

# Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

## 1998-2017 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program

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### 20 Year Anniversary Edition!!!!

**Dedicated to the Fire Fighters, Communities, Legislators and Vermont People who made it possible!**

The mission of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is to improve the safety and welfare of Vermont communities by assisting local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.

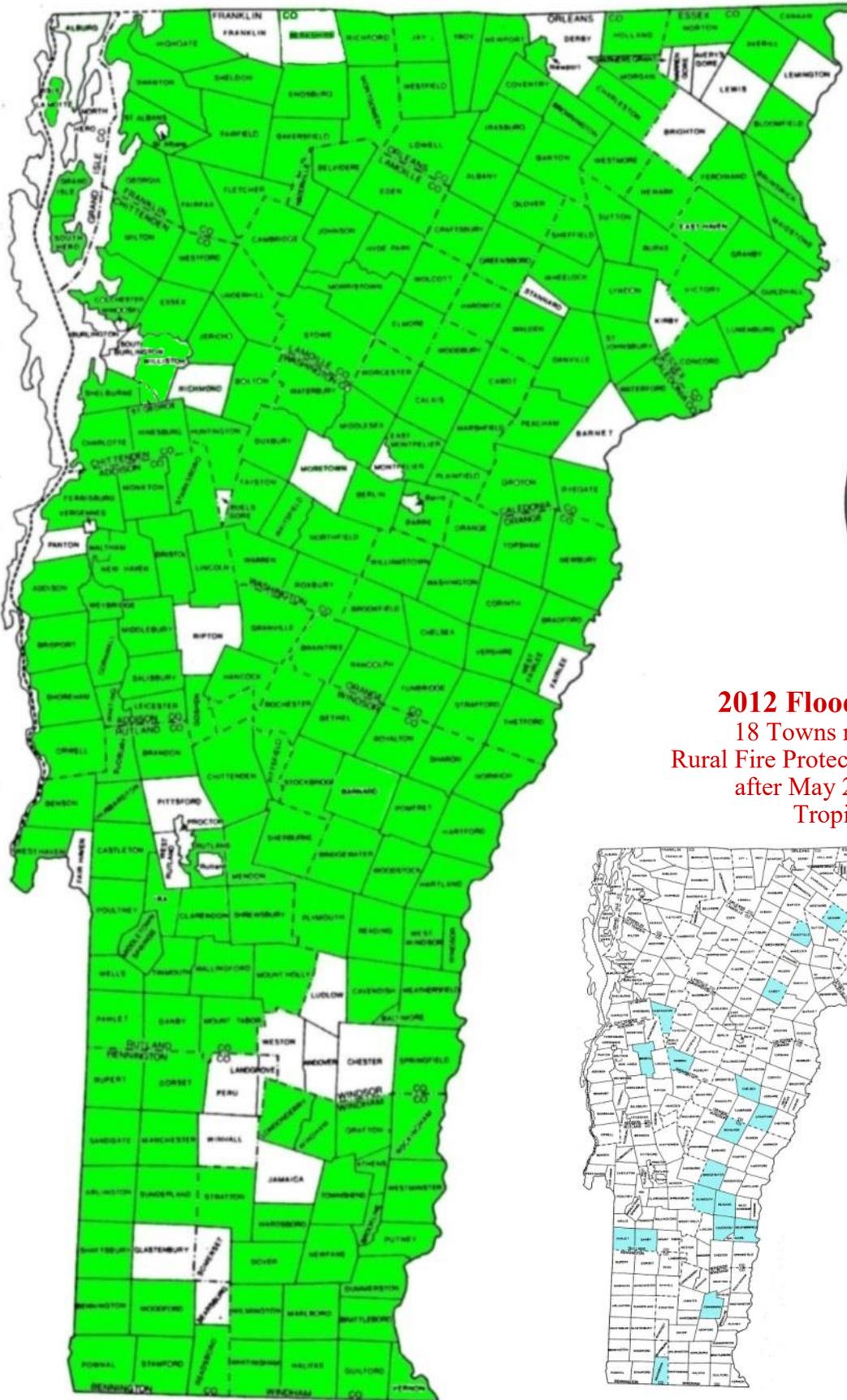






# 1998-2017 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program Recipients

214 Towns were awarded 884 dry hydrant grants up to \$5,000 totaling nearly \$1.78M funded by Vermont Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety



## 2012 Flood Recovery Grants

18 Towns received 28 grants for Rural Fire Protection Repair & Replacement after May 2011 flood damage & Tropical Storm Irene



- Bridgewater - (3) \$3,139
  - Bristol - (2) \$3,150
  - Cabot - (1) \$2,800
  - Cavendish - (1) \$1,500
  - Chelsea - (1) \$300
  - Danby - (2) \$7,310
  - Huntington - (1) \$3,166
  - Newark - (2) \$5,948
  - West Pawlet - (2) \$2,831
  - Plymouth - (2) \$2,972
  - Reading - (3) \$6,992
  - Readsboro - (1) \$1,250
  - Royalton - (1) \$7,860
  - Sheffield - (1) \$1,437
  - Strafford - (1) \$2,491
  - Townshend - (1) \$2,014
  - Warren - (2) \$8,984
  - Weathersfield - (1) \$483
- \$64,627 Total**

# 1998-2017 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program Recipient Numbers

214 Towns were awarded 1 or more dry hydrant grant(s) funded by Vermont State Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety

## Addison (20) 83 Grants

Addison - 7  
Bridport - 6  
Bristol - 11  
Cornwall - 2  
Ferrisburg - 2  
Goshen - 1  
Granville - 3  
Hancock - 3  
Leicester - 1  
Lincoln - 1  
Middlebury - 3  
Monkton - 6  
New Haven - 14  
Orwell - 9  
Salisbury - 1  
Shoreham - 2  
Starksboro - 6  
Waltham - 1  
Weybridge - 3  
Whiting - 3

## Bennington (12) 41 Grants

Arlington - 1  
Bennington - 1  
Dorset - 1  
Manchester - 1  
Pownal - 4  
Readsboro - 7  
Rupert - 7  
Sandgate - 10  
Shaftsbury - 3  
Stamford - 3  
Sunderland - 1  
Woodford - 2

## Caledonia (14) 55 Grants

Burke - 5  
Danville - 4  
Groton - 3  
Hardwick - 1  
Lyndon - 3  
Newark - 3  
Peacham - 1  
Ryegate - 7  
Sheffield - 2  
St. Johnsbury - 6  
Sutton - 4  
Walden - 5  
Waterford - 8  
Wheelock - 4

## Chittenden (13) 37 Grants

Bolton - 2  
Charlotte - 7  
Colchester - 1  
Essex - 1  
Hinesburg - 2  
Huntington - 5  
Jericho - 1  
Milton - 1  
**St. George - 1**  
Shelburne - 4  
Underhill - 1  
Westford - 11  
**Williston - 1**

## Essex (12) 26 Grants

Averill - 2  
Brunswick - 1  
Bloomfield - 1  
Canaan - 5  
Concord - 3  
East Haven - 1  
Granby - 1  
Guildhall - 1  
Lunenburg (Gilman) - 3  
Maidstone - 5  
Norton - 2  
Victory - 1

## Franklin (12) 47 Grants

Bakersfield - 5  
Enosburg - 8  
Fairfax - 2  
Fairfield - 6  
Fletcher - 3  
Georgia - 4  
Highgate - 4  
Montgomery - 7  
Richford - 3  
Sheldon - 3  
St. Albans - 2  
Swanton - 1

## Grand Isle (3) 5 Grants

Grand Isle - 1  
Isle La Motte - 2  
South Hero - 2

## Lamoille (10) 66 Grants

Belvidere - 3  
Cambridge - 13  
Eden - 8  
Elmore - 5  
Hyde Park - 13  
Johnson - 6  
Morristown - 6  
Stowe - 6  
Waterville - 2  
Wolcott - 5

## Orange (17) 84 Grants

Bradford - 6  
Braintree - 2  
Brookfield - 2  
Chelsea - 7  
Corinth - 6  
Newbury - 5  
Orange - 7  
Randolph - 2  
Rochester - 1  
Strafford - 8  
Thetford - 3  
Topsham - 9  
Tunbridge - 4  
Vernshire - 10  
Washington - 6  
West Fairlee - 4  
Williamstown - 2

## Orleans (19) 83 Grants

Albany - 5  
Barton - 2  
Brownington (Orleans) - 8  
Charleston - 7  
Coventry - 8  
Craftsbury - 15  
Derby - 1  
Glover - 2  
Greensboro - 7  
Holland - 5  
Irasburg - 5  
Jay - 1  
Lowell - 6  
Morgan - 2  
Newport - 2  
Newport City - 3  
Troy - 1  
Westfield - 3  
Westmore - 3

## Rutland (24) 118 Grants

Benson - 5  
Brandon - 3  
Castleton - 2  
Chittenden - 4  
Clarendon - 3  
Danby - 9  
Hubbardton - 1  
Ira - 2  
Mendon - 2  
Mount Holly - 10  
Mount Tabor - 1  
Middletown Springs - 7  
Pawlet - 5  
Pittsfield - 4  
Poultney - 6  
Rutland (Town) - 4  
Sherburne(Killington) - 11  
Shrewsbury - 8  
Sudbury - 3  
Tinnmouth - 5  
Wallingford - 1  
Wells - 8  
West Haven - 4  
West Pawlet - 13

## Washington (17) 70 Grants

Barre (Town) - 2  
Berlin - 5  
Cabot - 9  
Calais - 8  
Duxbury - 1  
East Montpelier - 4  
Fayston - 1  
Marshfield - 8  
Middlesex - 4  
Northfield - 4  
Plainfield - 5  
Roxbury - 6  
Waitsfield - 2  
Warren - 1  
Waterbury - 2  
Woodbury - 4  
Worcester - 5

## Windham (21) 70 Grants

Athens - 3  
Brattleboro - 2  
Brookline - 2  
Dover - 5  
Dummerston - 7  
Grafton - 3  
Guilford - 1  
Halifax - 2  
Londonderry - 5  
Marlboro - 4  
Newfane (Broadbrook) - 4  
Putney - 3  
Townshend - 5  
Rockingham - 3  
Stratton - 2  
Vernon - 1  
Wardsboro - 3  
Westminster - 3  
Whitingham - 4  
Wilmington - 7  
Windham - 2

## Windsor (20) 101 Grants

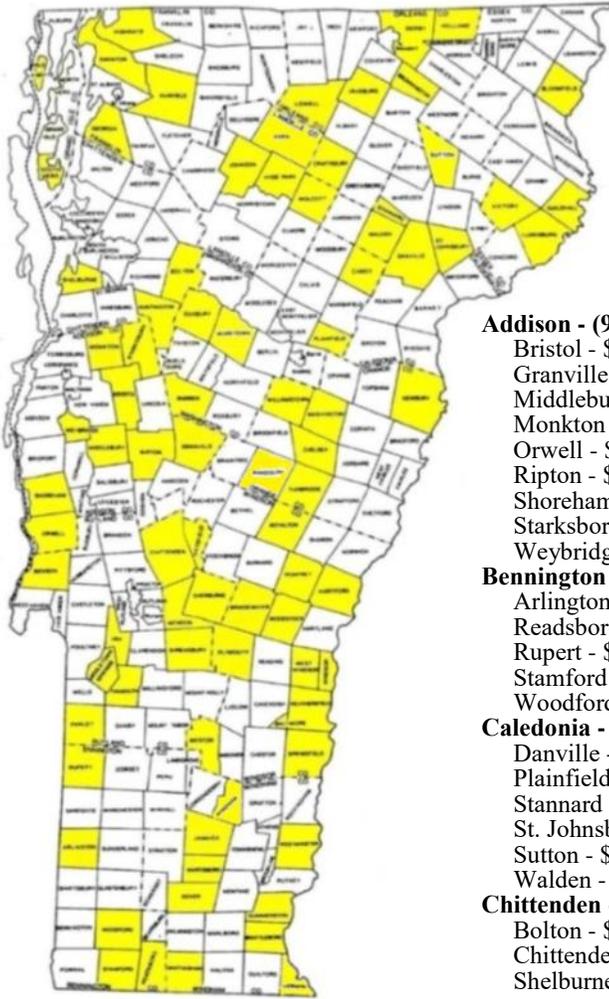
Baltimore - 1  
Barnard - 1  
Bethel - 7  
Bridgewater - 14  
Cavendish - 6  
Hartford - 7  
Hartland - 6  
Norwich - 9  
Plymouth - 6  
Pomfret - 10  
Reading - 11  
Rochester - 1  
Royalton - 4  
Sharon - 2  
Springfield - 4  
Stockbridge - 5  
Weathersfield - 7  
West Windsor - 3  
Windsor - 1  
Woodstock - 3

## 884 Rural Fire Protection Grants State wide

The two towns in **RED** were new to the RFP Program in 2017!!



**2000-2017 Special Cases Rural Fire Protection Grant Program**  
**85 Towns** were awarded **124 Grants** up to **\$10,000** totaling **\$479,777** funded by the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation



**Addison - (9) \$23,004**

- Bristol - \$1395
- Granville - \$3036 + \$2500
- Middlebury - \$970
- Monkton - \$5000
- Orwell - \$2500
- Ripton - \$103
- Shoreham - \$2500
- Starksboro - \$2500
- Weybridge - \$2500

**Bennington - (5) \$35,718**

- Arlington - \$415
- Readsboro - \$5937 + \$2,125
- Rupert - \$9086 + \$5927 + \$5003
- Stamford - \$2500
- Woodford - \$4725

**Caledonia - (6) \$24,830**

- Danville - \$2500
- Plainfield - \$9000
- Stannard - \$1840
- St. Johnsbury - \$6490
- Sutton - \$10,000
- Walden - (2)\$2500

**Chittenden - (3) \$7,500**

- Bolton - \$2500
- Chittenden - \$2500
- Shelburne - \$2500 + \$3389

**Essex - (4) \$9,780**

- Bloomfield - \$883
- Guildhall - \$2500
- Lunenburg - \$4897
- Victory - \$1500

**Franklin - (4) \$17,534**

- Fairfield - \$1500
- Georgia - \$3909
- Highgate - \$2125
- Swanton - \$10,000

**Grand Isle - (2) \$11,885**

- Isle LaMotte - \$5000
- South Hero - \$5000 + \$1,885

**Lamoille - (3) \$20,000**

- Eden - \$5889
- Hyde Park - \$10,000
- Johnson - (2)\$2500
- Wolcott - (2)\$2500

**Orange - (6) \$17,319**

- Newbury - \$2500
- Chelsea - \$2500
- Randolph - \$2,076
- Tunbridge - \$2218
- Washington - \$490 + \$2500
- Williamstown - \$5035

**Orleans - (6) \$22,290**

- Brownington - (2)\$2500
- Craftsbury - \$2500
- Derby - \$6074
- Holland - \$1875
- Irasburg - \$2500
- Lowell - \$4000 + \$341

**Rutland - (8) \$69,330**

- Benson - \$5000
- Ira - (2)\$5000 + \$3000
- Mendon - \$8400
- Middletown Springs - \$10000 + (2)\$2500
- Pawlet - (2)\$2500 + \$6430
- Sherburne - \$7500
- Shrewsbury - (2)\$2500 + \$1500
- Tinmouth - \$2500

**Washington - (5) \$24,583**

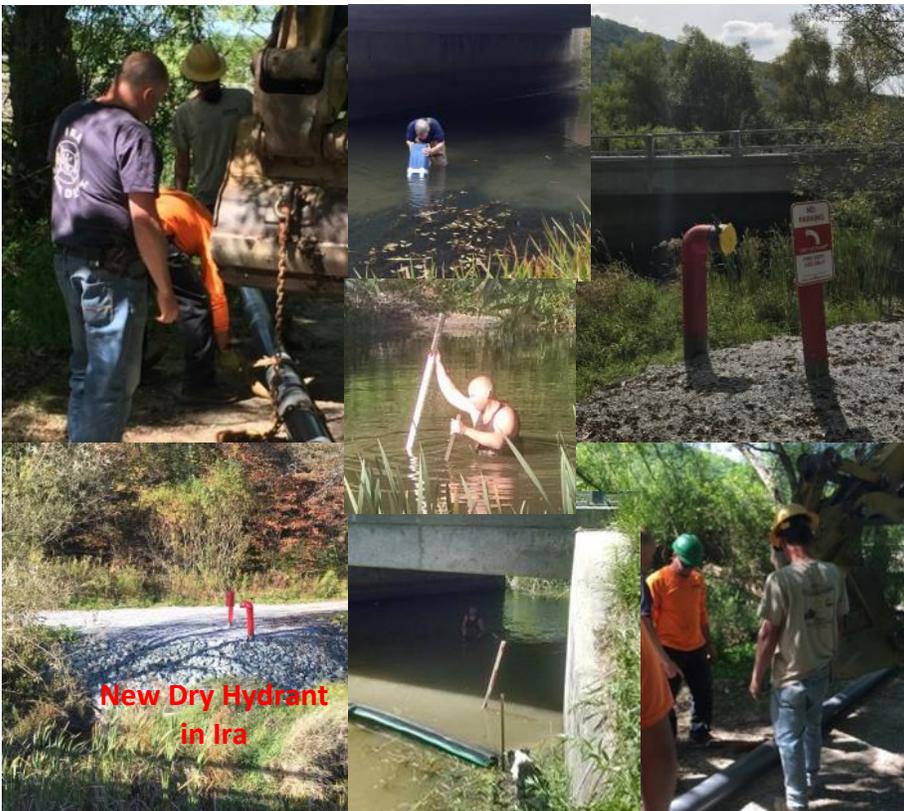
- Cabot - \$1186 + \$10,000
- Duxbury - \$1897
- Huntington - (2)\$2500
- Moretown - \$2500
- Warren - \$4000 + (2)\$2500

**Windham - (8) \$60,076**

- Brattleboro - \$9,800
- Dover - (2)\$2500
- Dummerston - \$10,000 + \$2500
- Grafton - \$2500
- Jamaica - \$5000
- Vernon - \$4889
- Wardsboro - \$5000 + \$5276
- Westminster - (2)\$2500
- Whitingham - \$10,000
- Windham - \$5833

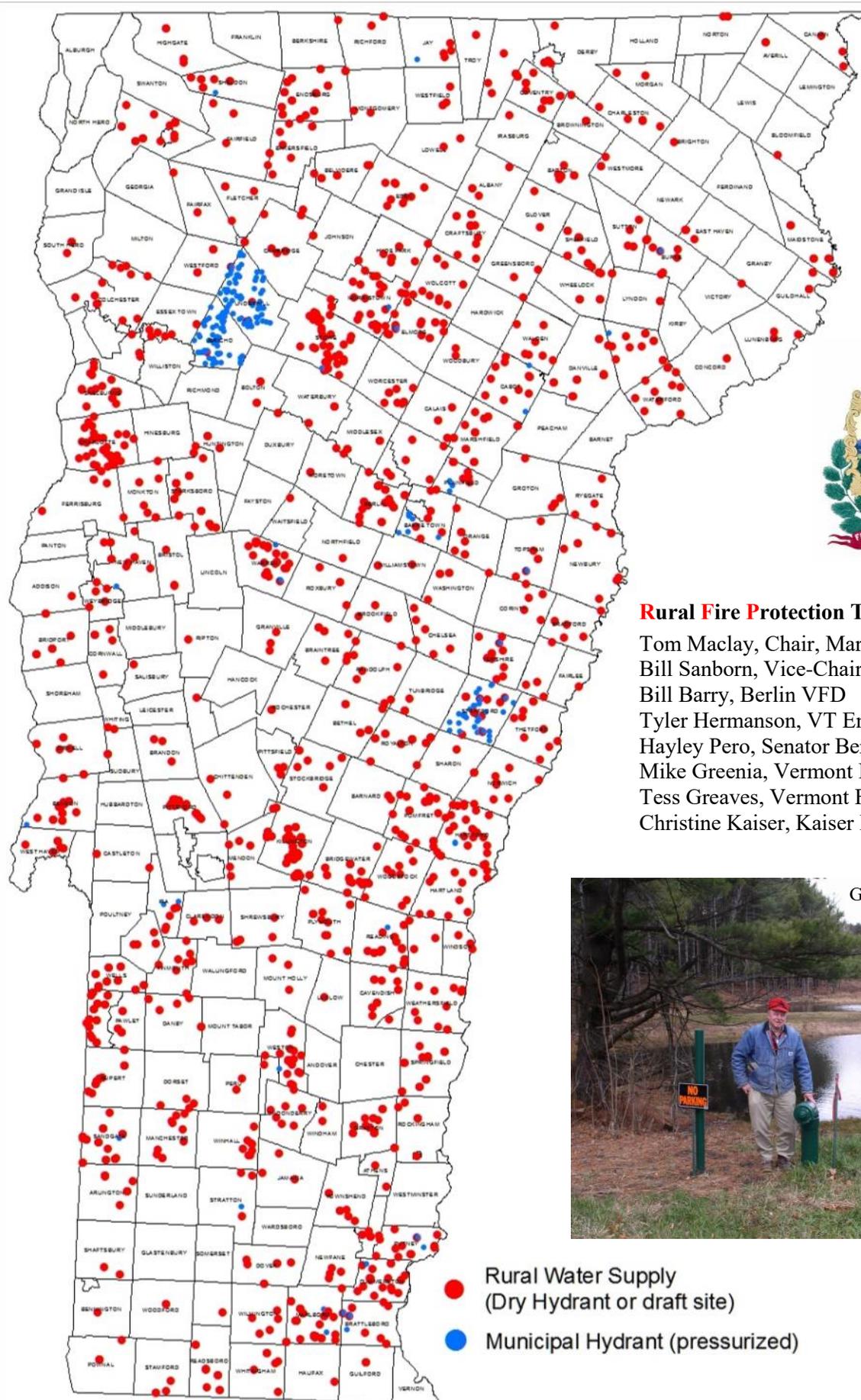
**Windsor - (13) \$90,928**

- Baltimore - \$1875 + \$5000
- Bridgewater - (2)\$2500 + \$4466
- Hartford - (2)\$2500 + \$3403
- Pittsfield - (2)\$2500
- Plymouth - (2)\$2500 + \$4000 + \$4888
- Pomfret - \$2500
- Royalton - \$10,000 + \$7396
- Springfield - \$2500
- Weathersfield - (2)\$2500 + \$10,000 + \$5000
- Weston - \$2500
- West Windsor - \$2500
- Windsor - \$7400
- Woodstock - \$2500



**New Dry Hydrant  
in Ira**

**Rural Fire Protection water supply locations are collected & submitted to VT E9-1-1 for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) and Emergency Responders State wide**



**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

- Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
- Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
- Bill Barry, Berlin VFD
- Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
- Hayley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office
- Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
- Tess Greaves, Vermont Forest Parks & Recreation
- Christine Kaiser, Kaiser Farm, Stowe VT



George "RIP" Richards

- Rural Water Supply (Dry Hydrant or draft site)
- Municipal Hydrant (pressurized)



**Mark Ferguson** - Natural Heritage Zoologist, with the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife, checks for fresh water mussels as part of the permitting process for a RFP Project in Ira.



**Zebra Mussels** can plug intakes and restrict flow rates. Mostly Lake Champlain systems.

(Dry hydrant intake from Isle La Motte - Lake Champlain)



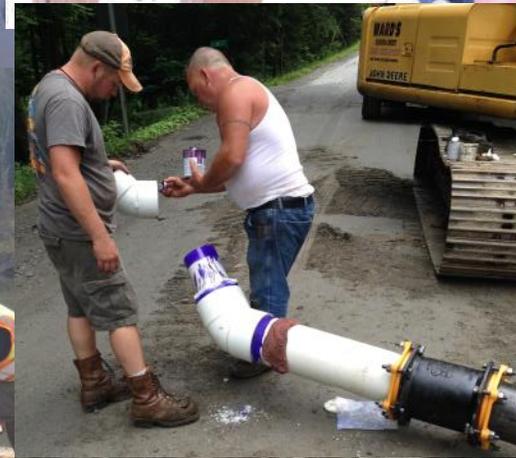
# RFP systems are reliable rural water supply sources year round!



From the Capital to the trenches... **Troy Dare, Program Manager & Engineering Technician** has helped secure funding and assisted in many installs since before the program began in 1998!



















*"Installing dry hydrants... shows residents in our town that we are working for them."*

Nick Garbacik,  
Berlin VFD

*"Allowed Elmore to have additional water supplies that we would otherwise not have had. Previous dry hydrants have been used in major fires. Their value in ease of establishing a water source is superb."* Brent Hosking, Elmore Fire Chief

*"With the manpower shortage that we have during the day, this hydrant allows us to set up water supply with one person, giving us more help at the scene."*

Richard Fisher,  
Chief, Concord VFD

*"The drant installed with this grant will greatly improve our tactical operations in a section of town that was greatly compromised with no year round water available."*

Thomas Goddard,  
Asst. Chief,  
Putney VFD

*"We would be unable to keep consistently upgrading our water supply capabilities in town if not for this critical grant program. Thank you."*

Thomas Goddard,  
Assistant Chief, Putney VFD

*"3 days after we tested it, the dry hydrant was used to fight a barn fire. Boy, were we happy to have it."*

Pete Richardson,  
Captain, Norwich VFD

*"We have extended fire service to a remote residential area, thus reducing the risk of loss of life and property."*

Julia Compagna,  
Grant Admin.,  
Hyde Park

*"Having year round access to the third branch of the White River adjacent to the built-up downtown provides a practically unlimited supply to supplement our hydrant system."*

Delbert Cloud,  
Town Manager, Bethel

*"The hydrants are a benefit for our dept. because they are located by the school, large farm, and a busy highway."*

Ron Taylor, Chief, West Pawlet VFD

*"This program is great! Without this grant money, a lot of small departments would not be able to have these draft sites."*

Russ Garrow,  
Mt. Holly VFD

*"What a pleasure to work with the Montgomery Fire Department whose priority is professionalism and doing the job right the first time."*

Troy Dare,  
Engineering  
Technician,  
Vermont Rural  
Fire Protection  
Task Force

*"This hydrant pond will supply water to an area of town where brooks freeze over or dry up."*

Matt Underwood Chief, Stratton FD

*"This is a great asset to the fire service."*

Matt Jakubowski, Lieutenant,  
Clarendon Fire Association

*"This project greatly improves our fire protection in our industrial zoned area. The hydrant is so wonderful."*

Mike Spackman,  
West Windsor VFD

*"The hydrant will allow us faster pumping to protect the village center including the school, town office, community center, and church."*

Marshall Squier,  
Tinmouth VFD

*"The program has helped the Monkton FD to create 2 ponds with hydrants and install 3 other hydrants in existing ponds. The program helps with the engineering and the permits. Troy has always returned calls in a timely fashion; very good to work with."*

David Layn, Chief, Monkton FD

*"A densely settled area of town now has a reliable water source."*

Gary Moore,  
Bradford FD

*"We have already used it several times for training and a couple times for tanker refill after fires. It is so much less labor intensive than having to establish a draft site from the river. This hydrant is a god-send for our community and our department. Thank you for your help."*

Bob Snarski, Chief, Shrewsbury VFD

*"This program has greatly improved the town's fire protection. In the past, water had to be trucked for miles, therefore hampering the effectiveness of firefighting. It's a very valuable worthwhile program. Troy Dare has a great helpful working attitude and his assistance to get this task accomplished was performed in the up-most professional manner."*

Richard Prue, Select Person, Town of Victory

*"It has given us a much quicker and safer way of access to an endless water supply."* Mike Harris, Chief, West Burke VFD

*"The Town of Poultney appreciates the assistance it has received from the VACD/VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force in implementing this Dry Hydrant (replacement), and the task of fire protection."*

Paul Donaldson - Town Manager, Poultney

*"Just after we installed this hydrant, we had a fire on the other side of town near one of our other granted hydrants. We saved that barn because of this program! Thank you!"*

Stanley Janowski  
Chief, Whitingham FD

*"This project (dry-hydrant) supplies water for approximately 24 homes within 1.5 miles in the Pumpkin Hill area."*

Dave Machell  
Landowner, Danville

*"Effective way to get water during the winter months when the streams are frozen"*

Philip Dodge  
Captain, Tri-Village FD

*"The dry hydrant grant program provides an invaluable service to our town by allowing our volunteer fire department to add year-round fire protection to a town with a municipal hydrant system."*

Chris Davis, Chief, Charlotte VFD

*"Over 20 additional structures will get a better Insurance Service Office (ISO) classification."*

Steve Finer, Chief, Killington Fire and Rescue

*"This dry hydrant will help us support fire fighting efforts in a remote corner of town with easy access to a dependable water supply."*

Tom Johnston, Secretary/  
Treasurer, Danby-Mt. Tabor VFD

*"Without these grants, our towns would not have the water resources to protect our properties."*

Marc Brown, Chief, Sheffield-Wheelock VFD

*"This new dry hydrant gives us year round access to water we didn't have before due to steep stream banks."*

Dave Layn, Chief, Monkton VFD

*"For the first time in our department's history, we are able to provide unlimited amounts of water year-round. Our town is much more prepared and our volunteers' job became significantly easier in providing fire suppression. Thank you very much."*

Rob Litchfield II  
President/Grant Writer Jamaica VFD

*"This program has helped us greatly in the past and we hope to benefit from it again in the future."*

Jason Merrill, Captain, Middlesex, VFD

*"We thank your organization for the success of this project. It obviously would have only been a pipe dream for a small Fire Department like ours."*

Bob Toppin, Chief, Ira VFD

*"This program has helped us greatly in the past and we hope to benefit from it again in the future."*

Jason Merrill, Captain, Middlesex, VFD

*"This grant has encouraged us to start a hydrant water supply program which we have never had in place."*

Doug Campbell, First Assistant Chief, East Randolph VFD

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Doug Campbell, First Assistant Chief, East Randolph

*"The resources provided by the VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force has enabled us to make improvements to our water supply system that results in quicker response times, faster set up and improved outcomes in Waterford"*

John Smith, Waterford VFD

*"We really appreciate the help that the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force gives us in coordinating our dry hydrant systems. Thank you."*

Joey Clark, Fire Fighter,  
Enosburgh Fire Department

*"This location was a great, if not the greatest, need in Westminster for a reliable water supply."*

Cole Streeter, Chief, Westminster Fire Dist. #3

*"This program is great!.. with the money and planning help, plus the motivation to get the hydrant installed..."*

Russ Garrow, Assistant  
Chief, Mt. Holly Fire Department

*"This grant has given us a 365 day a year water supply in South Londonderry."*

George Lang, Chief,  
Champion Fire Co. #5 Londonderry

*"A wonderful program...made very easy because of Troy's eagerness ...to me it was a fantastic first time experience."*

Perry Hollner, Treasurer, Williamstown Fire District

*"This is a very valuable program for rural fire departments like ours!"*

Marty Forrett, Chief, West Dummerston VFD

*"With a few more hydrants in town we will have very good coverage in all areas for fire suppression."*

Randy Calderwood, Captain,  
Craftsbury VFD

*"For years this water supply has been inaccessible during winter months. This dry hydrant will allow for year-round water supply for the village of Highgate."*

David Desorcie, Chief, Highgate VFD

*"This hydrant has given the Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department access to a water supply that was previously non-existent in this part of town."*

Vern Crawford  
Captain, Beecher Falls VFD

*"Funding has always been a problem and the Dry Hydrant Grant Program has removed that obstacle. With the expertise of Troy Dare, site selection and planning is smooth. It is a win/win program and the FD would be remiss by not participating."*

Jane Brown, Chief, Strafford Fireman's Association

*"This dry hydrant will help protect an important cluster of houses in our village."* Tom Harris, Captain, Plymouth VFD

*"This is a great program! It provides rural water supplies in rural areas of my community."*

William Lewis, Captain, Hartford FD

*"With this dry hydrant we can now provide better fire protection for a rural community that has no water sources."*

Shane Walker, Lieutenant, Stowe Fire Department

*"What a difference the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force has made in our town...Thank you!"*

Mark Livingston, 1st Assistant Chief,  
New Haven VFD

*"The grant allowed us to construct a water source in North Pomfret Village, which never had one before."*

Robert Harrington, Chief, Pomfret VFD

*"The dry hydrant will serve 75 homes formerly without rural fire protection."*

Julia Compagne, Town Admin. Hyde Park

*"This project would not have been possible without the help of Troy Dare and this grant."*

Bruce Maxham, Chief, Bridgewater VFD

*"Being a small rural town with no fire dept. we rely on these fire hydrants to make a difference for the homes in this area of town."*

Rita Bisson, Town Clerk, Orange

*"This will supply water to North Pawlet and surrounding areas. Last December we had a structure fire in this area...water supply was very difficult at best."* Dave Hosley, Chief, West Pawlet VFD

*"This grant was instrumental in installing a (dry) hydrant and improving access to a major water supply location that has been traditionally difficult to use to its potential."*

Arjay West, Chief, Johnson Firefighter Association

*"This program is one of the best things to come along, you see dry hydrants in about every town you drive through."*

Walter Bothfeld Jr., Chief, Cabot VFD

*"This dry hydrant will dramatically improve response time to Highgate Springs where previously the closest water source in Winter is 7 miles away."* Heidi Britch-Valenta, Administrator, Town of Highgate

*"This has been a great program which gains us multiple water supply areas year-round"*

Matt Jakubowski, Lieutenant,  
Clarendon Fire Association

*"This hydrant is very close to the center of town with a store, Inn, church, and many houses close by. It is a great asset to the town."*

Randi Calderwood,  
Captain, Craftsbury VFD

*"This grant has made it possible to install a dry hydrant and provide better fire protection to this area of town. The installation would not be possible without the grant."*

Douglas Fenn, Chief, Cornwall VFD

*"Allows for better fire safety for the Spring Lake Ranch & other residents on Spring Lake Road."*

John Freeman, Physical Plant Manager,  
Spring Lake Ranch, Shrewsbury

*"This hydrant is located in our town center and will provide water for fire suppression to approximately 60 structures, an invaluable hydrant."*

Tate Jeffrey  
Chief, Huntington VFD

*"This site now provides the BFD with a reliable year round drafting site that we never have been able to have with out the help of the grant. This site will benefit the Town of Leicester as well as Brandon."*

Robert Kilpeck, Chief, Brandon FD

*"The dry hydrant grant program is a tremendous help for us...without it...it would be extremely difficult to increase the level of fire protection in Waterford."*

Colin Fucci, Treasurer, Waterford VFD

*"The Town of Bethel is appreciative of the dry hydrant grant program. It is gratifying to know that a sufficient supply of water is available to fire suppression services in a previously unprotected area."*

Del Cloud, Town Manager, Bethel

*"This dry hydrant will service eight homes within 1500 feet to the North and South plus tanker shuttle."*

Jack Peters, Chief, Teago FD, Pomfret

*"The hydrants are a benefit for our dept. because they are located by the school, large farm, and a busy highway."*

Ron Taylor, Chief, West Pawlet VFD

*"The brook was used this summer for a house fire and if the hydrant had been there, a few minutes would have made a difference."*

James Fergusson,  
Selectman Fletcher

*"We would not have been able to provide this level of fire protection in this rural area without the assistance of the VT Association of Conservation Districts and the Rural Fire Protection Program. The citizens of Westfield thank you!"*

Yves Daigle - Chair, Select-board, Town of Westfield

*"The money we received from this grant helped update and replace an old (dry) hydrant with a new hydrant that can be used by us and any incoming departments with ease."*

Scott Poljacik - Chief, Chittenden VFD

*"This project would not have been possible without this program. Before this new hydrant, we had no place to draft water with a pumper in this part of town."*

Zachary Bowley - President - Bridgewater VFD

*"This grant helped Braintree to take the first step toward its goal of having several dry hydrants located in different sections of the town; to provide quicker access to water for fire-fighting activities."*

Sharon Liebert, Chair, Braintree Selectboard

*"Again, this project would not have been possible without a grant from the Dry Hydrant Grant Program."*

Bruce Maxham, Chief, Bridgewater VFD

*"After 15 years of Vermont weather, our (dry) hydrants had become unreliable. This grant enabled us to bring them back to 100% reliability."*

William Johnson - 1st Assistant Chief  
Isle La Motte VFD

*"The West Fairlee Fire Department is very grateful for the grants being available as it gave us the ability to put in two key dry hydrants that will give us a much needed water supply for the Town of West Fairlee and our surrounding towns, without the grants it would have been very hard on our budget to do these projects, thank you."*

Cory Austin, Assistant Chief, West Fairlee FD

*"Projects like this could not be accomplished without the help from Troy and the money from the (RFP) grant."*

Craig Wooster - Senior Fire-Fighter Shelburne FD

**"GREAT PROGRAM!"**

Russ Thompson, Chief, Springfield Fire Dept.

*"Town of Readsboro is very happy with the project...we want to apply again!"*

Craig Bartosewicz, Selectman,  
Readsboro Selectboard

*"Because we don't have our own FD, we have to depend on a neighboring town for our contracted fire protection. Because of distance this hydrant will be a big asset in getting water quicker to the fire site."*

Nellie Noble, Town Clerk, Granby

*"The RFP Grant has enabled the Town of Chelsea to move one step further towards adequately protecting town resources by the installation of a new dry hydrant at our (new) town garage site. This will provide the Chelsea Fire Dept. with another resource to protect the industrial sector of the town."*

Karen Lathrop - Administrator, Town of Chelsea

*"The grant award has allowed the Shoreham Fire Department to install a dry hydrant in a key location in town that did not have a water supply connection before. This (dry) hydrant will be a primary hydrant for us because of its accessibility."*

Jason Paquette - 1st Captain - Shoreham FD

*"This grant allows us to close a major gap in the Northern part of Newbury."*

Dan Martin, Emergency Services Coordinator,  
Town of Newbury

*"These grants continue to improve our year-round water supplies and provide an important benefit to our community."*

Jeffrey Duda - Chief, Champion Fire Co. #5

*"This hydrant is the closest water supply to the Village of So. Pomfret and can serve 21 houses with the help of our 4" LDH hose."*

John Peters, Chief, Teago FD

*"This hydrant will help cover our downtown area with river supplied water."*

David Shaw, Asst. Chief, Middlebury FD

*"Great help for the north end of town...Troy is very helpful!"*

Mike Chmielewski, Chief, Colchester FD

*"Installation in Case Pond on Davis Hill will provide a water source to an area of town steep in slope and lacking municipal hydrants."*

Julia Compagne, Town Administrator, Hyde Park

*"The resources provided by the VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force has enabled us to make improvements to our water supply system that results in quicker response times, faster set up and improved outcomes in Waterford"*

John Smith, Waterford VFD

*"In times of rising expenses and tight budgets, small towns often find it difficult to move ahead with worthwhile projects. These grants have made it possible for us to install dry hydrants in a key location, giving access to a fire suppression water supply in an area of town quite distant from the fire department."*

Sharon Liebert, Chair,  
Braintree Selectboard

**Poultney Fire Department added 4 new photos.**

This morning members of the Poultney Fire Department were assisted by the Town of Poultney road crew in replacing a broken dry hydrant on Hillside Rd. in East Poultney. The hydrant replacement was paid for by a grant the fire department received from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force which is operated by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts.



**Seven Dry Hydrants Installed**



**Town adds hydrants, expands capacity to battle local blazes**

**ST. ALBANS TOWN** — The St. Albans Town Fire Department, with the help of town's highway and parks department on Nov. 9 completed the installation of a dry hydrant at the St. Albans Bay dock.

The installation of the hydrant was part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of the town, according to information provided by Randall Swann, assistant chief of the town fire department.

Dry hydrants are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. A dry hydrant consists of 6- to 8-inch pipe with a fitting to which a pumper/tanker truck can attach.

The pipe connects to a water source (lake pond or stream) that can supply at least 60,000 gallons of water under drought conditions.

The town fire dept is in the process of improving fire protection by installing dry hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes.

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and

► **HYDRANTS on page 5A**

*Photos courtesy of Randy Swann, SATFD*  
Town personnel earlier this month completed installation of a dry fire hydrant system at St. Albans Bay. The new equipment, located near the bay dock, will enable firefighters to access lake water for fighting fires. The fire, public works, and parks departments cooperated in the project that was funded with a grant and local match money.



**Hancock Volunteer Fire Dept. Works on Pond Rehab Project**

*By Martha Stater*  
Up a steep dirt road behind the former Champe Mill (previously owned by Weyhauser) is a pond surrounded by woods where the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department has been doing some rehab work.  
"We call it 'mucking the pond,'" said Hancock Fire Chief Jacques Vuilleux. "It's muck and mud that build up at the bottom of the pond over the years. That muck was probably two feet deep when we started the work."  
The pond is connected to a hydrant at the south end of the mill building, which the fire department hooks up to, to fill the tanker trucks when they need to fight fires. The muck at the bottom was interfering with access to the hydrant.  
"In the winter, we can't get water from the river, so this is our only water source," Vuilleux explained. The water is fed into the pond, which is 12-15 feet deep and about 100-foot long, by springs in the surrounding woods.  
To pay for the rehab work needed, the fire department got a Dry Hydrant Grant from the state's Vermont Rural Hydrant Fire Protection Program, which Vuilleux said pays 75% of the cost—up to a \$5,000 limit. The remaining 25% will come from money earned at the fire department's recent annual auction.  
The excavation work is being done by Ken Beattie of Greenville, and the fire department members



Hancock Fire Chief Jacques Vuilleux by the edge of the pond his department uses as a water source. Herald / Martha Stater

**Dry hydrant installed at Hall's Lake**

**Athens gets dry hydrant**

**Thanks for help for installation of dry hydrant in Bakersfield**

Bakersfield Volunteer fire Department has recently installed a Dry Hydrant at the South end of an area located at Does Leap Goat Dairy. Dry Hydrants are a means of providing a water supply for fire suppression in rural areas. They are typically installed at ponds or streams below frost providing use in summer or winter months. This water supply will provide fire protection to Does Leap farm and the southern sector in the town of Bakersfield. It was installed with the help of a grant from the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts and the Vermont Rural Fire Protection program.

The Bakersfield VFD would like to thank the Does Leap Goat Farm and the Vendors that provided materials and Mayo's construction for Harmons gifted excavating talents.

*St. Albans Bakersfield Volunteer Fire Department  
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5/13/16*



Volunteers install a dry hydrant earlier this month (Provided) the Chronicle, December 22, 2004

**Dry hydrant installed**

The Craftsbury Fire Department recently installed a dry hydrant in Big Mooser Pond. The hydrant will be used for fire protection for the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and the homes and camps near the pond. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force and the Northern Vermont Resource, Conservation, and Development Council provided design and financial assistance to the fire department.  
Photo courtesy of Bruce Urle

**Belvidere Installs Dry Hydrant**

**Dry Hydrant Installed In Granby**

The town of Granby completed the installation of a dry hydrant in October on Granby Road in Victory, just over the town line, in a pond owned by Jaime Stratton. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Granby. The grant

amount awarded was \$2,500 and the town of Granby had to contribute 25 percent of the total cost in money or donated time and/or equipment.

The town is in the process of improving fire protection by installing dry hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting

purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Councils provided assistance to the town in developing a plan to improve water supply to Granby.

The Vermont Legislature and U.S. Forest Service approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural area of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with the assistance of the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development councils administered the grant program.

Dry hydrants are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. A dry hydrant consists of a six to eight inch pipe with a fitting to which a pumper can attach. The pipe connects to a water source (pond or stream) that can supply at least 60,000 gallons under drought conditions. This is but one example of the service the town and fire department provide in preparation for the next alarm.



# Stamford installs a dry hydrant on Clough Road

STAMFORD, Vt. — The Stamford Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., in partnership with the town of Stamford, completed the installation of a dry hydrant on Clough Road.

Part of this project was funded from a \$2,500 grant from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, 2011 Dry Hydrant Grant Program and the remaining balance was funded by the Fire Company through fund raising efforts. In addition, the town of Stamford provided labor and equipment from the town Highway Department.

and domestic fire hydrants, the dry hydrant concept can provide a simple, cost-effective solution to the need to water sources with a dry hydrant connection. A dry hydrant consists of an arrangement of pipe one end in the water and the other end extending to a pumper. Dry hydrants are available for purchase from a number of suppliers.

- A non-pressure system.
- Use relatively inexpensive piping materials and fittings.



# 15th Dry Hydrant For Hyde Park

## FRANKLIN COUNTY JOURNAL

The St. Albans Messenger, Thursday Jan. 8, 2015

### New firefighting dry hydrant placed in service

GEORGIA — The Georgia Fire Department has placed in service a new dry hydrant for firefighting at 3128 Ethan Allen Highway nearly across from the Ascension Catholic Church. The new dry hydrant will enable firefighters year round access to water at a pond at this location.

Funding for the hydrant was made possible by a grant from the Georgia Fire Department.



Courtesy photo

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The installation of the hydrant will result in a reduction in risk to property and lives in this area. Property owners may also benefit from reduced insurance premiums due to the increased ability for fire suppression.

### LOCAL/VERMONT

## Highgate Volunteer Fire Department installs dry hydrant

The Highgate Volunteer Fire Department on Sept. 24 completed the installation of a dry hydrant at the river on Vermont Route 70 in East Highgate. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Highgate.

The Fire Department is in the process of improving fire protection in Highgate by installing dry hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, through the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resources Conservation and Development



Councils provided assistance to the Fire Department in developing a plan to improve water supply in Highgate. The legislature and U.S. Forest Service approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural areas of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with the assistance of the Northern Vermont Conservation and Development Councils administered the grant program.

Dry hydrants are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. A dry hydrant consists of a 6 to 8 inch pipe with a fitting to which a fire pumper can attach. The pipe connects to a water source that can supply at least 90,000 gallons of water under drought conditions.

This is only one example of the service your fire department provides in preparation for the next call.

the Chronicle, November 28, 2001

# Irassburg has two new dry hydrants



Irassburg Fire Department is better prepared to fight fires these days, thanks to two new dry hydrants. The hydrants allow firefighters to get water from rivers and ponds quickly and easily without having to break ice or climb down banks and risk getting trucks stuck. They are dry down to the water level. This one is located beside the covered bridge near Bill Lawson's farm, and the other one is at the Royer Family Farm where a farm pond will provide water in case of a fire in that neighborhood. Pictured above, left to right, are: state Senator Vince Illuzzi, Irassburg Fire Department Assistant Chief Alan Butler, Captain Jesse Palmer, and Captain Jeff Ferrin. Mr. Illuzzi said \$1-million has been designated for dry hydrants all over Vermont, \$100,000 a year. The legislation says that each of Vermont's 14 counties should get equal shares of funds for the hydrants. Mr. Ferrin expressed gratitude to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, the Fish and Wildlife Department and the Lawsons and Royers for their help making the new hydrants possible.

Photo by Bethany M. Dunbar

# Jamaica Firefighters Improving Water Supply

## Assisted by State Agencies and Special Appropriations

The Jamaica Volunteer Fire Department, on Oct. 1, completed the installation of a dry hydrant near the firehouse. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Jamaica.

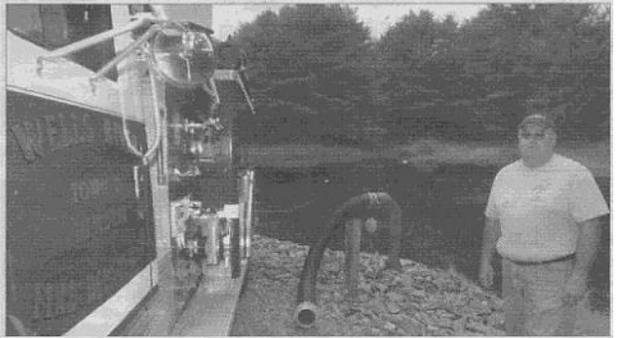
The Fire Department is in the

process of improving fire protection in Jamaica by installing dry hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, through the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Councils, provided assistance in developing a plan to

improve water supply in Jamaica. The legislature and U.S. Forest Service approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural areas of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, through the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Councils, provided assistance in developing a plan to

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# Improving fire protection in Newbury



## Town installs dry hydrant

READSBORO- The town completed the installation of a dry hydrant at the west end of Main Street on October 14. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in Readsboro.

The town is in the process of improving fire protection in the village by installing dry hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, through the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Councils,



Readsboro's new dry hydrant.

## Fairfax Gets New Fire Hydrant in North End

by Fire Chief Jim Field

On October 31, 2002 the Fairfax Fire Department completed the installation and testing of a dry hydrant on the north end of the Nichols Road. The installation was part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Fairfax.

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Councils provided assistance to the fire department. Assistance in developing a plan to improve water supplies Fairfax.

The Legislature and U.S. Forest Service approved appropriations to

assist communities in the installation of dry hydrants. We were fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Northern VT RC&D that enables us to complete this installation.

Dry hydrants enable the fire department to get water much more rapidly than accessing it directly from ponds or streams. This is especially true in the winter months when ice has to be cut and removed to gain access.

Our thanks go out to the Northern VT RC&D staff and also to Jim Bryce the owner of the pond. His cooperation and donations that improved the pond are greatly appreciated.

Fire Chief Jim Field



# Dry hydrant installed on Lime Kiln Road

## Weathersfield improves fire hydrant

reconstruction of a dry hydrant at the Pond on Road, the Town of Weathersfield continued its efforts to provide reliable fire hydrants throughout town. The new dry hydrant is the best and most efficient dry hydrant to date. Murphy Construction from Weathersfield used its excavator to reach to the silt that had

horizontal pipe was found to be cracked, so it was replaced. The Acutney Volunteer Fire Department and the Weathersfield Highway Department assisted in the rehabilitation efforts.

This project was made possible through the generosity of the McDermott family, on whose land the dry hydrant is located, as well as a \$5,000 grant received from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection



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# NEW DRY HYDRANT SERVES WEST ENOSBURGH

the Chronicle, September 15, 2004

## Glover has new dry hydrant



PREPARING FOR FIRE—The Newbury Fire Department installed this dry hydrant on Hall's Lake on Nov. 18.

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Hartland Fire Dept & Rescue Squad

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Hartland Fire Dept & Rescue Squad

October 25 at 7:08pm

The Hartland Volunteer Fire Department has recently completed a Hydrant Water Supply upgrade at the fire department or engineering and financial support from Vermont Association of Fire Districts (VAFD) Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force. A new low level strainer has been installed on the brook to serve as one of our key water supplies for fire protection. This work was made possible through...

Sept. 16, 2004



Colchester Fire Department members installed this dry hydrant in early November on Houghton Road. The project is part of a program to improve fire protection in the rural parts of the state. (courtesy photo)

### Fire Department Installs Dry Hydrant

CABOT — Members of the town's fire department completed the installation of a dry hydrant in early November at the Cottrell Hill Recreation Camp on Houghton Road. The installation is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of the town. Dry hydrants are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. A dry hydrant consists of a 6 to 8 inch pipe with a fitting to which a pump/tanker truck can attach. The pipe connects to a water source (pond or stream) that can supply at least 60,000 gallons under drought conditions. This hydrant will help the water supply on Houghton Road and to the many buildings of the camp. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Northern Vermont and George D. Alken Resource Conservation and Development Councils provided assistance to the departments in developing a plan to improve water supply in the town. The Legislature and the U.S. Forest Service approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in rural areas. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with the assistance of the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council administered the grant program.

## MFD's Latest Dry Hydrant



PHOTO BY GORDON MILLER

Waterbury fire officials recently tested a newly installed dry hydrant on Shaw Mansion Road. The new hydrant allows firefighters to draw water out of the reservoir instead of having to use a tanker truck.



The Colchester Sun, Thursday, September 21, 2006

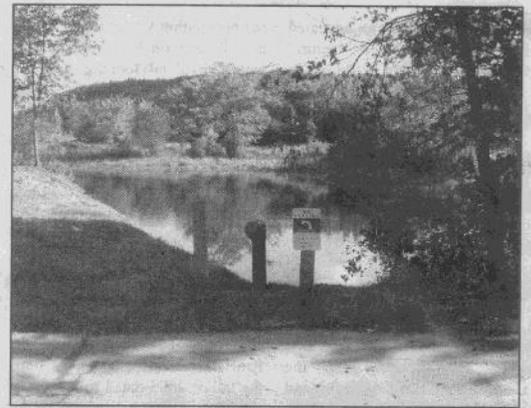
## 'Dry Hydrant' installed on Middle Road

Submitted by John Meyers, CCVFC

The Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company (CCVFC), through a grant and the help of local agencies, is pleased to announce the addition of a much-needed fire hydrant on Middle Road in Colchester.

The hydrant, known as a "dry hydrant," was installed recently on Dick Pecor's pond at 2868 Middle Road, near the intersection with Galvin Hill Road. Dry hydrants are different from a normal hydrant because they are connected to a lake, pond, or other non-pressurized water source, and the water has to be drawn out by a fire truck, then pumped up to a fire. There is no town water line that far down Middle Road.

Funding came in the form of a \$2,300 grant (with a 25 percent local match from the CCVFC) from the



The new hydrant on Middle Road in front of Dick Pecor's Pond.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



## New Dry Hydrant in Hyde Park

8 The Deerfield Valley News - October 13, 2011

### Fire department installs another dry hydrant

DOVER—The West Dover Fire Department completed the installation of a dry hydrant at Burchard Road on October 7. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Dover.

The fire department is in the process of improving fire protection in Dover by installing dry hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting

purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council provided assistance to the fire department in developing a plan to improve the water supply in Dover. The Vermont Legislature approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural areas of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with

the assistance of the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council administers the grant program.

Dry hydrants are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no main water mains. A dry hydrant consists of a 6- to 8-inch pipe with a fitting to which a pump/tanker truck can attach. The pipe connects to a water source pond that can supply at least 60,000 gallons under drought conditions.

This is but one example of the service the fire department provides in preparation for the next alarm.

## Westford installs dry hydrants

By Matt Ryan  
Free Press Staff Writer

WESTFORD — To battle a blaze that burned a Westford barn to the ground last weekend, the Westford Fire Department relied on a 750-gallon portable pump the Fairfax Fire Department drove to the scene. Had they gone in alone, Westford firefighters would have used a dry hydrant hooked up to a nearby pond off Prospect Hill Road.

Westford installed the dry hydrant, the first of six purchased with state grants.



MATT RYAN, Free Press

# Rural Fire Protection projects in the ... And on-line!



## Hartland Fire Dept & Rescue Squad

October 25 at 7:08pm · 🌐

The Hartland Volunteer Fire Department has recently completed a Dry Hydrant Water Supply upgrade at the fire department on Route 12. With engineering and financial support from Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force Rural Fire Protection Program, a new low level strainer has been installed in Lull's brook to serve as a one of our key water supplies for fire suppression in the Town of Hartland. This work was made possible through funds provided by this program along with donated hours and equipment from D&D Excavating, Town of Hartland, Hartland Town Highway, Hartland Volunteer Fire Department, and Northstar Hydro, Inc.



## Town of Weathersfield, Vermont

Published by Ed Morris (?) · Just now · 🌐

The Town of Weathersfield, West Weathersfield Volunteer Fire Department, Acutney Volunteer Fire Department and the landowners of 1335 Gulf Road have teamed up to help improve fire safety in the Town of Weathersfield by installing a new dry hydrant near the intersection of Gulf Road and Plains Road. This project was funded with help from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council who help plan and develop water supply improvements in Weathersfield and other Towns around Vermont. The Vermont Legislature appropriates money to this task force and council to help improve fire protection in rural Vermont.



## NEWS & CITIZEN

### Belvidere installs new dry hydrant

Dec 15, 2016 · 🌐



## Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department

July 26 at 6:31am · 🌐

The Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department has completed the installation of a new fire hydrant on Morey Hill Road.

The installation of this hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in rural portions of Wolcott. The fire department is in the process of improving fire protection in town by installing hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes.

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, through the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD), provided assistance to the fire department in developing a plan to improve water supply in Wolcott.

We would also like to thank the landowners for giving us permission to install the hydrant.



## Cambridge Fire Department, Vermont

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\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*

December 5th 2016

The Cambridge Fire Company on September 24th 2016 completed the installation of new a dry hydrant on Glenn Drive in the Town of Cambridge, Vermont. The installation of these dry hydrants is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Cambridge.

Installations of dry hydrants into numerous nearby and developed water supplies helps eliminate the inefficiency and complexity of long distance water shuttle in operations for fire departments. Cambridge Currently has 14 dry hydrants and will continue to apply for new ones each year.

Cambridge Fire Department 2nd Assistant Chief  
Dan Wyckoff

## Johnson dry hydrant will help firefighters

THE RECORD • WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011

### Waterford Fire Department Enhances Fire Protection

The Waterford Volunteer Fire Department completed the installation of a dry hydrant at 101 Birchwood Heights Lane in Waterford on Sept. 17. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to enhance fire protection in the rural portions of Waterford.

The department is in the process of upgrading fire protection resources in Waterford by installing dry hydrants to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, through the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council, is providing assistance to the fire department in developing a plan to improve water supply in Waterford.

The Vermont Legislature has approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to increase the level of fire protection in rural areas of Vermont.

Dry hydrants are a preferred method of providing water for firefight-

## Thanks for help for installation of dry hydrant in Bakersfield

## Enosburgh receives \$2,500 in hydrant grants

## West Pawlet Fire Department



Members of the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department.

## WPFDD sees large increase in call volume

During an era when many volunteer fire departments are struggling with declining membership and the skyrocketing cost of equipment, the West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department is flourishing.

Membership is holding strong and the department has aggressively identified and pursued grants to cover the cost of new equipment and increase its capacity to provide fire protection services to the community.

In the past year the department has received more than \$124,000 in grants. This spring the department received a

\$120,000 Assistance to Firefighter Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant enabled the department to obtain new air packs, a cascade air compressor and a filling station.

Chief Dave Hosley said the equipment benefits the department in a number of ways, but most importantly helps to protect its members. The new air packs replaced older units that no longer met national safety requirements and the self-contained filling station keeps members safe in the event there was a ever defect or leak in

one of the tanks.

The department also received a \$4,000 grant from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force that it used to install a dry hydrant. The hydrant is the 13th in the district, insuring the department never has to go far to find water.

"Our former chief, Ronnie Taylor, was big on them. We try to install one or two each year. They provide us with a reliable source of water throughout the town," Hosley said.