

## S. 213 Program Timelines

### A. Regulation of Development in River Corridors

Dates/Timeframes	Bill Section	Summary of Activity
January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2027	Sec. 3(b)	DEC conducts an education and outreach program to consult with and collect input from municipalities, environmental justice focus populations, the EJ advisory council, businesses, property owners, farmers, and others.
July 1, 2025	Sec. 11(a)	DEC initiates rulemaking on requirements for issuing and enforcing permits for all development within a mapped river corridor and for development exempt from municipal regulation flood hazard areas.
January 1, 2026	Sec. 3(a)	DEC shall amend by procedure the statewide River Corridor Base Map to identify areas suitable for development that are located within existing settlements and that will not cause or contribute to increases in fluvial erosion hazards.
January 15, 2027	Sec. 3(b)	DEC reports to General Assembly status of education and outreach program and summary of progress in adopting rules for regulating development within mapped river corridors.
July 1, 2027	Sec. 5 10 V.S.A. § 754(a)(1)	DEC adopts final rules that establish requirements for issuing and enforcing permits for all development within a mapped river corridor and for development exempt from municipal regulation flood hazard areas.
January 1, 2028	Sec. 5 10 V.S.A. § 754(e)	A person shall not commence or conduct development exempt from municipal regulation in a flood hazard area or commence or conduct any development on a mapped river corridor without a permit issued by DEC.

**B. State Flood Hazard Areas**

<b>Dates/Timeframes</b>	<b>Bill Section</b>	<b>Summary of Activity</b>
January 1, 2026	6 10 V.S.A. § 755(a)	ANR adopts rules that establish a set of flood hazard area standards for enrollment in National Flood Insurance Program.
August 15, 2025	10	Study Committee on State Administration of National Flood Insurance Program submits its recommendations to Legislature.
January 1, 2028	6 10 V.S.A. § 755(a)(4)	On or after January 1, 2028, the State Flood Hazard Areas adopted by ANR shall be the State minimum flood hazard areas standards.

**C. Wetlands; Net Gain Policy**

<b>Dates/Timeframes</b>	<b>Bill Section</b>	<b>Summary of Activity</b>
April 30, 2025 annually thereafter	15 10 V.S.A. § 919(a)	ANR reports to Legislature on annual losses and gains of significant wetlands.
July 1, 2025	15 10 V.S.A. § 918(a)	ANR amends the Vermont Wetlands Rules to clarify that the goal of wetlands regulation in the State is the net gain of wetlands.
September 1, 2025	15 10 V.S.A. § 918(c)(2)	ANR is required to incorporate the net gain rule into requirements for permits issued after September 1, 2025.
January 1, 2026 and no less than annually thereafter	14 10 V.S.A. § 916(a)	ANR shall update the Vermont Significant Wetlands Inventory (VSWI) maps.
April 30, 2027	15 10 V.S.A. § 919(b)	Every five years ANR submits to General Assembly a comprehensive report on the status of wetlands in the State.

### D. Dam Safety

Dates/Timeframes	Bill Section	Summary of Activity
December 15, 2024	22	Dam Emergency Operations Planning Study report to Legislature.
January 31, 2025 Annually thereafter	18 10 V.S.A. § 1106(e)	ANR begins annual report to the Legislature on status of Dam Safety Program.
July 1, 2025	20	Postponed due date for dam design standards rules.
July 1, 2025	23	DEC, in coordination with PUC, files petitions with FERC regarding whether the 21 nonfederal, electric generating dams should be under federal jurisdiction.
January 1, 2026	19	Postponed due date for DEC report on dam registration.
January 15, 2026	24(b)	DEC reports to Legislature regarding progress in preparation for transfer if jurisdiction of dams from PUC to DEC.
July 1, 2027	24(d), 18 10 V.S.A. § 1110(6)	Deadline date for DEC rulemaking on requirements for financing and subsidy from Dam Safety Revolving Loan Fund.
July 1, 2028	24(a)	DEC assumes jurisdiction of dams currently in PUC jurisdiction.

### E. Additional Dates

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On or after Jan. 1, 2025	25	ANR basin plans shall identify flood mitigation and restoration projects or practices for each river basin.
Passage	26	Prohibition on use polystyrene for new buoys and docks.
Jan. 15, 2025	28	Report of Study Committee on Floodplain Management in UVA.

