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SOUTH BURLINGTON UPDATES STORMWATER ORDINANCE

Properties with Expired State of Vermont Stormwater Permits Are Provided A Way to Obtain Valid Permit Coverage

South Burlington, Vermont, October 26, 2015 – On October 5, 2015 the South Burlington City Council voted unanimously to update the City’s stormwater and sewer ordinance. The updated ordinance will enable many properties that are required to obtain stormwater permit coverage from the State of Vermont to instead obtain that coverage under the City’s permit. “This is an opportunity for many property owners to bring their properties back into compliance with State stormwater requirements”, said Kevin Dorn, South Burlington City Manager.

There are currently 73 expired State stormwater permits issued to properties in South Burlington. These permits were issued by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation when these properties were developed. Over time, these permits expired and because they are located in stormwater impaired watersheds the State had no process in place to renew them. This has the potential to cause title and insurance issues when the properties are sold. In order to address this, the State of Vermont has been allowing properties to complete “deferral forms.” These forms allow the property to be transferred or sold, but only delay the time when they must complete upgrades to meet State stormwater requirements. The deferrals are set to expire on June 30, 2016.

In order for a property to obtain coverage under the City’s stormwater permit it will need to first evaluate opportunities to install stormwater treatment on site using a Stormwater Upgrade Feasibility Analysis procedure developed by the City. Properties that are not able to install treatment for their runoff, or are not interested in providing treatment of their runoff can choose to pay a stormwater mitigation fee. The funding collected through the stormwater mitigation fee will be used by the City’s Stormwater program to install stormwater treatment practices in

other locations throughout the City. “In addition to dealing with the expired permit issue, it is our hope that the work completed to bring these properties back into compliance will be a major step forward in our efforts to restore the stormwater impaired waterways located in South Burlington. I also expect this work to have benefits for Lake Champlain by reducing the amount of phosphorus that flows to the Lake”, said Tom DiPietro, Stormwater Superintendent.

South Burlington also revised their stormwater credit manual. Properties that complete stormwater upgrades in order to obtain valid permit coverage may also be able to reduce the fees they pay into the City’s stormwater program.

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