



Memphremagog Basin Water Quality Council

July 1st, 2022



Timeline and current priorities

VHCB is still working under the CWSP start-up contract. The contract was extended with Phase 3 deliverables until September 30th, 2022

- Prequalification process
 - Release Request for Qualifications on/before August 15th
 - Evaluate and execute Master Agreements on/before October 15th
- Data Management
 - VHCB is attending DEC subgroup meetings. And will be updating our internal database for program tracking this summer, once we have sufficient information from DEC- includes details on project intake forms, phosphorus calculator
- Operations and Maintenance
 - VHCB is attending DEC subgroup meetings. Within the next 6 months, anticipate having partner meetings to discuss O&M program and existing projects
- Co-Benefits Scoring
 - Begin this conversation with BWQC today, develop scoring this summer/early fall- might be informed by information in DEC Guidance Chapter 6
- BWQC
 - Continue to organize BWQC meetings.
 - Finalize BWQC meeting rules and public participation procedures- by next BWQC meeting.

Upcoming program milestones

- DEC will be releasing Chapter 6 of Guidance, which is on project selection. Once this chapter has gone through the review process, we will have a better idea of how projects will be selected, project prioritization/scoring, and will be able to move forward with things like developing project applications. Will also be able to use Data Management forms/requirements from DEC Subgroup to develop project applications.
- DEC has expressed that they hope that the CWSPs will have a draft of the Formula Grant subcontracts around July 30th, 2022. These contracts with CWSPs will provide a better timeline for deliverables and Formula Granting.
- As timelines are solidified, VHCB will share that information with the BWQC.



Resources:

DEC Act 76: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/statutes-rules-policies/act-76>

VHCB Website: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/conservation/memphremagog-basin-clean-water-service-provider>
