

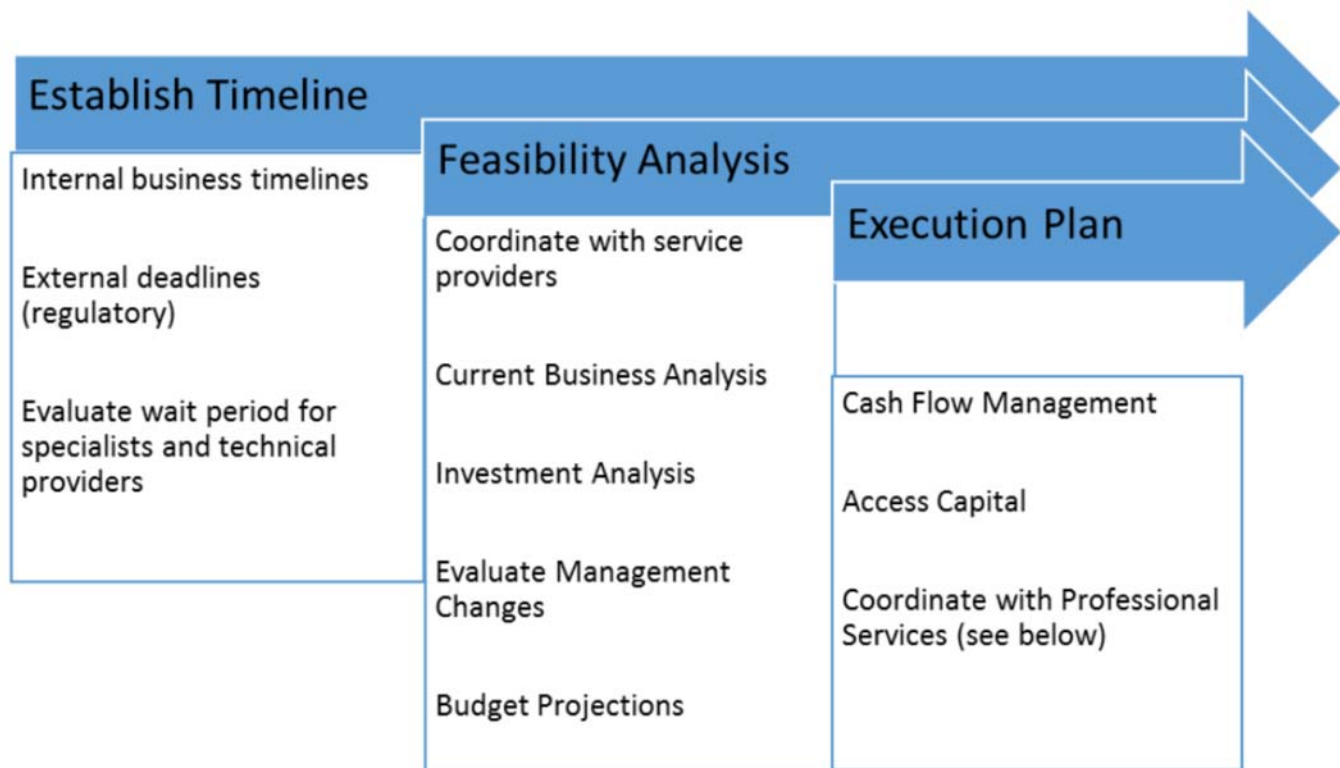


# Implementation Planning for Water Quality Changes

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Farm managers will make decisions to ensure the business can continue to operate in compliance with new environmental regulations. This resource sheet highlights the factors that impact the changes under consideration and the eventual execution of changes to the business.

After developing an implementation plan the managers and owners must monitor and evaluate the process. Team meetings, status checks and task/timeline benchmarks are essential to convert the plan into the real-time operations of the farm business.



## Coordinating with agencies, partners and professional services

Water quality related changes on the farm present the opportunity, requirement (in certain cases) and challenge of working with multiple external parties. See the outline on page 2.



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The following outline lists key issues and specific partners that may need to be included in your implementation plan. For every situation or alternative action managers must consider if outside support will be needed. This list is not all-inclusive. The specific situation on your farm may require more or less outside partners.

This outline will be update in 2017 with more details on active and emerging resources. Go to the UVM Ag Business webpage for updated information: <http://blog.uvm.edu/farmvia/>.

### **A. Engineering**

- 1. USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Programs (NRCS)**
- 2. Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFMM)**
- 3. Private Firms**

### **B. Capital Access and Grants**

- 1. USDA NRCS, VAAFMM**
- 2. Agricultural Lenders**

### **C. Conservation Planning**

### **D. Accounting Services**

### **E. Education and Business Consultants**

### **F. Agronomic Practices**

### **G. Land Conservation and Easements**

### **H. Legal Services:**

- 1. Managing Violations**
  - 1. Private Services**
- 2. Transfer / Exit Planning**