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**The Chittenden County Regional Stormwater Education Program Receives  
Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence**

*Montpelier, VT*—The Chittenden County Regional Stormwater Education Program (RSEP) received the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in Education and Outreach for its Smart Waterways program in a ceremony held at the state house Monday evening. Governor Jim Douglas presented the award to Bryan Osborne, RSEP Chair and Director of Public Works for the Town of Colchester.

The collaborative program was recognized as a model to inspire all Vermonters to find innovative approaches to deal responsibly with stormwater.

"We are honored to accept this award," said Bryan Osborne. "Our Smart Waterways public education program is aimed at getting residents personally involved in helping to reduce stormwater pollution in Lake Champlain, and in our streams, rivers and wetlands. This award provides greater recognition for our efforts to protect Vermont's waterways."

RSEP is administered by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, its members include: the Towns of Colchester, Essex, Milton, Shelburne and Williston; the Cities of Burlington, South Burlington and Winooski; the Village of Essex Junction; the Burlington International Airport; the University of Vermont, and the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Information on stormwater runoff pollution and tips on minimizing your impact can be found at [www.smartwaterways.org](http://www.smartwaterways.org).

The Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence were established in 1993 to honor Vermont individuals, organizations, institutions, public agencies, businesses, and industry using innovative approaches to reduce or eliminate the generation of pollutants and wastes at the source. The winners are selected by a panel of judges appointed by the Agency of Natural Resources.

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