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MAC has developed new model and best practice documents to help selectboards, road commissioners and highway supervisors (road foreman) manage their town highway systems.

VLCT's Water Resources Management Program has developed guidance on drainage/stormwater management best practices and sample standards for town highway access policies. These standards may be used to customize the [VLCT Model Highway Access Policy](#) [1]. Addressing stormwater is very important because municipalities will need to comply with requirements of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP).

The MRGP has been finalized with applications and associated fees due in mid-2018. Under the MRGP, municipalities must implement customized, multi-year municipal plans to stabilize their road drainage systems. Road erosion inventories and implementation plans will be due in mid-2020 and revised every 5 years thereafter.

While many towns may have a highway access permit process in place through an existing policy or zoning regulations, MAC encourages selectboards, road commissioners and road foremen to consider the MAC Model Policy and forms for language to amend current processes.

While every effort is made to provide members with the most accurate information possible, these documents do not constitute legal advice.

If you have questions about this or other MAC Resources please contact info@vlct.org [2] or call 1-800-749-6915.

Documents:

 [2018 Revised Highway Access Drainage Management Standards](#) [3]

Links:

[Model Access Highway Policy and Guidance](#) [4]

[State of Vermont MRGP Page](#) [5]

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[1] <https://www.vlct.org/node/1580>

[2] <mailto:info@vlct.org?subject=MAC%20Inquiry%3A%20Access%20Policy%20and%20Guidance>

[3] https://www.vlct.org/sites/default/files/documents/Resource/Revised%20Highway%20Access%20Drainage%20Management%20Standards_2.docx

[4] <https://www.vlct.org/resource/highway-access-policy-model-and-guidance>

[5] <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/municipal-roads-program>