



Municipal Authorization of Emergency Protective Measures to Protect Life and Property:

The Municipality's Roles and Responsibilities

New Under the 2012 Rivers Bill

Selectboard members (or their designees) may authorize instream work to address threats to life or imminent severe property damage.

BUT

The municipality must notify ANR of the authorization and the project must meet specific implementation standards.

How To Plan For the EPM Process

- ◆ Review guidance materials available from ANR (see below)
- ◆ Discuss with Regional Emergency Preparedness Planners
- ◆ Assign Roles and Responsibilities in your town's LEOP



The Municipality's Responsibilities At-a-Glance

Stage 1: Municipal Approval and Notification to ANR

1. Municipality receives request for approval or identifies a need to conduct an Emergency Protective Measure.
2. Municipality determines if the proposed measure qualifies for local approval as an EPM.
3. Projects that don't qualify for local approval may be considered under the ANR Stream Alterations Program.
4. If the measure is authorized, the municipality must notify ANR by phone and electronically within 24 hours.

Stage 2: Preliminary ANR Authorization

5. Municipality receives confirmation that the notification was received.
6. Municipality keeps the local approval and the Agency contact confirmation on file at the town office and on the job site.
7. Municipality is contacted by a River Management Engineer with preliminary approval or denial.
8. Municipality files the River Management Engineer contact at the town office and project site.

Stage 3 : Final ANR Authorization

9. Municipality provides the final project documentation to the Agency within 30 days of project completion.
10. Municipality keeps final project documentation on file for use in the FEMA disaster assistance application process.

Additional Information

- ◆ Municipal Guidance Document http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/rivers/docs/MunicipalGuidance_EPMs.pdf
- ◆ Municipal Guidance Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2WAnNZjSU8&feature=youtube>
- ◆ Stream Alterations Rule http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/rivers/docs/rv_SARule_12_24_13.pdf