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Vermont Better Roads Grant Program Application

CATEGORY A: ROAD INVENTORY AND CAPITAL BUDGET PLANNING PROJECT

Town/Organization: Rupert Vermont

Project Name: Rupert Road and Culvert Inventory

Inventory Type: (Town wide) Watershed (please list): _____

Describe how the grant funds will be spent and attach a project budget: Bennington County Regional Commission will perform the road and culvert inventory and prioritize project sites. VTCULVERTS protocols will be followed and data will be uploaded to VTCULVERTS website.

How do you plan to meet the required 20% match on this grant?: The road foreman and select board will meet periodically w/ BCRC and will be responsible for creating a Capital Improvement Budget/Plan for the priority sites.

Requested Grant Amount ($8,000 max): 8,000

Estimated Total Project Cost (including 20% local match): $9600

Estimated Completion Date: 6/30/17

☑ Please check this box if you would like to contract your project through your RPC

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS: a) Project budget
RPC to perform inventory
Town to prepare Capital Impr. Budget

b) Appropriate supporting documents.
Letters of support attached.

By signing this application I certify that all the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. We will comply with all the requirements of the grant including making our books available for audit if required.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: (Must be Town Administrator/Manager or Select Board Chair)

Name: Mark D. Levi Title: SELECTBOARD CHAIR

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Bennington County Regional Commission

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April 11, 2016

Alan May
Agency of Transportation
Municipal Assistance Bureau
1 National Life Drive
Montpelier, Vermont 05633

Dear Alan,

Please accept this letter expressing BCRC's support of The Town of Rupert's proposal for funding through the Vermont Better Roads Grant Program to conduct a road and culvert inventory and improve stormwater drainage on Youlin and Roger's Roads. Although a Stormwater Master Plan was created for the Mill Brook watershed in 2015, a town-wide road and culvert inventory has not been completed. BCRC considers this a priority project.

BCRC staff have visited the Youlin Road and Rogers Road sites with the Rupert Highway Department. Youlin Road is a high priority site identified in the recently completed Stormwater Master Plan. The road bed is below grade and water flows down the bed of the road leading to erosion and the transport of large amounts of sediment into Mill Brook. The road base in the mid-section of this project is a severely deteriorated driving surface that exacerbates problems with erosion and sedimentation. The road bed will be raised, grass lined ditches installed and two damaged culverts will be replaced.

Rogers Road is also below grade and is served by an undersized, deteriorated culvert. The roadbed will be raised to allow sheet flow off the road eliminating the erosion and transport of sediment into the brook. The deteriorated 36 inch culvert will be replaced with a 71 inch by 47 inch squashed culvert as recommended by AOT and DEC staff who have visited the site.

Thank you for your consideration of these important projects.

Sincerely,

Jim Henderson
Environmental Program Manager