

C. Ecosystem Restoration & Protection (ERP) \$10,000,000

Provide funding for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to:

- a. Extend eligibility for a cost-share program to support two categories of projects in communities with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits or communities with municipal properties subject to the new stormwater developed lands general permit;
- b. Establish a competitive contract-based initiative to target active ecosystem restoration projects, conduct stormwater master planning for targeted communities, support stormwater control projects in targeted wetlands and support stormwater management projects as designated brownfields;
- c. Support a “Better Roads, Cleaner Waters” initiative that offers cost-share support with the Vermont Better Roads program;
- d. Expand the DEC’s Green Stormwater Initiative to enhance support for project implementation at schools and municipal buildings; and
- e. Provide grants and contracts toward developing and implementing practices to reduce nonpoint sources of sediment and nutrient pollution from high priority sources.