



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### What is the 9050 Permit?

The 9050 Permit, also known as the Three Acre General Permit, requires all single tracts or projects on one or more tracts with three or more acres of impervious surface with no permit or a pre-2002 permit to retrofit their stormwater system to maximize treatment. Phase 1 of the Green Schools Initiative provided assistance for schools to submit their Initial and Full Notice of Intent to meet these requirements. Construction must be completed within 5 years from issuance of the Full Notice of Intent to fully comply with the 9050 Permit. This program will assist Vermont public schools get to compliance.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Is my school eligible for assistance under the Green Schools Initiative?

Check the [List of Impacted Schools](#) (link) to see if you are impacted by the new Three Acre General Permit requirements.

### I think I might be eligible, but I'm not on the list. What do I do?

Contact Laura Kenney ([laurakenney@greenprintpartners.com](mailto:laurakenney@greenprintpartners.com)) with the name and address of your school. She will work with you and the appropriate regulatory staff to determine eligibility.

### My school is on the list, but I don't think that the requirements apply to me. What should I do?

Contact Laura Kenney ([laurakenney@greenprintpartners.com](mailto:laurakenney@greenprintpartners.com)) with the name and address of your school. She will work with you and the appropriate regulatory staff to determine eligibility.

### We are a private school that is not on your list. Can I assume this does not apply?

This grant program is only for public schools. Contact Laura Kenney ([laurakenney@greenprintpartners.com](mailto:laurakenney@greenprintpartners.com)) to confirm whether your school is subject to the Three Acre General Permit.

## APPLICATION

### How do I apply?

The application can be found here: [Phase 2 application](#) (link). All schools that wish to apply for Phase 2 funding MUST submit their application by November 15, 2023. You will be notified within three business days that your application has been received. By mid-December, Greenprint will review your information and notify you if your school was selected for 2024 construction assistance. If your school is not selected for 2024 assistance, we will reach out around August of 2024 to update your application for the 2025 funding round.

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## APPLICATION *(Continued)*

### **My design will not be complete prior to November 15, 2023. When should I apply?**

All schools that wish to apply for Phase 2 funding must submit their application by November 15, 2023, even if your design is not yet complete. Even though you would not be eligible for 2024 construction funding, we will reach out prior to the 2025 funding round to update your answers to your application questions.

### **I represent multiple schools. Should I fill out an application for each individual school?**

Yes, please fill out one application for each school.

### **Do all my additional permit requirements (e.g. Act 250) need to be complete to apply?**

No. Please apply whether or not additional permits have been submitted.

## CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS

### **How will construction contractors be procured and contracted for Phase 2?**

Due to the requirements of the funding source, construction contracts must be procured using an open, competitive bidding process. Greenprint will be managing the construction procurement and contracting process. All grant funds will flow through Greenprint directly to the contractor and not through the school budget. Greenprint will enter into a separate agreement with the school for the delivery of the project.

## GRANT FUNDING

### **What costs does this grant pay for?**

Phase 2 of the Green Schools Initiative pays for the construction of stormwater related improvements needed to meet the requirements as set forth in an approved General Permit 3-9050 authorization or Individual Stormwater Discharge Permit.

### **Does this grant pay for design of outdoor classrooms, nature based play areas, etc?**

No. The grant is intended to only pay for stormwater related improvements needed to meet the requirements of the Three Acre General Permit. However, Greenprint does encourage the design of the required stormwater improvements in a way that is conducive to these types of enhancements that can be added at a later time or with a different funding source. Please note, if you install an outdoor classroom, the costs can be applied to the 10% leveraged funds requirement (see below).

### **What happens if my project's actual costs exceed the projected costs?**

If your project has been selected to receive construction funding assistance and the actual costs of the project exceed the projected costs, the Green Schools Initiative will still fund the same percentage portion of the project. You will still be required to meet the leveraged funds requirement (see below) at 10% of actual construction costs.

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## LEVERAGED FUNDS

### **Is there a grant match expectation for schools?**

With Phase 2 of the Green Schools Initiative, each school that is selected to receive construction funding assistance is required to contribute 10% of the total construction cost of their project. There are a variety of ways a school is able to meet the 10% leveraged funds requirement:

1. Direct construction off-set (ie: school contributes 10 cents for every construction dollar spent);
2. Related project enhancements (ie: school invests in teacher trainings or other eligible leverage funds activities equal to 10% of construction cost); or
3. Combination of direct construction off-set and related project enhancements

More information about eligible related project enhancements can be found here: [Leveraged Funds Opportunities](#) (link). The formal plan for meeting the leverage requirement will be memorialized in the agreement between Greenprint and the school for delivery of the project.

### **Do I need to meet my leveraged funds requirements for each school individually or as a Supervisory Union (SU)?**

Leveraged requirements will need to be met for each school individually.

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