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## **Wetlands Program Updates**

**July Flood Recovery:** Wetlands Program staff are prioritizing flood recovery. Emergency repairs and actions within Class II wetlands or buffer zones that qualify under allowed use Section 6.13 (Emergency Repair) do not require permits or sign-off from Program staff. Read our [Emergency Actions Guidance](#) to learn more about eligibility. Follow-up work after the emergency repair will likely need a wetland permit. If you are unsure if your project qualifies as emergency repair or other Allowed Use, please [contact your District Wetland Ecologist](#).

**From the Rivers Program:** For work that needs to be done in rivers and streams to recover from the recent July flooding, the following measures must be taken:

- Towns are required to [report the location and nature of Emergency Protective Measure](#) work to DEC within 72 hours. Alternatively, location information and narrative description can be emailed to [anr.wsmdrivers@vermont.gov](mailto:anr.wsmdrivers@vermont.gov).
- Take photos of the work before and after completion. Photo documentation may help determine if the work is eligible for available disaster recovery funds.
- Comply with the State Stream Alteration Rule for any instream work. This work may require follow-up work to ensure compliance and qualify for federal reimbursement for eligible work.

For more information on flood recovery resources from the Agency of Natural Resources, visit <https://ANR.Vermont.gov/Flood>.

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