

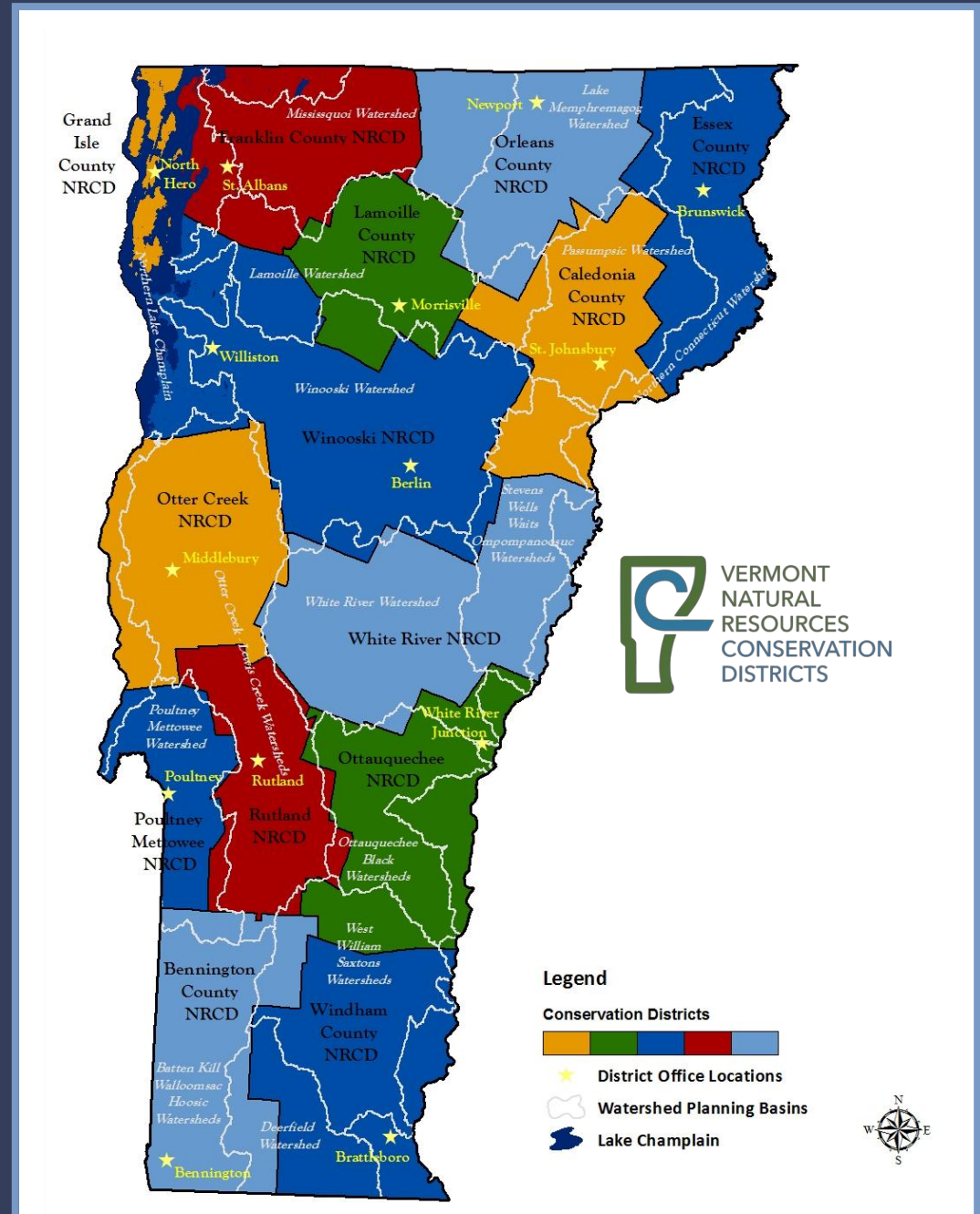
VERMONT NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



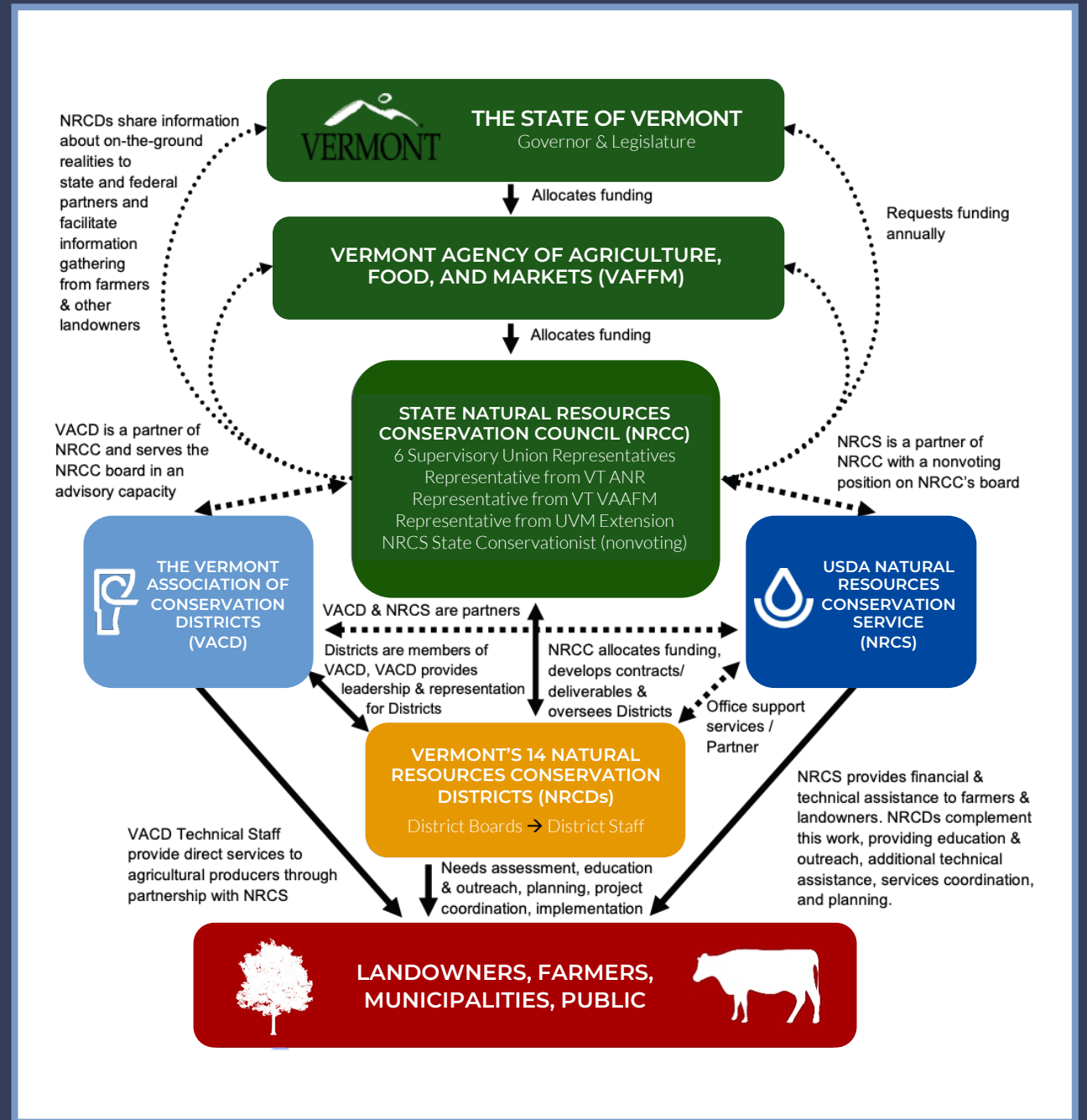
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Vermont's Natural Resources Conservation Districts are trusted and effective members of the agricultural & conservation community.

- ✓ We are rooted in communities and cover all geographic regions of Vermont.
- ✓ We work at the grassroots level and act as liaisons between government and local stakeholders.
- ✓ We help landowners make management and conservation decisions that improve the landscape for people and the planet.
- ✓ We connect people, organizations and resources to steward our land and water resources for the future.



Vermont's Natural Resources Conservation Districts are organized to lead local efforts to protect soil health, water quality, and other natural resources.





Vermont's 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts request a base appropriation of **\$3,000,000** starting in FY24 to cover ongoing operational costs necessary to meet statutory obligations.



Last year, the Legislature appropriated an additional **\$250,000** to the state Natural Resources Conservation Council for a total base appropriation of **\$362,000**. This enabled us to increase the core funding for each District to **\$20,000** per year.

Increasing NRCC's base budget to **\$3,000,000** would support the administrative and operational costs of Vermont's 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts.

- Salary & Benefits for 14 District Managers
- Recruitment, training and retention of Vermont's agricultural and conservation specialists workforce
- Per Diems and Reimbursements for Board and Supervisor Participation
- Outreach & Community Assessments for New State Programs and Policies (i.e. Payment for Ecosystem Services)
- Technology Needs & Software Upgrades
- Increased Administrative and Grant Management Capacity at NRCC



Conservation Districts also received **\$248,000** in one-time funding in the FY23 state budget for needed equipment and facility upgrades.



CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM AREAS



AGRICULTURE



NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION & RESTORATION

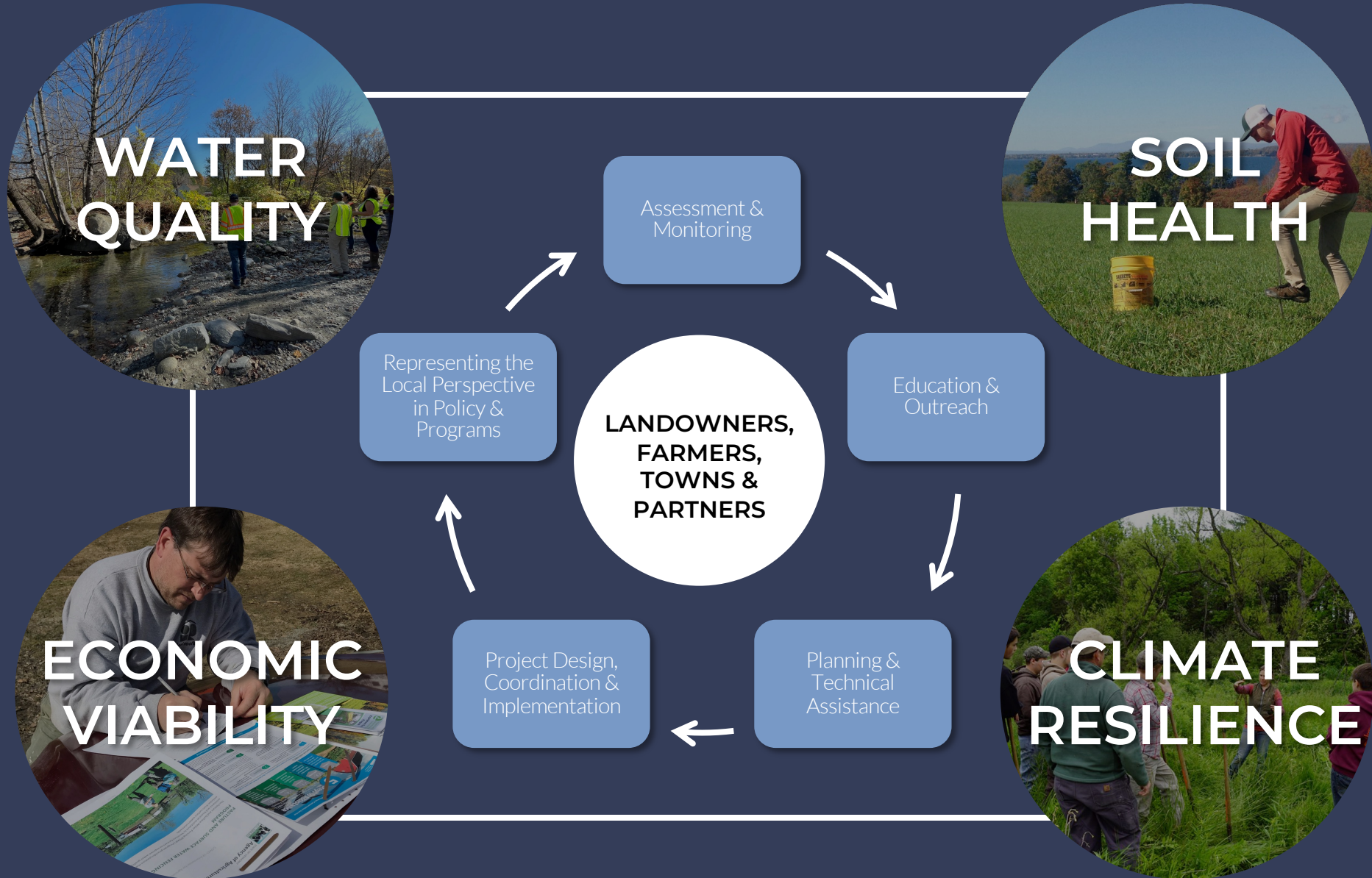


EDUCATION & OUTREACH



STORMWATER REMEDIATION

PROGRAM METHODOLOGIES & OUTCOMES



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?



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