



Vermont Council on Rural Development

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One of 26 State Rural Development Councils nationwide, VCRD is an independent non-profit with a 23 member Board of Directors representing federal, state, local, private, and non-profit partners working together to promote the progress of rural Vermont.

FEDERAL

- Ted Brady, State Director, USDA-RD
- Bob Paquin, Executive Director, Farm Services Agency
- Colleen Pelles Madrid, Forest Supervisor, GMFL National Forests

STATE

- Brian Searles, Secretary, Agency of Transportation
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- Doug Racine, Secretary, Agency of Human Services
- Chuck Ross, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture

LOCAL

- Greg Brown, Dummerston Select Board (*Treasurer*)
- Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director, Northwest Regional Planning Commission
- Steve Patterson, Executive Director, Northeastern VT Development Association (*Vice Chair*)
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NON-PROFIT

- Paul Bruhn, Executive Director, Preservation Trust of Vermont (*Clerk*)
- Megan Camp, VP & Program Director, Shelburne Farms
- Thomas Hark, President, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps
- Monty Fischer, recent Executive Director, Center for an Agricultural Economy

PRIVATE

- Bob Ackland, Consultant (*Chair*)
- Joe Fusco, Vice President, Casella Waste Systems, Inc.
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- Tricia Coates, State Director, Congressman Welch's Office
- Jenny Nelson, Agriculture Policy Advisor, Senator Sanders' Office
- John Tracy, State Director, Senator Leahy's Office