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ACRPC Seeks Municipal Candidates for Otter Creek Basin Water Quality Council

ACRPC, the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) for the Otter Creek basin, is conducting outreach efforts to municipalities. We are seeking candidates who wish to represent municipalities on the Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC). Attached is a brief description of the duties entailed. There are 54 municipalities in the Otter Creek Basin. Two (2) candidates will be selected to represent municipalities.

Please complete the application ([LINK](#)) and submit to ACRPC no later than January 17, 2021. Contact Mike Winslow (mwinslow@acrpc.org) if you would like more information. ACRPC will be hosting an informational session for watershed stakeholders in the coming weeks to provide additional information on the BWQC and CWSP start up process.

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Otter Creek Basin Clean Water Service Provider and Basin Water Quality Council

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ACRPC has been selected as the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSPs) for the Otter Creek Basin. The Otter Creek Basin encompasses all or part of 54 towns in six counties, with the majority of the towns (41) being in Addison and Rutland Counties.

CWSPs are charged with identifying, implementing, operating, and maintaining projects to improve water quality. They were established by the Vermont legislature under [Act 76 of 2019](#). Projects eligible for support from a CWSP must not be required by regulation, and must lead to phosphorus reductions. The work of the CWSP will be guided by priorities outlined in the [Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan](#).

The CWSP is guided by a Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC). The BWQC establishes policy and makes decisions for the CWSP regarding the most significant water quality impairments that exist in the basin and prioritizes the projects that will address those impairments based on the basin plan. Eligible members of the BWQC are established in statute and consist of two members from Natural Resource Conservation Districts, two members from regional planning commissions, two members from local watershed protection organizations, one member from a land conservation organization, and two members from municipalities.

Basin Water Quality Council expectations

After selection of BWQC members there will be a flurry of activity around starting up the CWSP, and duties will become less frequent thereafter. We anticipate in the start up period for the CWSP (approximately now until July 2022) the BWQC will need to meet regularly, approximately four times, to review and develop CWSP policies and guidance, and to participate in certain trainings developed by the state. Once the CWSP is established, the work of the BWQC can be conducted at quarterly meetings (subject to further discussion with the BWQC).