

Water Quality Division

6 V.S.A. Chapter 215

Regulatory, Technical and Financial Assistance for
Vermont Farms

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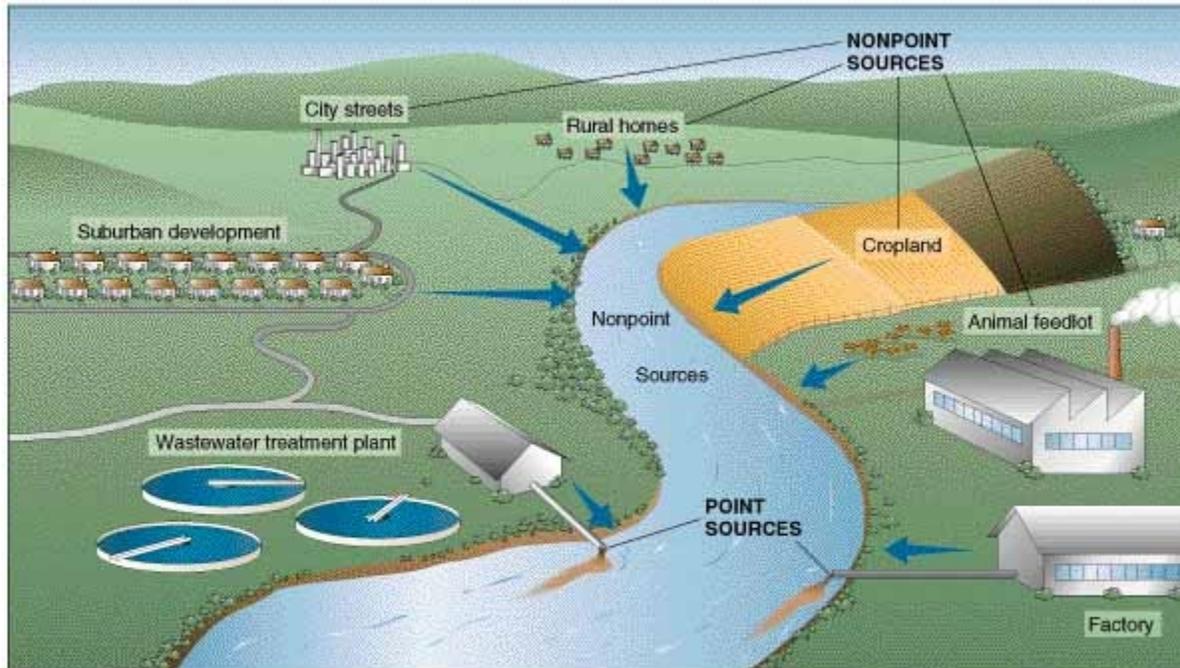
Chapter 215: Agricultural Water Quality

Subchapter 1: General Provisions

§ 4801. Purpose; State policy

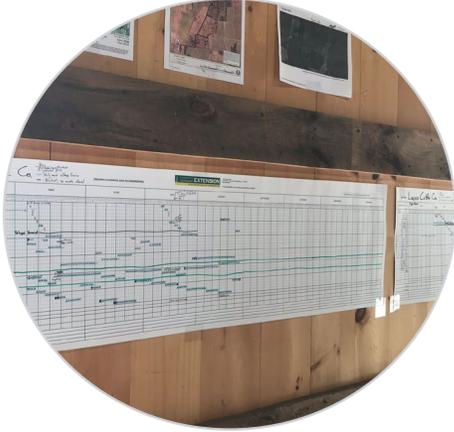
It is the purpose of this chapter to ensure that agricultural animal wastes do not enter the waters of this State. Therefore it is State policy that:

(1) All farms meet certain standards in the handling and disposal of animal wastes, as provided by this chapter, and the cost of meeting these standards shall not be borne by farmers only, but rather by all members of society, who are in fact the beneficiaries.

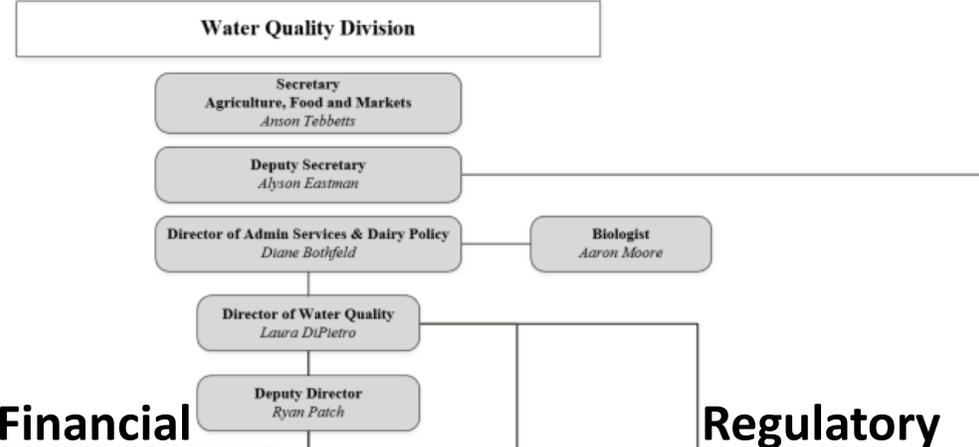


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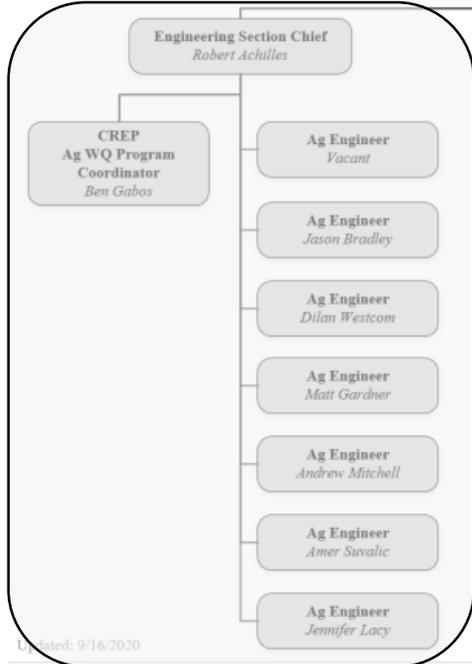
- NONPOINT Source Agricultural
 - State Delegated to AAFM
 - RAPs (required agricultural practice rules)
 - CSFO (certified small farm operation)
 - MFO (medium farm operation rule & permits)
 - LFO (large farm operation rule & permit)



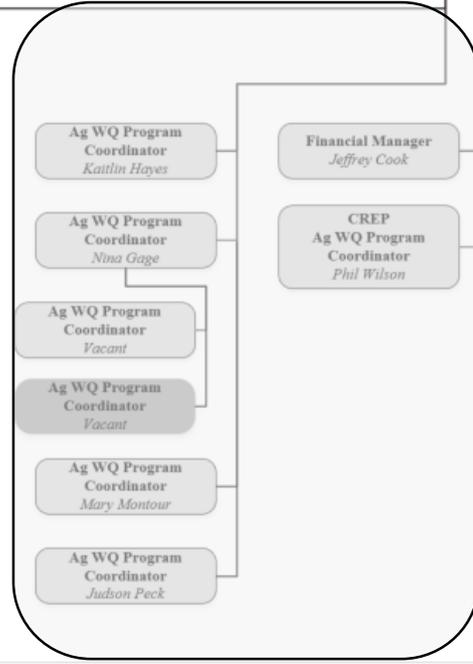
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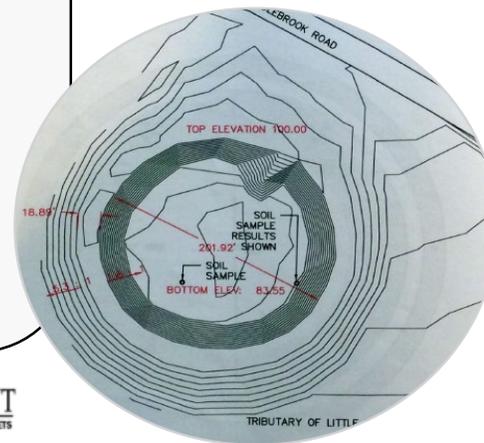
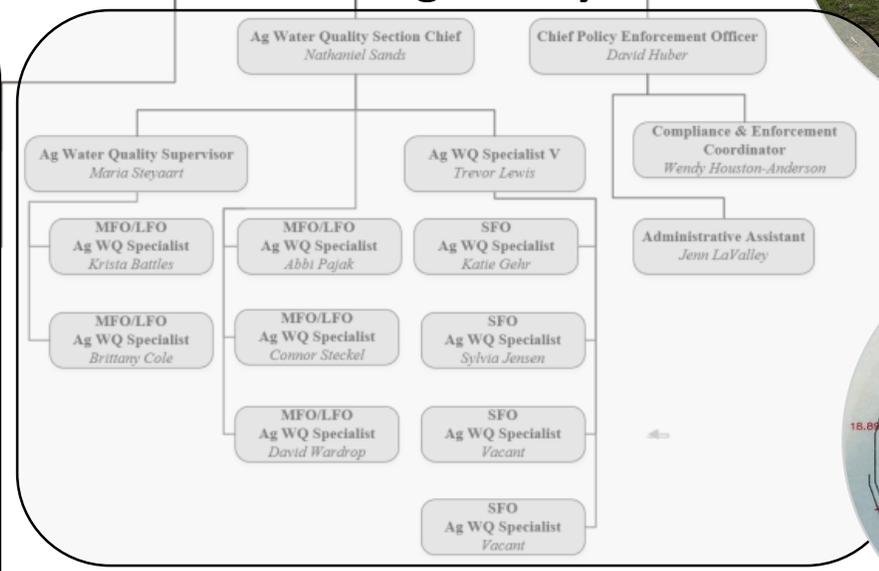
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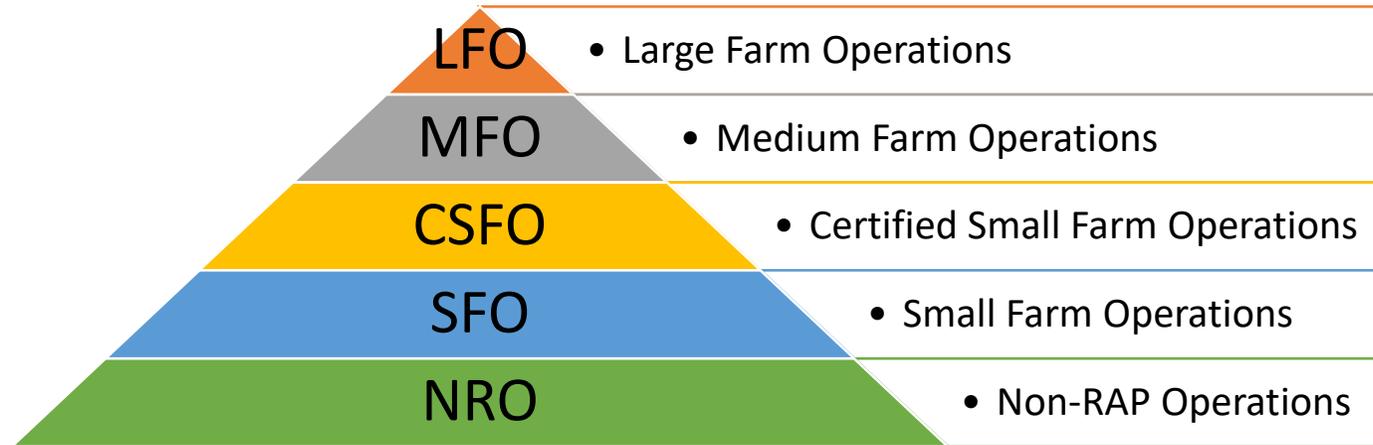
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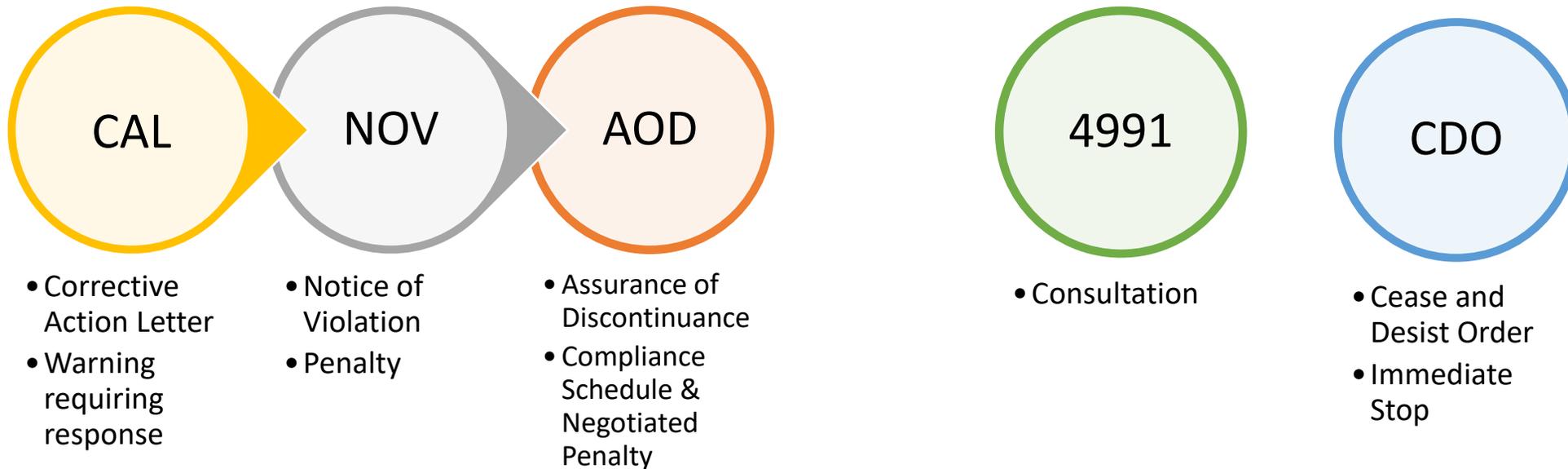
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Farm Regulatory Thresholds



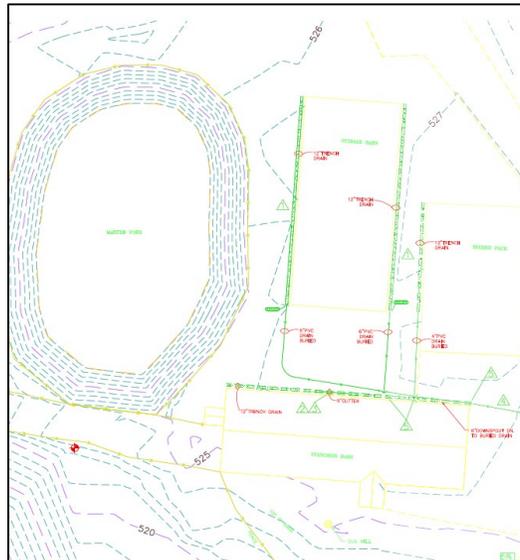
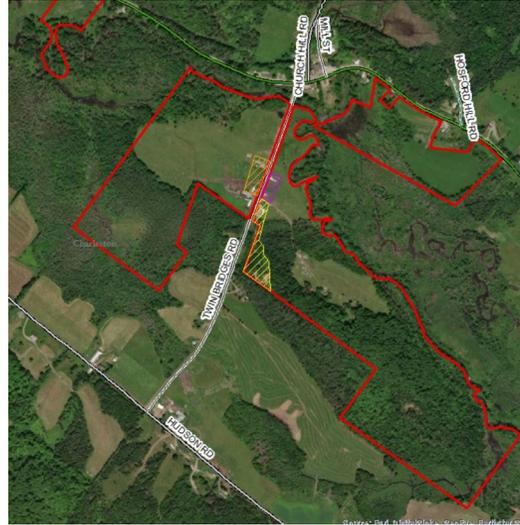
Enforcement Process



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
the AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS
and
the AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND
ENFORCEMENT of
AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS
AS REQUIRED BY 6 V.S.A. § 4810, 10 V.S.A. §§ 1259(i) and
8003(d)



- Engineering & Design Services for Water Quality Project
- Farmland Conservation & Restoration



BMP

- Capital Construction Improvements
- \$4,147,750 awarded FY 20



CREP

- Surface Water Buffers
- \$0 awarded FY 20 (federal)



CEAP

- Equipment
- \$1,413,600 awarded FY 20



FAP

- Agronomic Practices
- \$795,645 awarded FY 20



GWFS

- Critical Seedings
- \$25,865 awarded FY 20



PSWF

- Pasture Support
- \$326,300 awarded FY 20



CWIP

- On Farm & Partner Support
- \$3,409,003 awarded in FY 20



Membership of the working group, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, includes the following individuals and organizations:

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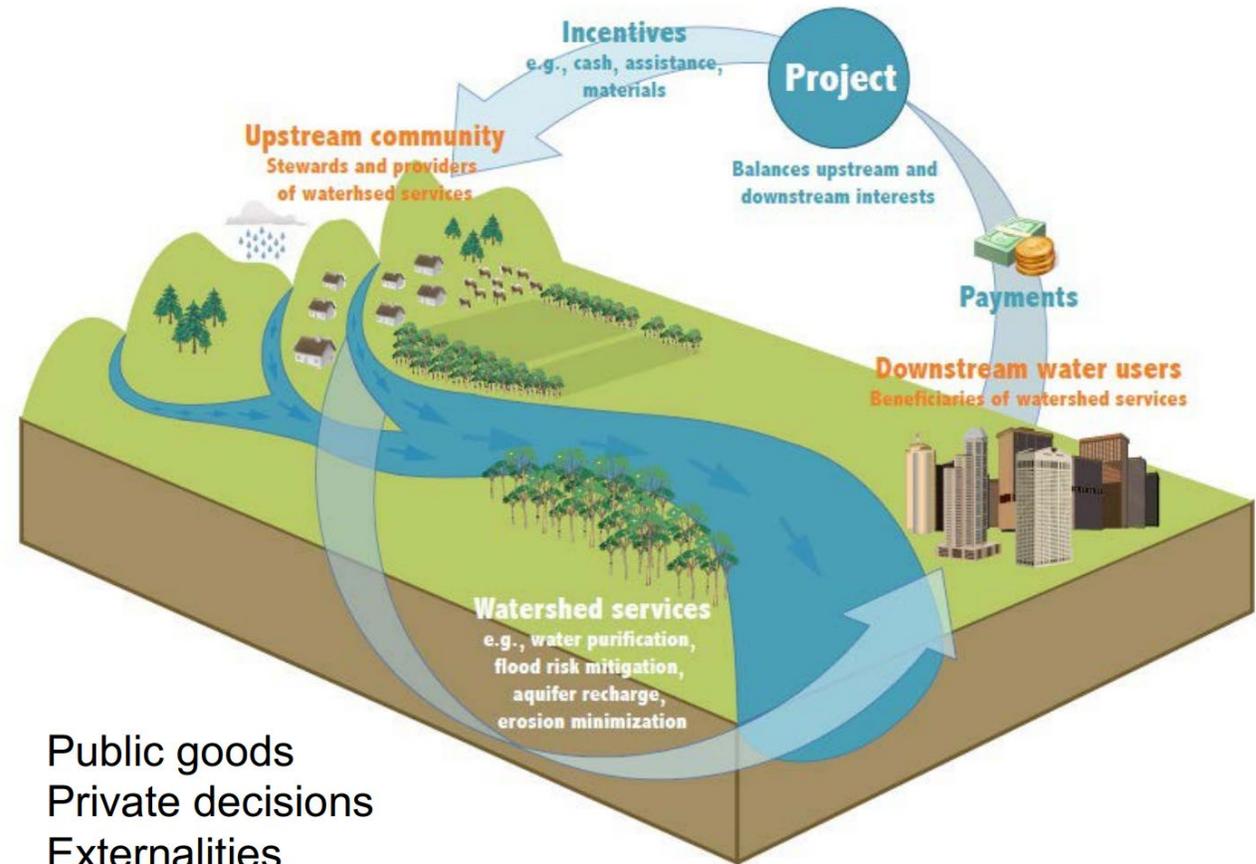
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Marli Rupe, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Tyler Webb, Franklin and Grand Isle Farmer's Watershed Alliance

Program vs. Market Mechanism



VPFP Vermont Pay-For-Phosphorus Program



USDA NRCS Awarded \$7million in 2020 to VAAFMM to implement the VPFP Program