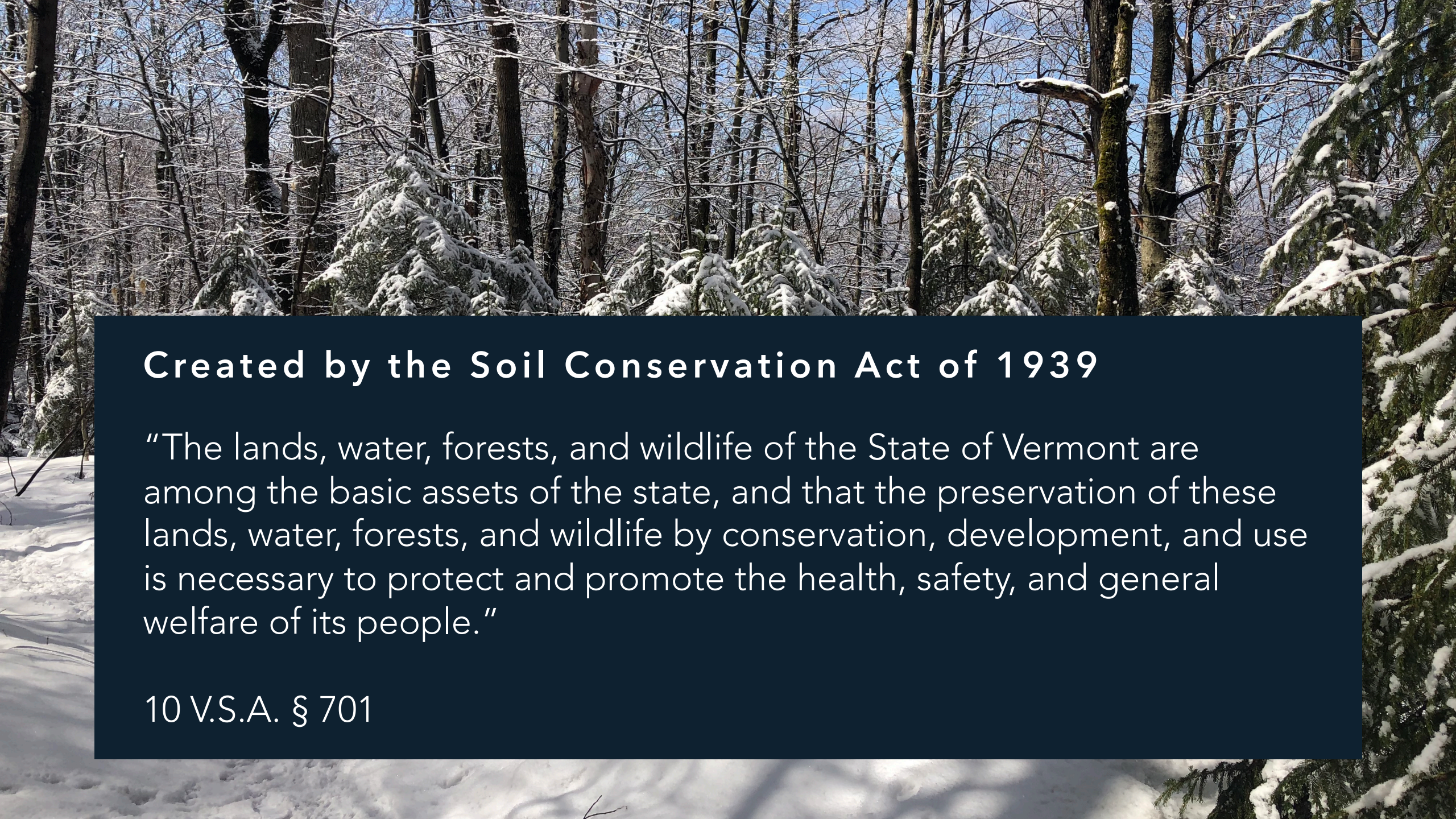


Vermont Natural Resources Conservation Districts



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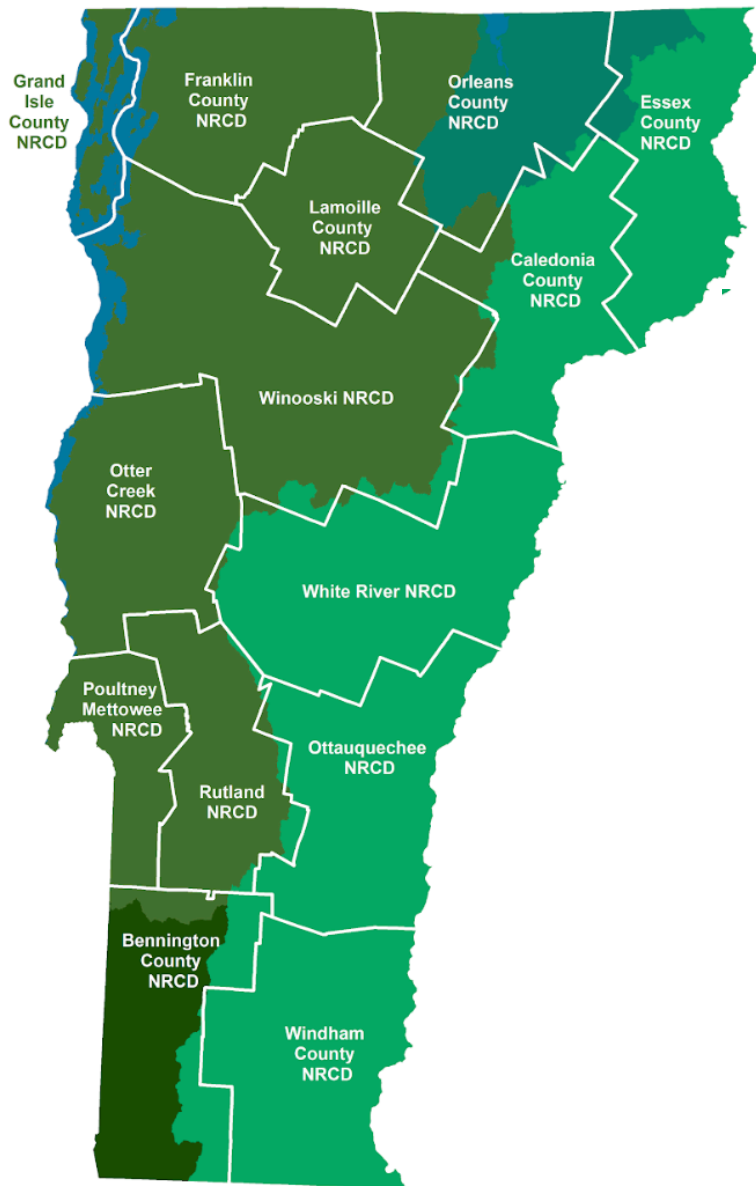








Created by the Soil Conservation Act of 1939

“The lands, water, forests, and wildlife of the State of Vermont are among the basic assets of the state, and that the preservation of these lands, water, forests, and wildlife by conservation, development, and use is necessary to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its people.”

10 V.S.A. § 701

Vermont's Natural Resources Conservation Districts



-  Conservation District Boundary
-  Connecticut River Basin
-  Hudson River Basin
-  Lake Champlain Basin
-  Lake Memphremagog Basin
-  Lake Champlain and Lake Memphremagog

- Bennington County NRCD
- Caledonia County NRCD
- Essex County NRCD
- Franklin County NRCD
- Grand Isle County NRCD
- Lamoille County NRCD
- Orleans County NRCD
- Ottawaquechee NRCD
- Otter Creek NRCD
- Poultney Mettowee NRCD
- Rutland NRCD
- White River NRCD
- Windham County NRCD
- Winooski NRCD

Education and Outreach



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Restoration and Conservation





Stormwater Projects



Rural Fire Protection

Agricultural Programs



Conservation District Programs & Methodologies



Conservation Districts Support Vermont's Working Landscapes

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

SOIL SAMPLING

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

CONSERVATION PLANNING

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

ACCESSING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

INSTALLING CONSERVATION PRACTICES

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Agricultural Programs Fiscal Year 2020 by the numbers...

610

Farms assisted by
Conservation Districts across
Vermont

47

Best Management Practices
installed to reduce sediment and
pollutants from agricultural land

95

Nutrient Management Plans
developed and updated

12,527

Acres of agricultural land assessed
for water quality concerns

1,091

Soil samples collected and analyzed

9,128

Tree & shrub stems planted to
filter runoff from agricultural land

861

Water quality monitoring
samples collected and analyzed

13,264

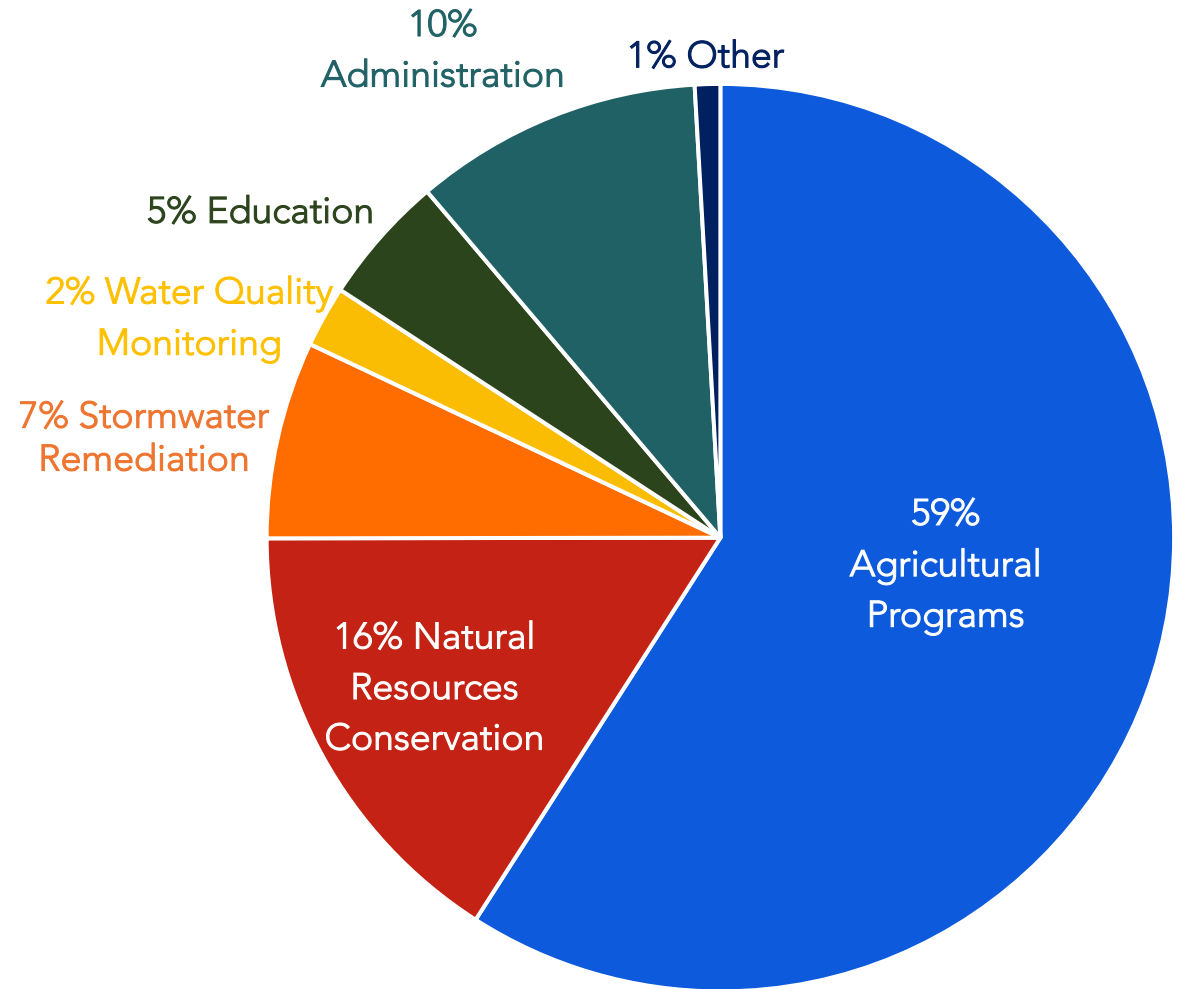
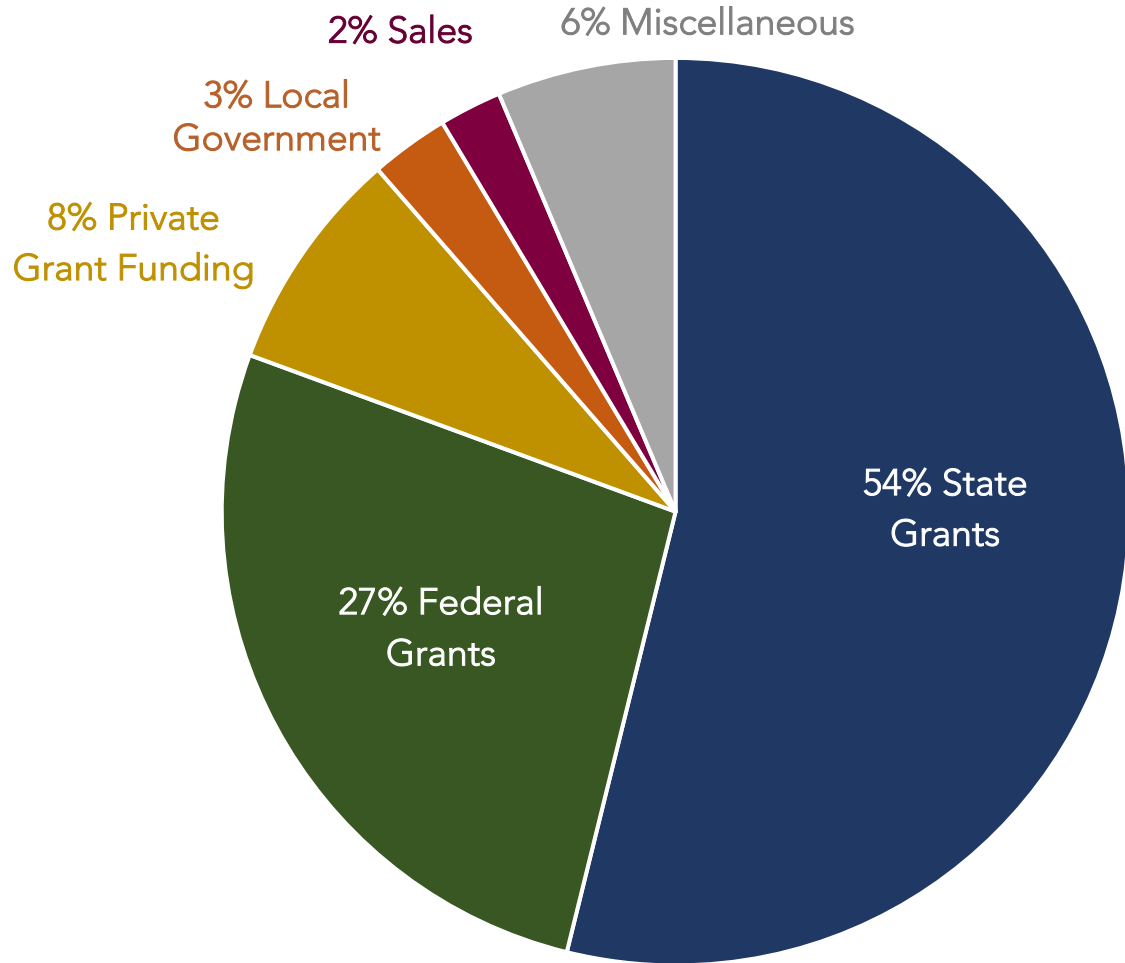
Linear feet of fencing installed to
keep livestock away from streams to
improve water quality

32.63

Acres of protective vegetative
plantings completed on farms

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 FUNDING = \$3.7 MILLION

140 GRANTS WRITTEN



Conservation District Partners

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Lake Champlain Basin Program

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

PUR Projet

Vermont Division of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety

Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

U.S. Forest Service, Green Mountain National Forest

USDA Farm Service Agency

National Association of Conservation Districts

Connecticut Council on Soil and Water Conservation

University of Vermont Extension

Vermont Housing & Conservation Board

Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions

Watersheds United Vermont

...and landowners, towns, communities, students, watershed groups, and land trusts.

Cooperation for Conservation

The Partnership seeks to:

Improve water quality and wildlife habitat on Vermont farms

Deliver technical and financial assistance in the most efficient and effective manner

Provide the best service experience possible for the landowner

Vermont Agricultural
Water Quality Partnership



**THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?**



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