

Written Testimony for input into the Governor of Vermont's 2024 Budget
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Please increase base funding for the Vermont Natural Resources Conservation Council for a total base appropriation of \$3,000,000 to support Vermont's 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts.

Vermont's Natural Resources Conservation Districts are working hand in hand with farmers and landowners to carry out Vermont's water quality improvement and conservation goals. They have boots on the ground every day taking soil samples, water samples, walking boundaries, etc. They are our guides as we traverse these new regulations.

Orleans County has a great partnership that should be and could be emulated across the state, offering farmers and other constituents the resources they need to keep up. NRCD is a tremendous advocate for landowners and help landowners solve environmental problems using flexible and practical solutions.

Thank you.