

1           (3) An evaluation of whether water quality projects and programs  
2           funded or implemented by the State are achieving the intended water quality  
3           benefits;

4           (4) An assessment of the capacity of the Agency of Agriculture, Food  
5           and Markets to effectively administer and enforce agricultural water quality  
6           requirements on farms in the State.

7           (5) A recommendation of whether the General Assembly should  
8           authorize the continuation of the Clean Water Fund and, if so, at what funding  
9           level.

10          (b) The audit required by this section shall be conducted by a qualified,  
11          independent environmental consultant or organization with knowledge of the  
12          federal Clean Water Act, State water quality requirements and programs, the  
13          Lake Champlain Total Maximum Daily Load plan, and the program elements  
14          of the State clean water initiative.

15          (c) Notwithstanding provisions of section § 1389 of this title to the  
16          contrary, the Secretary of Administration shall pay for the costs of the audit  
17          required under this section from the Clean Water Fund, established under  
18          section 1388 of this title.

19                           \* \* \* Clean Water Fund Per Parcel Fee \* \* \*

20          Sec. 38. 32 V.S.A. § 10502 is added to read:

21          § 10502. CLEAN WATER FUND PER PARCEL FEE

1           (2) The treasurer of each municipality shall remit the collected Clean  
2 Water Fund per parcel fee to the State Treasurer:

3           (A) in one payment due on December 1 of each year; or

4           (B) as authorized by the Department procedure adopted under  
5 subsection (e) of this section.

6           (3) Municipalities may use all authority under chapter 133 of this title  
7 for the assessment and collection of the Clean Water Fund per parcel fee,  
8 including collection of fees and costs under section 5288 of this title.

9           (4) In case of insufficient payment of the per parcel fee by a taxpayer to  
10 a municipality, the municipality shall not be required to remit to the State the  
11 amount of full liability for all parcels within the municipality.

12           (5) In the case of a taxpayer who pays only a portion of the full tax  
13 under subsection 5402(b) and the full amount of the Clean Water Fund per  
14 parcel fee, a municipal treasurer shall credit all payment made by the taxpayer  
15 to the tax liability under subsection 5402(b) of this title before remitting  
16 monies to the Clean Water Fund under subsection (d) of this section.

17           (d) Disposition. The State Treasurer shall deposit all fees collected under  
18 this section in the Clean Water Fund, established under 10 V.S.A. 1388, for  
19 the uses authorized by that Fund under 10 V.S.A. chapter 47, subchapter 7.

20           (e) Department procedure. The Department of Taxes shall, after  
21 consultation with municipal officials or representatives of municipal officials,

1 legal assistance in the preparation for or conduct of said sale when authorized  
2 by the selectboard, provided that such expenses shall not exceed 15 percent of  
3 the uncollected tax; travel, reimbursement at the rate established by the  
4 contract governing State employees; attending and holding sale, \$10.00;  
5 making return \$10.00 and recording same in town clerk's office, to be paid the  
6 town clerk \$10.00; \$10.00 for collection of a delinquent Clean Water per  
7 parcel fee assessed under section 10502 of this title; collector's deed, \$30.00;  
8 which fees and costs, together with the collector's fee of eight percent shall be  
9 in lieu of any or all other fees and costs permitted or allowed by law.

10 Sec. 40. REPEAL OF CLEAN WATER FUND PER PARCEL FEE

11 32 V.S.A. § 10502 (Clean Water Fund per parcel fee) shall be repealed on  
12 July 1, 2021.

13 \* \* \* Appropriations of Agency Staff " \*

14 Sec. 41. APPROPRIATIONS FOR AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD  
15 AND MARKETS STAFF

16 Notwithstanding provisions of 10 V.S.A. § 1389 to the contrary, in addition  
17 to any other funds appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and  
18 Markets in fiscal year 2016, there is appropriated from the Clean Water Fund  
19 created under 10 V.S.A § 1388 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and  
20 Markets \$952,000.00 in fiscal year 2016 for the purpose of hiring seven