

# Vermont Conservation Highlights for 2019

## Natural Resources Conservation Service



**W**e deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world.

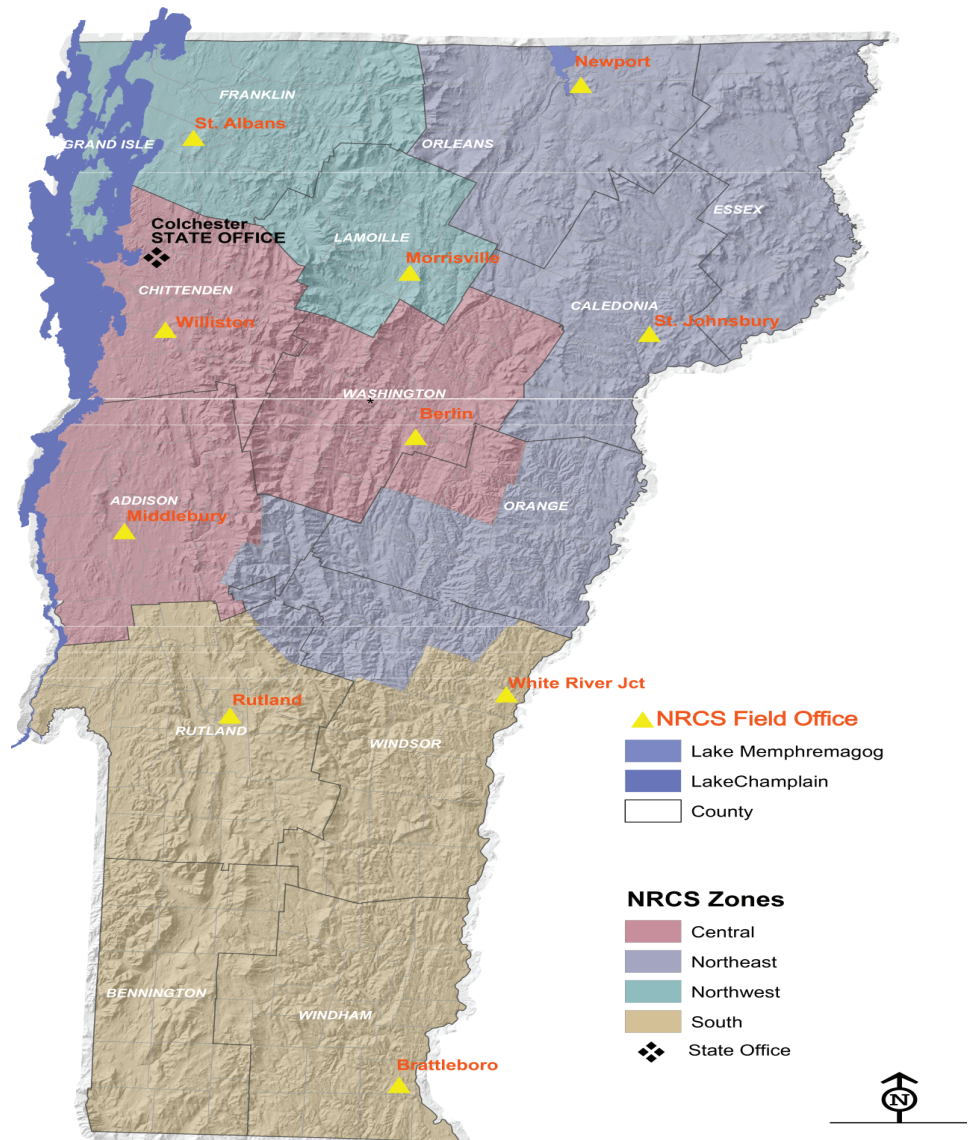
**O**ur vision is a world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes, and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation.

In Vermont NRCS collaborates with farmers, forest landowners, communities, and state and local conservation partners to protect and improve natural resources on private lands throughout the state.

In 2019, farmers and landowners in Vermont worked with NRCS to improve and protect 105,737 acres with a variety of conservation practices and programs.



### USDA NRCS Vermont Office Locations



### Vermont Quick Facts for 2019

- Total land area = 9,250 square miles
- Total water area = 382 square miles
- Percent water area = 4.1%
- Farms = 6,800/704 Dairy farms
- Farmland = 1,200,000 acres
- Forestland = 4.46 million acres
- Official state soil - Tunbridge
- 58 NRCS Employees
- \$2.8 million to conservation partners to leverage NRCS efforts
- \$5.7 million in funding allocated to NRCS to provide technical assistance to private landowners
- Nearly 106,000 acres protected and improved with conservation practices
- 2,424 acres protected through 19 easements

# Selected Practices Implemented in Vermont-Fiscal Year 2019

	Practice Name	Units	Amount Applied	Number Applied
Agronomic Practices	Cover Crop	acres	20,044	1600
	Conservation Crop Rotation	acres	6,996	581
	Forage and Biomass Planting	acres	1,359	115
	Residue and Tillage Management-No Till	acres	5,856	468
	Residue and Tillage Management-Reduced Till	acres	8,027	609
	Nutrient Management	acres	8,456	716
	High Tunnel Systems	square feet	118,746	39
Grazing Practices	Prescribed Grazing	acres	1,396	121
	Watering Facility	each	76	45
	Livestock Pipeline	linear feet	51,053	47
	Trails and Walkways	linear feet	9318	17
Barnyard Improvement	Waste Storage Facility	each	14	14
	Heavy Use Area Protection	square feet	61,330	24
	Roofs and Covers	each	3	3
	Waste Transfer	each	34	34
Forestry and Wildlife	Forest Stand Improvement	acres	240	45
	Early Successional Habitat Management	acres	505	67
	Brush Management	acres	659	78
	Forest Trails and Landings	each	38,614	61

Farm Bill Program	Total Obligated in FY 2019
AMA	\$247,225/18 contracts
CSP	\$710,211/30 contracts
EQIP	\$12,703,856/311 contracts
RCPP Agreements -VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC)-\$1.2 million through 24 contracts -Cold Hollow to Canada Woodlot Projects-\$163,051 through 20 contracts -Wildlife Management Institute, Young Forest Initiative-\$147,775 through 6 contracts -Long Island Sound Watershed-\$196,771 through 10 contracts -Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District, Lake Memphremagog-\$80,786 through 4 contracts	\$1,810,997/64 contracts
ACEP	\$4,757,506/19 parcels
<b>TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED in FY 2019 in Vermont</b>	<b>\$20,229,795</b>

**AMA** = Agricultural Management Assistance

**CSP** = Conservation Stewardship Program

**EQIP** = Environmental Quality Incentives Program

**RCPP** = Regional Conservation Partnership Program

**ACEP** = Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

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