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Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical ExclusionVermont Department of Buildings and General Services
133 State Street, Montpelier
Parking Lot Reconstruction and Greenstreets Project

Vermont/ USEPA ARRA Clean Water Revolving Loan Number: AR1-015

In accordance with section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for Projects Funded Through the Vermont/ EPA Revolving Loan Program, the **Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services** has requested that its proposed **133 State Street, Montpelier, Parking Lot Reconstruction and Greenstreets** project be evaluated for eligibility for a Categorical Exclusion from the detailed environmental review that is described in the Procedures and required for projects with significant environmental effects.

The proposed project will reconstruct the existing lower parking lot of the State of Vermont office building at 133 State Street, Montpelier.

The parking lot reconstruction will include four raingardens to retain and treat the so-called "first flush" of contaminated stormwater that occurs during rain events. Stormwater from smaller rain events will be entirely retained in the raingardens and treated by solids settling, nutrient uptake by plants and infiltration into groundwater. After the "first flush", stormwater from larger rain events will enter the existing City of Montpelier storm drainage system, for eventual discharge to the Winooski River. Trees will be planted in the raingardens to reduce summer heat gain in the parking lot and in stormwater generated there.

Consideration of the **Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services** request for Categorical Exclusion included a review of the following documents:

Environmental information document titled "*133 State Street Parking Lot Reconstruction and Greenstreets*", and dated **April 2009**, by **DuBois & King, Inc.**, of Randolph, Vermont.



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Upon completion of its independent evaluation, the Department has determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for issuance of a Categorical Exclusion.

Specifically, the project will reduce the quantity and temperature of stormwater discharged directly to the Winooski River, and will improve the quality of the remaining stormwater that is discharged directly.

The project will increase the quantity of stormwater infiltrating to groundwater, but it will provide treatment of that stormwater. Also, the lower parking lot at 133 State Street is not located within a drinking water source protection area.


Further, the project does not involve (create) serious local or environmental issues, or meet any of the criteria that would result in denial of an Exclusion.

Further information on the project and this Determination is available for inspection at the following locations:

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