

State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION

RIVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

December 7, 2023

Morgan Stevens Grafton Town Administrator PO Box 180 Grafton, VT 05146

Subject: ANR River Management Support for funding replacement of Culvert #10 on Fisher Hill Rd, Grafton

Dear Ms. Stevens,

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resource (ANR) is providing comments for potential funding for the proposed culvert replacement project on Fisher Hill Rd over an unnamed tributary to the Saxtons River in the town of Grafton.

The proposed project will provide a bank full width structure that is hydraulically adequate. This will result in improved fish passage and fish habitat. A properly sized structure will also improve the flood resiliency of the crossing which will result in lower road maintenance costs and improved public safety. The proposed project will also result in increased equilibrium and connectivity of the stream which is a desirable outcome.

The River Management Program supports this project.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at scott.jensen@vermont.gov or at (802) 490-6962.

Sincerely,

Scott Jensen, P.E.

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VT River Management Program