

Notice of Road/Property Survey & Consultant Visits

Watershed Consulting Associates, Burlington, VT, and their subconsultants will be starting work in May 2024 to document existing site conditions, including property lines, roadway structures and environmental features along public highways serving your private property in the Village of Swanton, VT. Work will continue through the calendar year 2024 and first half of 2025.

This work is being conducted at the direction of the Swanton Village Trustees to meet stormwater requirements administered by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Stormwater Management Division. The consultant team will be preparing the required state stormwater permit applications to comply with the 3-acre Permit requirements in Chapter 22 of the 2019 Vermont Stormwater Permitting Rule.

Consultants will be on-site during normal business hours to verify and locate existing property lines, underground utilities, and place flags at wetland limits. No construction activity is proposed but some soil testing may be required with the landowner's permission. If you feel you have information that you would like considered during this project, have any concerns regarding this on-site work or regarding the state permitting process, please do not hesitate to contact Ron Rodjenski, Stone Shore Municipal Consulting at 802-316-6921 or ron@stoneshoremc.com who will share it with the other project team members and respond to you as soon as possible. The Trustees are responsible for calling any public meetings related to this project.

The first informational meeting is **Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 120 First Street Swanton**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** and also remotely: **Link [HERE](#)**. The Teams Meeting remote access for anyone desiring to participate & listen in on the meeting can do so by going to the Village's website at swantonvt.gov, click on Village, then Village Trustees and find the meeting by date. Open the agenda and click on the meeting link. The Village contact for this project is Grant Writer/Project Manager **Heidi Britch-Valenta**, at 802-582-0253 or hbvalenta@swanton.net. Written comments may be sent to Village of Swanton, Heidi Britch-Valenta, Grant Writer/Project Manager, 120 First Street, Swanton, VT 05488.

During this work, survey flagging, wooden stakes and other temporary field markers may be installed, and these may not necessarily reflect right-of-way limits or property lines and should not be confused with surveyed corners and pins or other property line monuments. From time to time, site contractors may briefly enter upon your property to gather information and measure from your corners and other points on your property. Please do not hesitate to call the Village office if you object to this limited access or would like to meet with one or more project managers before entering your property. This information is required to provide the Village Trustees with options to comply with state stormwater regulations. Areas considered for construction activities outside the highway right-of-way or existing easement areas are required to go through the easement acquisition process with each affected landowner.

If you have any questions, prefer a scheduled on-site visit, or to ask to receive notices of future public meetings, please email ron@stoneshoremc.com.



Please see reverse side for information on the Vermont 3-acre Stormwater Rule.

Vermont 3-Acre Stormwater Rule

- Who:** Property owners that have not secured 2002 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual or newer state stormwater permits & have three acres or more of impervious area (roofs, driveways, and parking areas).
- What:** State Stormwater Permit 3-9050; must meet or exceed 2002 State stormwater regulations.
- When:** Compliance deadlines established by Environmental Protection Rule Chapter 22. State funding support will expire later in 2024, but not the requirement to comply.
- Where:** The Village has a legal responsibility for maintaining the public highways and related stormwater infrastructure for the roads. The Village has also accepted responsibility for stormwater permitting for parcels served by those public highways.
- Why:** Under the Rules, the Village has the option to apply for the permit, which will require the cooperation of the several landowners along each road.
- How:** The Village has hired Watershed Consulting Associates to begin the site assessments and permitting process. The Village and adjoining landowners will need to work together to satisfy the state permit requirements.
- Cost:** Presently state and municipal budgeted funds are providing for this initial site evaluation and permit preparation – there is no direct cost to landowners for this work. Once Watershed Consulting completes the initial investigations, then permit compliance construction plans and a cost projection will be presented to the Village. The Village will continue to work with the State to better understand the funding support for implementation/construction or other options to secure compliance (i.e. impact fee payments, pro-rated fees based on a parcel's impervious area, etc.).

State Website Link for more information and Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://anr.vermont.gov/special-topics/arpa-vermont/treating-stormwater-runoff#POA>

What is a 3-Acre Site?

According to General Permit 3-9050 impervious surface of three or more acres means means a single tract of land with three or more acres of impervious surface; a project on a tract or tracts of land that was previously authorized under a stormwater permit that authorized the discharge of stormwater from three or more acres of impervious surface; and impervious surfaces adjacent to or adjoining the foregoing types of impervious surfaces where the surfaces in question are part of a related operation, such as a hospital, resort, or campus.

These projects / sites are / were:

- a) Never permitted
- b) Were permitted under an individual or general permit that did not incorporate the requirements of the 2002 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual or any subsequent manual
- c) Have portions of impervious surface that fit these descriptions

General 3-Acre information:

Key words to enter in browser search box:
“Vermont ARPA 3-Acre Funding”

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