Town, acting through its Municipal Manager or their designee(s) as such additional systems are identified.

3. Type 3 Storm Water System:

a. A Type 3 storm water system consists of a shared storm water system covered under either valid and/or expired storm water permits that combines storm water flow from both public and non-public storm water infrastructure before discharging storm water directly or indirectly into a stream, swale or other method of water conveyance to waters of the State.

b. Examples of Type 3 storm water systems include:

1) Non-public storm water infrastructure systems that discharge directly to public storm water infrastructure; public storm water infrastructure systems that discharge to non-public storm water infrastructure; public and non-public infrastructure systems that discharge to a common storm water pond or open swale on public or private property or to an outfall pipe leading to a stream, swale or other conveyance to a recognized water body; other systems that combine storm water flow from both public and non-public storm water infrastructure; prior valid storm water permits involving both public and non-public components covered under one issued permit with responsibility defined in the permit between public and non-public contributors to a storm water system.

2) Those combined public-private systems in the Town presently identified by the Town as meeting the Type 3 criterion are listed in Table 1 in the Appendix to this Ordinance. Table 1 may be revised by the Town, acting through its Municipal Manager or their designee(s) as such additional systems are identified.

4. Type 4 Storm Water System:

- a. Any other type of storm water system not covered under Types 1 through 3.
- b. Unique storm water systems with valid or expired storm water permits not included in Types 1 through 3 have not been identified as of the date of adoption of this Ordinance. This category is reserved for such systems.
- c. Storm water systems involving both Town and Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) infrastructure.
- d. Those combined public-private systems in the Town that are identified by the Town as meeting the Type 4 criterion will be listed in Table 1 in the Appendix to this Ordinance created by the Town, acting through its Municipal Manager. Table 1 may be revised by the Town, acting through its Municipal Manager or their designee(s) as additional systems are identified.

B. Prior to adoption of this section, the Town has not accepted full or shared permit responsibility for Authorization to Discharge permits within the impaired watersheds.

10.20.094 Methodology for Establishment of Permit Responsibility for Each Type of Storm Water System

A. Type 1 Storm Water Systems

1. The Town accepts responsibility for all valid Type 1 storm water system permits in the non-impaired waterways, all expired Type 1 storm water system permits in the impaired waterways, and all future Type 1 storm water system permits. These permits will be consolidated under the Town's NPDES MS4 General Permit 3-9014.
2. The Town accepts responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade of all public storm water infrastructure included in Type 1 storm water systems, with the exception of private underdrain systems and overland storm water flow systems from private lands such as driveways, open swales, and vegetated land. Such private underdrain systems and overland flow systems shall remain the responsibility of the property owner.
3. Acceptance of storm water permit responsibility by the Town does not relieve individual property owner(s) or housing and/or homeowner association(s), or any successor(s) and assign(s), from compliance with other sections of the Town's storm water ordinance or State

environmental regulations, including but not limited to sections dealing with illicit discharges, offsite discharge of sediment, site erosion, fertilizer application with respect to phosphorous and overall compliance with best storm water management practices as defined in adopted regulations or ordinances.

B. Type 2 Storm Water Systems

1. The Town shall have no responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or upgrade of non-public storm water infrastructure identified in a valid or expired storm water permit, or non-public storm water infrastructure added subsequent to the original version of a valid or expired permit, to meet an approved Flow Restoration Plan (FRP) unless it is determined by the appropriate legislative body, in its sole discretion, to be in the Town's best interests, as defined in Section 10.20.091.B above, to accept some or all of this responsibility.

2. The Town may accept MS4 permit responsibility for valid or expired Type 2 storm water system permits if requested by the current private storm water system owner and provided the following conditions are satisfied:

a. The private storm water system owner under an original valid or expired permit enters into a written agreement with the Town prior to January 1, 2015, which includes, at a minimum, the requirements set forth in section 10.20.094.b, below. A form of the Type 2 Storm Water System Agreement is provided in Appendix B to this Ordinance. If the private storm water system owner has not entered into a written agreement with the Town by January 1, 2015, the Town will request the State to use its RDA to require permit compliance by the holder of the expired Type 2 storm water permit.

b. The written agreement specified in section 10.20.094.a shall, at a minimum, require the following:

i. All applicable permit fees, including initial fees and all future renewal fees, if any such fees are required, shall be paid by the Type 2 private storm water system owner;

ii. The Type 2 private storm water system owner shall allow the Town to hire a professional engineer, at no cost to the holder of the Type 2 storm water permit, to inspect and certify that the Type 2 non-public storm water infrastructure is in compliance with the infrastructure requirements as contained in the expired permit. The certification shall occur prior to August 1, 2015. Alternatively, the

current holder of the expired non-public storm water permit may hire a professional engineer, acceptable to the Town, to perform the necessary inspection and certification. Future inspections that occur after the initial certification inspection of Type 2 non-public storm water infrastructure shall be conducted by the Town at no charge to the private storm water system owner;

iii. The Type 2 non-public contributing storm water permittee shall correct any deficiencies noted as a result of the engineer's inspection at their own expense prior to the August 1, 2015 date for system certification;

iv. The Type 2 non-public contributing storm water system permittee shall be responsible for permanent maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade if necessary of all elements covered under the Type 2 storm water system permit. The Town shall conduct annual system compliance inspections to verify the condition and maintenance of the Type 2 storm water system and report findings to the State and the responsible party identified under the Type 2 storm water system permit;

v. The Type 2 non-public contributing storm water system permittee shall sweep clean all paved private roadways or parking lots at least twice per year and clean out all private catch basins whenever the depth of deposited material exceeds 50% of the depth of the catch basin sump, or enter into an agreement with the Town to perform the services for a fee;

vi. The failure of the Type 2 non-public contributing storm water system permittee to perform the required actions under b. iv. and v. shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance and shall subject the non-public contributing storm water system permittee to penalties under section 10.20.112. The Town has the right but not the obligation to take the necessary actions to insure that the required maintenance is performed and otherwise correct any violation of this Ordinance. The provisions of section 10.20.116 of this Ordinance shall apply in the event the costs for the maintenance or correcting the violation are not paid by the non-public contributing storm water system permittee; and

vii. The cost of required storm water system upgrades to the Type 2 storm water system to meet the Town's adopted and State approved FRP shall be borne by the non-public contributing storm water system permittee unless it is determined by the Town to be in

its best interests as defined in Section 10.20.091.B above to participate in some or all of the system upgrade project or project costs.

3. Any prior written agreements entered into by the Town and non-public contributing storm water system permittees shall remain in full force with respect to cost sharing and operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of existing storm water infrastructure.

a. Permit responsibility and upgrades to meet the FRP are separate elements of storm water responsibility not defined in previous agreements and therefore this Ordinance is the controlling document relative to permitting.

b. In the event of any conflict between pre-existing agreements and the ordinance, the pre-existing agreements shall control.

4. Acceptance of partial storm water permit responsibility by the Town shall not relieve non-public contributing storm water system permittees from compliance with all other elements of the storm water ordinance or State environmental regulations, including but not limited to sections dealing with illicit discharges, offsite discharge of sediment, site erosion, fertilizer application with respect to phosphorous and overall compliance with best storm water management practices as defined in adopted regulations or ordinances.

C. Type 3 Storm Water Systems

1. The Town will not accept responsibility for operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade to meet an approved FRP of non-public storm water infrastructure identified in a valid or expired storm water permit or non-public storm water infrastructure added subsequent to the original version of the valid or expired permit, unless it is determined by the appropriate legislative body, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interests of the Town, as defined in Section 10.20.091.B above, to accept some or all of this responsibility.

2. The Town will accept MS4 permit responsibility on a proportional basis by relative impervious area contributed within the permitted area of the shared storm water system for the valid or expired Type 3 storm water system permit if requested by the non-public contributing storm water system permittee and provided the following conditions are satisfied:

a. The Type 3 non-public contributing storm water permittee shall enter into a written agreement with the Town prior to January 1, 2015, which includes, at a minimum, the requirements set forth in

section 10.20.094.b.i-vii above. A form of the Type 3 Storm Water System Agreement is provided in Appendix C to this Ordinance. If the non-public contributing storm water system permittee has not entered into a written agreement by January 1, 2015, the Town will request the State to use its RDA to require permit compliance by the Type 3 non-public contributing storm water system permittee.

b. If the Type 3 non-public contributing storm water system permittee elects not to enter into a shared agreement with the Town on MS4 permit responsibility, the Town shall comply with the requirements pertaining to the public storm water infrastructure, and may request the State to use its RDA over that portion of the shared storm water system not included within an agreement with the Town.

c. All applicable permit fees, including initial fees and all future renewals, if such fees are required, shall be shared between the municipality and the non-public contributing storm water permittee on the basis of relative impervious area, unless the appropriate legislative body determines that it is in the Town's best interests, as defined in Section 10.20.091.B above, that such fees shall be paid either on a larger percentage than relative impervious area or in full by the Town. If the Town accepts permit responsibility, then the intent is to consolidate the permit under the municipal NPDES MS4 General Permit 3-9014.

3. Any prior written agreements entered into by the Town and the Type 3 non-public contributing storm water system permittee shall remain in full force with respect to cost sharing and operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of existing storm water infrastructure.

a. Permit responsibilities and upgrades to meet the FRP are separate elements of storm water responsibility not defined in previous agreements and therefore this Ordinance is the controlling document relative to these issues.

b. In the event of any conflict between executed pre-existing agreements and this Ordinance, the pre-existing agreements shall control.

4. Acceptance of MS4 Permit responsibility by the Town does not relieve non-public contributing storm water system permittees from compliance with other elements of the Town's storm water ordinance or State environmental

regulations, including but not limited to sections dealing with illicit discharges, offsite discharge of sediment, site erosion, fertilizer application with respect to phosphorous and overall compliance with best storm water management practices as defined in adopted regulations or ordinances.

D. Type 4 Storm Water Systems

1. Other storm water systems with valid or expired storm water permits that do not qualify as a Type 1, 2, or 3 storm water system.
2. These systems shall be managed on a case by case basis, using the general procedures and methods as applicable from the three system types.
3. Permits involving the Town and VTRANS shall fall under this category. VTRANS is a separate MS4 permittee. Under a future adopted FRP for each impaired waterway, the Town will negotiate an agreement with VTRANS on the level of shared responsibility and costs for meeting the TMDL requirement of each impaired waterway. In the event an agreement cannot be negotiated with VTRANS, the Town will request VANR to use its RDA with respect to those VTRANS direct or indirect discharges contributing storm water flow to the impaired watersheds under the VTRANS MS4 permit.

APPENDIX A

Table 1: Valid and Expired Storm Water Permits in the Village of Essex Junction and the Town of Essex outside the Village as of the Date of Ordinance Adoption

Permit #	Old Permit #	Village or Town	Project Name	Valid (V) or Expired (E)	Ordinance Type	Watershed
2-0855		Village	Village Knoll-Woods End & Acorn	Valid	Type 1	Indian Brook
2-1103		Village	Pleasant Street & East Street	Valid	Type 1	Indian Brook
1-1074		Village	Countryside II Fairview Farms: Chestnut Lane	Expired	Type 2	Indian Brook
1-1074		Village	Countryside II Fairview Farms: Spruce Lane	Expired	Type 2	Indian Brook
1-1074		Village	Countryside II Fairview Farms: Walnut Lane	Expired	Type 2	Indian Brook
2-0835		Village	Village Glen Condos	Expired	Type 2	Indian Brook
1.1527.0111		Village	Highland Village	Expired	Type 2	Sunderland Brook
1-0236		Village	Brickyard	Expired	Type 2 & 3	Indian Brook
1-1074		Village	Countryside II Fairview Farms: Locust Lane	Expired	Type 3	Indian Brook
2-0863		Village	167 Pearl Street (McEwing)	Expired	TBD	Sunderland Brook
2-0633		Town	Shillingford Crossing	Expired	Type 1	Sunderland Brook
3575-9010.R	1-1186	Town	Woodlands I	Valid	Type 1	Alder Brook
1-0667		Town	Woodlands I	Expired	Type 1	Indian Brook
3577-9010.R	1-0667	Town	Woodlands II/Lang Farm Parcel H	Valid	Type 1	Alder Brook

1-0250		Town	Kimberly Drive	Expired	Type 1	Sunderland Brook
3578-9010.R	1-0612 2-0752	Town	Pinewood Development	Valid	Type 1	Winooski River /Alder Brook
3581-9010.R		Town	Heritage Phase II	Valid	Type 1	Alder Brook
3579-9010.R		Town	Old Stage Village	Valid	Type 1	Alder Brook
3580-9010.R		Town	Rivers Bend	Valid	Type 1	Winooski River
3201-9010.R		Town	Pinewood Section G	Valid	Type 1	Winooski River
3267-9010.R		Town	Saybrook	Valid	Type 1	Alder Brook
4367-9010.R		Town	Autumn Knoll	Valid	Type 1	Browns River
3996-9010		Town	Town Swimming Pool Complex	Valid	Type 1	Alder Brook
2-0631		Town	Essex Resort and Spa	Expired	Type 2	Indian Brook
1-1463		Town	VT Systems, Inc.	Expired	Type 2	Sunderland Brook
1-0965		Town	#7 Ewing Place	Expired	Type 2	Sunderland Brook
1-0518		Town	#3 Ewing Place	Expired	Type 2	Sunderland Brook
1-0619		Town	#26 Susie Wilson Road	Expired	Type 2	Sunderland Brook
2-0634		Town	#26 Susie Wilson Road	Expired	Type 2	Sunderland Brook
1-1319		Town	Church of Latter Day Saints	Expired	Type 2	Indian Brook
1-1371		Town	Why Not LLC (Lang Farm Golf Course)	Expired	Type 2	Indian Brook
3324-9010.R		Town	Meadows Edge	Valid	Type 3	Alder Brook
3574-9010.R	1-0730	Town	Forestdale	Valid	Type 3	Winooski River /Alder Brook
3081-9010.R		Town	Perkins Bend	Valid	Type 3	Winooski River

1-1381		Town	The Commons at Essex Way	Expired	Type 3	Indian Brook
1-1307		Town	Homestead Design	Expired	Type 3	Indian Brook
1-0775		Town	The Outlets and Hannafords	Expired	Type 3	Indian Brook
2-0613		Town	The Outlets and Hannafords	Expired	Type 3	Indian Brook
1-1469		Town	Mainstay Suites	Expired	Type 3	Sunderland Brook
1-0552		Town	The Market Place	Expired	Type 3	Sunderland Brook
1-0896		Town	Yankee Enterprises, Oil #1 LLC, Bradley, Oil Annex, Patco Properties	Expired	Type 3	Sunderland Brook
1-0761		Town	Ewing	Expired	Type 3	Sunderland Brook
1-0694		Town	Ewing	Expired	Type 3	Sunderland Brook

Appendix B

TYPE 2 STORM WATER SYSTEM AGREEMENT

This STORM WATER SYSTEM AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made this _____ day of _____ 20__ by and between the [Village of Essex Junction] [Town of Essex], a Vermont municipal corporation with a principal place of business at [Village address] [81 Main Street], Essex, Vermont 05452 (the [“Town”] [“Village”]), and _____ with a principal place of business at _____ (“Permittee”). The [Town] [Village] and Permittee are sometimes each referred to in this Agreement as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties.”

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the [Town has adopted an amendment to its Storm Water Ordinance] [Village has adopted an amendment to its Village Ordinance , incorporating Section 10.20.90 of the Town Storm Water Ordinance] entitled Establishment and Transfer of Responsibility for State of Vermont issued Department of Environmental Conservation Authorization to Discharge Permits under General Storm Water Permits and for Unpermitted Discharges to Impaired Waterways within the Town of Essex, Inclusive of the Village of Essex Junction; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Water Ordinance amendment identifies the requirements under section 10.20.094.B necessary for the [Town] [Village] to accept storm water permit responsibility for a valid or expired Type 2 storm water permit, as such type is defined in the Ordinance Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Permittee has identified that it is in their best interests to have the [Town] [Village] accept storm water permit responsibility by entering into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Parties to work together to achieve State of Vermont storm water permit compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the [Town] [Village] has no responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or upgrade of all non-public storm water or storm water-related infrastructure, or non-public storm water infrastructure added to the original version of a valid or expired storm water permit; and

WHEREAS, the [Town] [Village] may in its sole discretion, if determined by the legislative body to be in its best interests, to accept some or all of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or upgrade of all non-public storm water or storm water-related infrastructure, at some future date;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the matters described above, and of the mutual benefits and obligations set forth in this Agreement, and on the express condition that all conditions precedent described below are satisfied, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION ONE
[TOWN] [VILLAGE] OBLIGATIONS

The [Town] [Village] agrees to accept full or shared permit responsibility for valid or expired storm water system permits as follows and also shall:

1. Hire a professional engineer, at no cost to Permittee, to inspect and certify that the Type 2 storm water system, including but not limited to catch basins, storm pipes, and treatment facilities, is in compliance with the infrastructure requirements as contained in the expired permit, unless such work is undertaken at no cost to the [Town] [Village] by Permittee. The certification shall occur prior to August 1, 2015.
2. Conduct future inspections that occur after the initial certification inspection of Type 2 storm water systems at no charge to the Permittee.
3. Conduct annual system compliance inspections to verify the condition and maintenance of the Type 2 storm water system and report findings to the State and the Permittee.
4. Inspect and prepare an annual structural condition survey and extent of debris capture in all catch basins contributing storm water flow within the permitted area.
5. At the request of Permittee, arrange for cleaning of non-public catch basins, and to bill such cleaning costs to the Permittee.
6. Make best efforts to minimize the impact on the Permittee's property and their business operations thereon in performing its obligations under this Agreement.

SECTION TWO
PERMITTEE OBLIGATIONS

Permittee shall:

1. Accept all responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or upgrade of non-public storm water infrastructure identified in a valid or expired storm water permit, or non-public storm water infrastructure added subsequent to

the original version of a valid or expired permit, to meet an approved Flow Restoration Plan (FRP) unless it is determined by the appropriate legislative body, in its sole discretion, to be in the [Town's] [Village's] best interests, as defined in Section 10.20.091.B above, to accept some or all of this responsibility.

2. To pay all applicable permit fees, including initial fees and all future renewal fees, if any such fees are required of the Type 2 storm water system.
3. Hire a professional engineer, at no cost to the [Town] [Village], to inspect and certify that the Type 2 storm water system, including but not limited to catch basins, storm pipes, and treatment facilities, is in compliance with the infrastructure requirements as contained in the expired permit, unless Permittee requests such work be performed by the [Town] [Village]. The certification shall occur prior to August 1, 2015.
4. Correct any deficiencies identified in the engineer's storm water system inspection at their own expense prior to the August 1, 2015 date for system certification.
5. Maintain, repair, replace and upgrade as necessary all storm water infrastructure covered under the Type 2 storm water system permit.
6. Sweep clean all paved private roadways or parking lots at least twice per year and clean out all private catch basins whenever the depth of deposited material exceeds 50% of the depth of the catch basin sump, or enter into an agreement with the Town to perform the services for a fee.
7. Bear all costs of required storm water system upgrades (if needed) to the Type 2 storm water system to meet the [Town's] [Village's] adopted and State approved FRP unless it is determined by the [Town] [Village] to be in its best interests as defined in Section 10.20.091.B of the Town's Storm Water Ordinance [as adopted by Village's Land Development Code] to participate in some or all of the system upgrade project or project costs.
8. Comply with all other elements of the Storm Water Ordinance or State environmental regulations, including but not limited to sections dealing with illicit discharges, offsite discharge of sediment, site erosion, fertilizer application with respect to phosphorous and overall compliance with best storm water management practices as defined in adopted regulations or ordinances.

9. Perform any necessary structural repairs to any non-public storm water infrastructure beyond the annual routine maintenance within at least six (6) months of discovery of such needed structural repair or, if not repaired within six months of discovery, reimburse the [Town] [Village] for all its costs for such catch basin repair plus a ten percent (10%) surcharge for associated administrative expenses relating to such repair.

10. Indemnify, defend and hold harmless the [Town] [Village] and its officers, employees, agents, and representatives for and from any claims for liability and or damages arising out of the [Town's] [Village's] performance of the required annual operations and maintenance and required testing of the storm water infrastructure, including all catch basins and pipes, that may occur on Permittee's property, except to the extent such claims (a) arise from the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the [Town] [Village] or its employees, agents or contractors, or (b) are covered by insurance carried by the [Town] [Village], its agents or contractors.

SECTION THREE MISCELLANEOUS

1. The [Town] [Village] will notify Permittee at such time as the FRP for the watershed in which the property lies is adopted as to any obligations of Permittee to make on-site storm water improvements as required under the FRP.

2. All payments required under this Agreement shall be due upon receipt of an invoice. Any payments not made within thirty (30) days of their due date shall accrue interest at a rate of one percent (1%) per month on the past due amount until paid in full.

3. The Parties covenant and agree that the conditions and obligations under this Agreement shall run with the land, and shall accrue to the benefit of and be binding upon their respective successors and assigns as if they were parties to this Agreement. Any payments required under this Agreement not made when due shall constitute a lien on property of the Party failing to make payment, and shall be collectible in the same fashion as unpaid property taxes.

4. In the event a Party resorts to the judicial process to enforce another Party's obligations hereunder, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees.

5. This Agreement shall be interpreted consistent with and governed by the laws of the State of Vermont.

6. This Agreement consists of the entire understanding between the Parties relative to its subject matter, and may not be modified orally, but only by a written instrument signed by all Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their corporate seal to be affixed hereto and these premises to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its duly authorized agent as of the day and date first written above.

_____, VERMONT

Witness

BY: _____
Duly Authorized Agent

Witness

BY: _____
Duly Authorized Agent

STATE OF VERMONT)
)
COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN) SS.

At Essex in said County this ____ day of _____, A.D., _____, personally appeared _____ duly authorized officer of _____, and he acknowledged this instrument, by him sealed and subscribed to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of the [Town of Essex] [Village of Essex Junction].

Before me,

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF VERMONT)
)
COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN)

SS.

At Essex in said County this ____ day of _____, A.D., _____, personally appeared _____ duly authorized officer of _____, and he/she acknowledged this instrument, by him/her sealed and subscribed to be his/her free act and deed and the free act and deed of _____.

Before me,

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Appendix C

TYPE 3 STORM WATER SYSTEM AGREEMENT

This STORM WATER SYSTEM AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made this _____ day of _____ 20__ by and between the [Village of Essex Junction] [Town of Essex], a Vermont municipal corporation with a principal place of business at [Village address] [81 Main Street], Essex, Vermont 05452 (the ["Town"] ["Village"]), and _____ with a principal place of business at _____ ("Permittee"). The Town and Permittee are sometimes each referred to in this Agreement as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties." (*NOTE: May be multiple parties to sign*)

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the [Town has adopted an amendment to its Storm Water Ordinance] [Village has adopted an amendment to its Village Ordinance , incorporating Section 10.20.90 of the Town Storm Water Ordinance] entitled Establishment and Transfer of Responsibility for State of Vermont issued Department of Environmental Conservation Authorization to Discharge Permits under General Storm Water Permits and for Unpermitted Discharges to Impaired Waterways within the Town of Essex, Inclusive of the Village of Essex Junction; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Water Ordinance amendment identifies the requirements in section 10.20.094.C necessary for the [Town] [Village] to accept shared or full storm water permit responsibility for a valid or expired Type 3 storm water permit, as such type is defined in the Ordinance Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Permittee (*NOTE: May be multiple parties*) has identified that it is in their best interests to have the [Town] [Village] accept storm water permit responsibility by entering into this agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Parties to work together to achieve State of Vermont storm water permit compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the [Town] [Village] has no responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or upgrade of all non-public storm water or storm water-related infrastructure, or non-public storm water infrastructure added to the original version of a valid or expired storm water permit and shared responsibility on storm water systems consisting of both public and non-public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the [Town] [Village] may in its sole discretion, if determined by its legislative body to be in the [Town's] [Village's] best interests, to accept some or all of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or upgrade of all non-public storm water or storm water-related infrastructure, at some future date;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the matters described above, and of the mutual benefits and obligations set forth in this Agreement, and on the express condition that all conditions precedent described below are satisfied, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION ONE.
[TOWN] [VILLAGE] OBLIGATIONS

The Town agrees to accept full or shared permit responsibility on a proportional basis by relative impervious area contributed by the public and non-public storm water infrastructure within the permitted area for valid or expired storm water system permits. The relative impervious area has been agreed as follows: [Town] [Village] __%; Permittee __%. The [Town] [Village] also shall:

1. Hire a professional engineer, at no cost to the Permittee, to inspect and certify that the Type 3 storm water system, including but not limited to catch basins, storm pipes, and treatment facilities, is in compliance with the infrastructure requirements as contained in the expired permit, unless such work is undertaken at no cost to the [Town] [Village] on non-public storm water infrastructure by Permittee. The certification shall occur prior to August 1, 2015.
2. Conduct future inspections that occur after the initial certification inspection of Type 3 storm water systems at no charge to the Permittee.
3. Conduct annual system compliance inspections to verify the condition and maintenance of the Type 3 storm water system and report findings to the State and the Permittee.
4. Inspect and prepare a structural condition survey and extent of debris capture in all catch basins contributing storm water flow within the permitted area.
5. At the request of Permittee, arrange for cleaning of non-public catch basins, and to bill such cleaning costs to the Permittee.
6. Make best efforts to minimize the impact on any Permittee's property and their business operations thereon in performing its obligations under this Agreement.

SECTION TWO
PERMITTEE OBLIGATIONS

Permittee (*NOTE: May be multiple parties*) shall:

1. Accept all responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement or upgrade of non-public storm water infrastructure identified in a valid or expired storm water permit, or non-public storm water infrastructure added subsequent to the original version of a valid or expired permit, or their portion of a shared storm water system to meet an approved Flow Restoration Plan (FRP) unless it is determined by the appropriate legislative body, in its sole discretion, to be in the [Town's] [Village's] best interests, as defined in Section 10.20.091.B of the Storm Water Ordinance to accept some or all of this responsibility.
2. Pay their proportionate share of all applicable permit fees, including initial fees and all future renewal fees, if any such fees are required of the Type 3 storm water system, and
3. Hire a professional engineer, at no cost to the [Town] [Village], to inspect and certify that the non-public or shared portion of the Type 3 storm water system, including but not limited to catch basins, storm pipes, and treatment facilities, is in compliance with the infrastructure requirements as contained in the expired permit, unless Permittee requests such work be performed by the [Town] [Village]. The certification shall occur prior to August 1, 2015.
4. Correct any deficiencies on the non-public portion of the storm water system identified by the engineer's storm water system inspection at their own expense prior to the August 1, 2015 date for system certification.
5. Maintain, repair, replace and upgrade as necessary all non-public storm water infrastructure and to share responsibility for portions of shared storm water systems covered under the Type 3 storm water system permit according to the percentages identified above.
6. Sweep clean all paved private roadways or parking lots at least twice per year and clean out all private catch basins whenever the depth of deposited material exceeds 50% of the depth of the catch basin sump on non-public private storm water infrastructure or enter into an agreement with the [Town] [Village] to perform such services for a fee.
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Ordinance to participate in some or all of the system upgrade project or project costs.

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ESSEX], VERMONT

[VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION] [TOWN OF

Witness

BY: _____
Duly Authorized Agent

PERMITTEE

Witness

BY: _____
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STATE OF VERMONT)
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COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN)

SS.

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acknowledged this instrument, by him sealed and subscribed to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of the [Town of Essex] [Village of Essex Junction].

Before me,

Notary Public

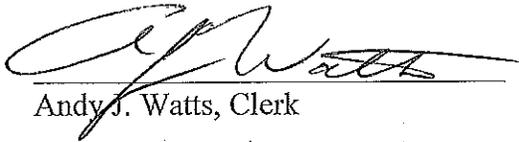
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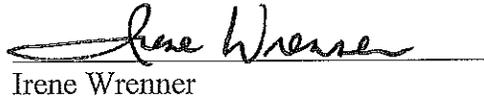
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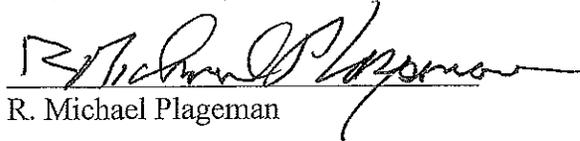
Adopted this 18th day of August 2014 by the Town of Essex Selectboard.


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