

Notice of Availability: Draft Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the Killington Forward Initiative – Road and Water Supply Improvements Project, which proposes roadway, multi-use path, and drainage improvements as well as the installation of a municipal drinking water distribution line (the Proposed Action). The Proposed Action has been selected for funding through an NBRC Catalyst Grant. NEPA requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. This Draft EA evaluates the potential impacts that would result from the implementation of the Proposed Action as compared to the No Action alternative.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Water Investment Division (WID) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with NBRC to conduct a coordinated environmental review of the Proposed Action, as the water distribution line is funded in part by the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which is implemented by the state with funding from the EPA.

The Draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to nepa@nbrc.gov. The Draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

A public meeting to present the Proposed Action and receive comments will be held on November 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Killington Public Safety Building, located at 800 Killington Road in Killington, Vermont. The meeting will be broadcast on PEGTV 21 and can also be viewed online via 'video on demand' at www.pegtv.com. Agendas and meeting minutes are available at the Town Office and can be reviewed upon request. For additional documents, please contact the Town Manager's office at (802) 422-3241, x2.

Project Title: Killington Forward Initiative – Road and Water Supply Improvements Project

Project Proponent: NBRC and WID

Project Location: Killington, VT

Purpose of the Proposed Action: If implemented, the Proposed Action would enhance infrastructure in Killington by providing municipal water services and improving Killington Road to address safety concerns and support multiple transportation modes.

Proposed Action Description: The Proposed Action considered under this Draft EA involves the reconstruction and partial realignment of portions of Killington Road, East Mountain Road, and Old Mill Road, and includes new road construction (Road H) north of the current intersection of East Mountain Road and Killington Road. The Proposed Action also includes the installation of the first segment of the Killington South Distribution Water Main along East Mountain Road from the Valley Wells Transmission Main to Killington Road and north along Killington Road to Ravine Road. In addition to the proposed roadway and water infrastructure improvements, the Proposed Action includes a paved multi-use path installed along the west side of Killington Road, a proposed stormwater treatment practice (gravel wetland) to treat stormwater runoff from a portion of Killington Road, and the replacement of the West Branch Roaring Brook and Roaring Brook culverts under Killington Road. The Proposed Action is a critical element of the Killington Forward Initiative; a comprehensive plan proposed by the Town of Killington that consists of multiple proposed infrastructure improvements and integrated components to support current and future businesses, properties, schools and workforce and community housing.

NBRC is accepting comments on this Draft EA from November 14, 2024 through the end of the day of December 15, 2024. Comments should be submitted by email to nepa@nbrc.gov.

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