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Marlene Betit
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Dear Ms. Betit

Thank you for submitting a proposal on behalf of the Town of East Montpelier to stabilize an eroding riverbank in East Montpelier. The DEC River Management Program received 5 proposals from throughout the Lake Champlain Basin. The available project implementation funds will cover only half of the proposed projects. Unfortunately, the East Montpelier proposal was not selected at this time.

Please know that the decision not to use Clean and Clear Program funds to support the project in no way represents a lack of interest in East Montpelier stream restoration and protection on the part of the River Management Program. The project selection committee focused on those projects where stream geomorphic assessments had been completed and there is a clear opportunity to achieve a long-term reduction of sediment and nutrient discharge. Geomorphic assessment data is particularly important in cases where the hard armoring of a river bank may lead to accelerated erosion of adjacent and downstream reaches.

A Category 1 Project Identification Grant is currently being developed with the Friends of the Winooski, the Winooski Conservation District and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to complete stream geomorphic assessments on both the Winooski River and the North Branch through East Montpelier. I am hopeful that the data generated in this project will help us move forward with implementation projects in East Montpelier in the future.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael Kline

Michael Kline,
River Management Program

cc. Barry Cahoon, State River Management Engineer

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EAST MONTPELIER
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10/27/04 Mike Kline phone conversation

- ① Once a full assessment is done of entire area will know better what to do & if grant project is feasible & not just a bandaid. Phase 1 in Winter & it will pinpoint areas for Phase 2 assess
- ② Nutrient load ^{lake char} could be worsened w/o total approach & just rip rap. ~~Not~~ Looking for long term solution for area
- ③ After Assessment done will meet w/ four towns to discuss long term goals.

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Grant Winowski Comm
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looking at physical
Conditions ^{on} ~~predic~~
Marshfield - ^{fund?}
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