

Grant Funding Update

The stormwater utility has been privileged to receive over \$525,000 since we began operations in 2017. In addition to the approximately \$300,000 in grant funding described in the Shore Acres project section on the opposite page of this newsletter, state and/or federal grant funds are also supporting the following stormwater utility projects:

- Town-wide Condition Assessment (\$128,000)
- Phosphorus Control Plan (\$40,000)
- BLUE® CVT (\$10,000 - see back panel)
- Design of culvert replacements needed on Lower Mountain View Drive, to be constructed in coordination with the Exit 16 Diverging Diamond Project (\$13,600)

Stormwater Utility Contact Info

To learn more about the Town's stormwater utility, including updates on current projects, please visit:

www.colchestervt.gov/1837/StormwaterUtility

Water Quality Hotline: (802)-264-5628

For general stormwater inquiries: (802)-264-5620

Malletts Bay Sewer Update

The Colchester Selectboard has requested the Planning Commission review and analyze options to address the lack of effective wastewater disposal capacity on inner Malletts Bay. The problem of inadequate human waste disposal in this concentrated area remains unsolved and affects those that live along the Bay, as well as the larger community that enjoys the recreation opportunities the Bay offers. The Planning Commission will begin by listening to and considering community concerns. Over the summer, solutions will be explored with the intent of presenting findings to the community in early fall. A tentative date of May 20th at the Colchester High School has been set for a public forum. Please visit the link below for more info:

tinyurl.com/ColchesterMBI

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*Above: View of Mt. Mansfield from Malletts Bay
Courtesy of Cathy Chamberlin*

Congratulations all - we've made it through winter! In this newsletter, learn about:

- BLUE® CVT Pilot Program
- Summer Water Quality Testing
- Annual Vermont Green-up Day
- Stormwater Utility Projects
- Malletts Bay Sewer Update

? Did You Know ?

The stormwater utility sends annual invoices to the mailing address on file for property tax billing with the Town Assessor, unless other arrangements are made. To update the billing information for your property, please call 802-264-5621.

BLUE® CVT Pilot Program

The stormwater utility is rolling out a new pilot program to provide one-time rebates to residential property owners who install stormwater measures on their property in the summer of 2019.



The first step is to have an evaluation by BLUE® Staff where your property will be visited and goals will be discussed (reducing erosion, addressing standing water, etc). They will prepare and provide you with a report suggesting recommended steps for your property. If one or more of the report recommendations are installed, you are eligible for a rebate from the utility for the installation cost up to the amounts listed in the chart below.

The site evaluation is **FREE** and covered through grant funding the utility has received. Property owners are responsible for funding the improvements and BLUE® staff will help you apply for the rebate. You are **not** committing to making any improvements on your property by having a site evaluation, and the program will cover any building permit fees that may be incurred. If you are interested in this program, please visit this page and fill out the form to schedule an evaluation:

<http://tinyurl.com/BLUEcvt>

Maximum Rebates Currently Available to Colchester Property Owners

Potential work	Rebate
Gutter / Downspout Application	\$100
Rain Barrel	\$100
Tree Planting	\$100
Berm or Swale	\$200
Dry Well or French Drain	\$200
Gutter Redirection w/excavation	\$200
Pervious Pavers	\$200
Other Impervious Surface Replacement	\$200

Ongoing Water Quality Projects

Pet Waste

The Colchester Parks and Recreation Department distributes thousands of pet waste bags every year in our recreation areas and parks. Please use these and dispose of them properly to keep our waterways clear of pet waste as we move into summer.



Hercules Drive Culvert Replacement

During July and August 2019 the town will be replacing culverts underneath Hercules Drive near the intersection of Hercules Dr & U.S. Rt. 2/7. The existing metal culverts have reached the end of their useful lives and will be removed and replaced with a larger plastic culvert. This will ensure the roadway is safe for vehicular traffic and allow more flow to pass under the roadway via Sunnyside Brook. This project will take 30 days to complete and the roadway will remain open to at least one lane of traffic at all times.

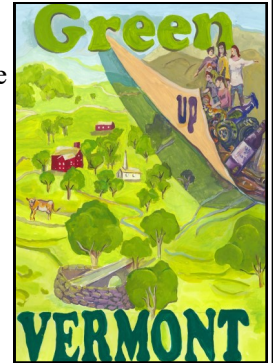
Shore Acres/Cedar Ridge Stormwater Project

The utility has received almost \$300,000 in grant funding to install stormwater upgrades in the Shore Acres neighborhood. These improvements were identified through the Malletts Bay Scoping Study and are currently in the design phase, with construction scheduled for the summer of 2021. A public meeting will be announced when engineering plans have been developed, expected in spring 2020.

These projects will help reduce erosion from stormwater runoff and remove pollutants from water that ultimately reaches Lake Champlain. To view the conceptual plans for this project, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/ShoreAcresProject>

Vermont Green-Up Day

With spring, and the melting snow, comes Green-Up Day! On Saturday, May 4, Vermonters across the state will take to over 13,000 miles of highway to pick up what winter has left behind. Since 1970, Vermont residents have helped collect between 9,600 and 14,400 tons of trash (200 to 300 annually), thousands of tires, and helped discover dozens of illegal dump sites.



Green bags are available at the Colchester Police Department starting April 26, but if you wish to pick up trash in a specific area, please reach out to Theresa Carroll who is coordinating the Town's collection route. We want to make sure all trash bags are collected from the roadside.

She can be reached at News110@comcast.net.

There will be a hot dog barbeque at the Colchester Police Department from noon until 1PM on Saturday, May 4th—all are welcome to join! For more information about Green Up Day, visit:

www.greenupvermont.org

*Above right: 2019 Winning Green Up Day Poster
Designed by Uma Chirkova*

Water Quality Testing Program

Annual water quality testing at public recreation areas will again be conducted in summer 2019 for ten weeks from mid-June through August. Samples are taken on Mondays and Wednesdays and sent to a water quality testing lab to ensure the waters are safe for swimming and other recreational sports. In the unlikely event of a beach closure, signs will be posted at swimming areas and additional tests will be completed until it is determined the water is safe for swimming. Tests results are also posted weekly on the stormwater utility website.