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VLCT Water Resource Assistance Program Celebrates Another Successful Year Helping Vermont Communities Protect Water Quality

Montpelier, Vt. – The Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT), through its Municipal Assistance Center Water Resource Assistance Program, has spent the last year championing the issue of water quality, thanks to a Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) grant. The grant, which covered the period from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, was awarded to VLCT to strengthen the outcomes of key water quality initiatives that the two organizations often work on together. The grant period that ended on June 30 laid out eight performance measures that VLCT was to address through a combination of outreach, planning, and trainings. Technical assistance carried out during the grant period provided additional focus on **municipal stormwater management utilities and projects, town road access related stormwater management, Vermont Clean Water Act implementation, Vermont clean water funding opportunities, green stormwater infrastructure best practices, river corridor protection and floodplain management.** These topics were also featured in several VLCT-sponsored workshops and meetings, as well as news magazine articles, VLCT website posts, and other educational materials.

“Since 2006, VLCT’s Water Resource Assistance Program has been privileged to work closely with DEC and benefit from its support,” said Milly Archer, Water Resources Coordinator. “Through this partnership, we have engaged with our local governments across Vermont to address the pressing issue of water quality. Every Vermont city, town, and village deals with water quality challenges, whether it’s paying for stormwater management, controlling erosion from municipal roads, phosphorous entering our waterways, floodplain management, or complying with changing regulations and requirements. I

sincerely appreciate DEC for giving us the opportunity to spend the past year examining these issues and working with municipal government to address them.”

For more information about the grant performance measures and activities conducted, please contact Milly Archer at marcher@vlct.org [1].

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