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## **Regional Stormwater Education Program Receives \$29,500 Grant**

*South Burlington, VT*— The Regional Stormwater Education Program (RSEP), a collaboration of eleven entities in Chittenden County to provide regional stormwater education, has received a \$29,500 grant award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), New England Office. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation applied for the grant on behalf of RSEP.

“This grant will allow RSEP to communicate important information on stormwater quality to a wider audience and let people know what they can do to reduce stormwater pollution,” said Dennis Lutz, chair of RSEP and director of public works for the town of Essex. “RSEP will also be able to help the town of Milton develop a stormwater management plan so that it may join the efforts of the other municipalities in RSEP.”

The grant will make it possible for RSEP to strengthen its effort to educate people about the impact of their behavior on stormwater quality. The funding will be used for additional print, radio, and cable television advertising. The grant will also allow RSEP to assist the town of Milton to develop a stormwater management plan with a public involvement and participation component. Milton will become a member of RSEP.

RSEP is a collaborative effort between eight Chittenden County municipalities, (Burlington, South Burlington, Colchester, Essex, Essex Junction, Winooski, Shelburne, and Williston), the Burlington International Airport, Vermont Agency of Transportation, and the University of Vermont.

RSEP is coordinated by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. After the general information phase, later phases of the program will focus on the ongoing efforts to reduce stormwater pollution by the Burlington Airport, University of Vermont, municipalities participating in RSEP, and the business and commercial sector. For more information about RSEP visit [www.smartwaterways.org](http://www.smartwaterways.org).

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