

# Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

## 1998-2022 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program

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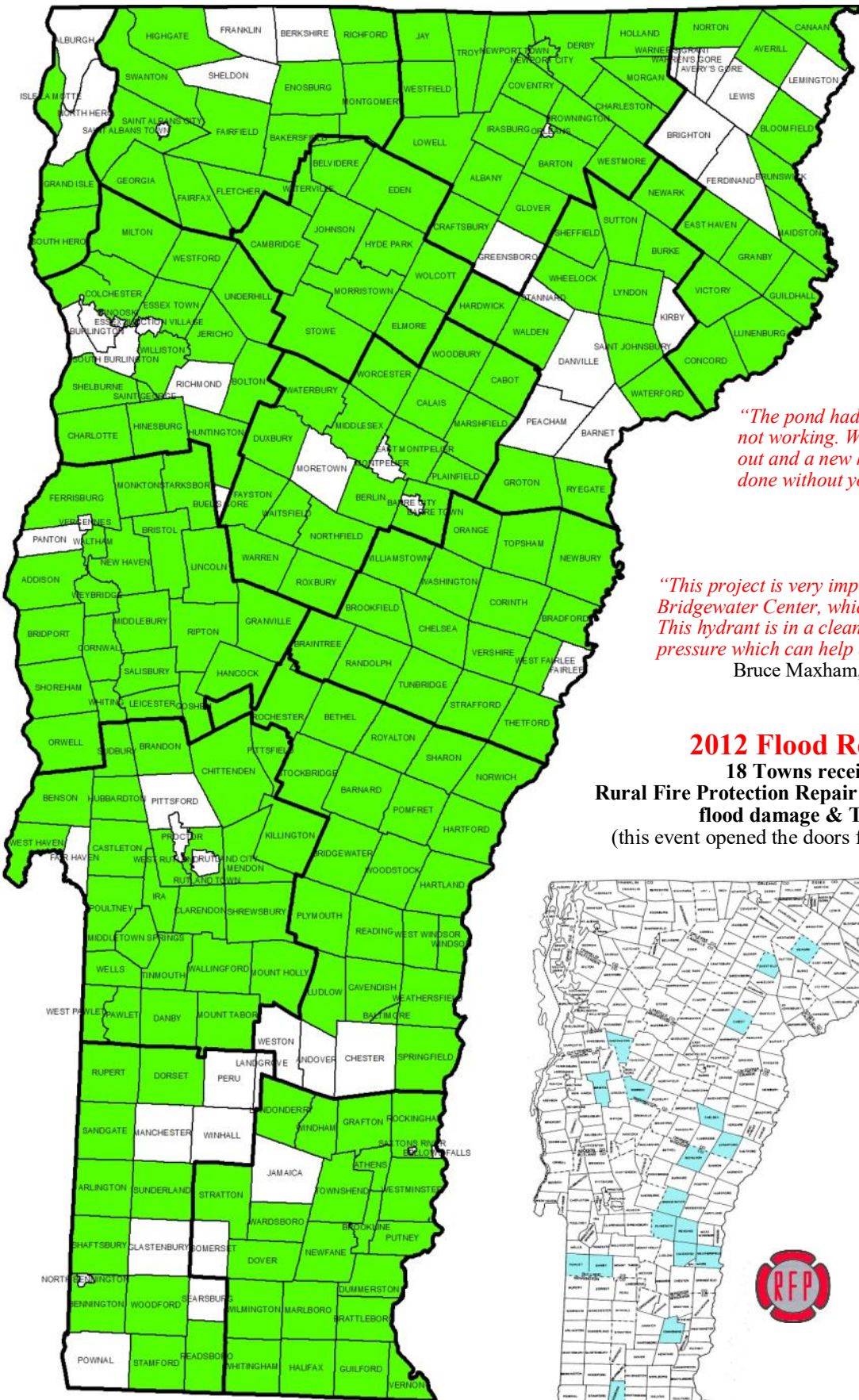


The mission of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is to improve the safety and welfare of Vermont communities by assisting local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.



# 1998-2022 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program Recipients

216 Towns were awarded 1008 dry hydrant grants up to \$10,000 totaling over \$2.1M funded by Vermont Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety



*"The pond had filled in with weeds and hydrant was not working. We were able to get to the pond cleaned out and a new hydrant installed...could not have been done without your support."*

Walter "Skip" Bothfeld Jr., Chief, Cabot Fire Department

*"This project is very important to the community of Bridgewater Center, which has many small and large buildings. This hydrant is in a clean pond and has a small amount of pressure which can help a lot with getting a prime."*

Bruce Maxham, Assistant Chief, Bridgewater VFD

## 2012 Flood Recovery Grants

18 Towns received 28 grants for Rural Fire Protection Repair & Replacement after May 2011 flood damage & Tropical Storm Irene (this event opened the doors for repair & replacement grants)



- 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
  - 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
  - West Pawlet - (2) \$2,831
- \$64,627 Total**

# 1998-2022 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program Recipient Numbers

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

## Addison (20T) 85 Grants

Addison - 7  
Bridport - 6  
Bristol - 13  
Cornwall - 2  
Ferrisburg - 2  
Goshen - 1  
Granville - 3  
Hancock - 4  
Leicester - 1  
Lincoln - 2  
Middlebury - 3  
Monkton - 6  
New Haven - 17  
Orwell - 9  
Ripton - 4  
Salisbury - 2  
Shoreham - 2  
Starksboro - 7  
Waltham - 1  
Weybridge - 3  
Whiting - 3

## Bennington (12T) 44 Grants

Arlington - 1  
Bennington - 2  
Dorset - 1  
Manchester - 1  
Pownal - 4  
Readsboro - 7  
Rupert - 7  
Sandgate - 12  
Shaftsbury - 3  
Stamford - 3  
Sunderland - 1  
Woodford - 3

## Caledonia (14T) 56 Grants

Burke - 5  
Danville - 4  
Groton - 4  
Hardwick - 1  
Lyndon - 3  
Newark - 3  
Peacham - 1  
Ryegate - 7  
Sheffield - 2  
St. Johnsbury - 6  
Sutton - 4  
Walden - 5  
Waterford - 10  
Wheelock - 5

## Chittenden (13T) 40 Grants

Bolton - 3  
Charlotte - 7  
Colchester - 1  
Essex - 2  
Hinesburg - 2  
Huntington - 5  
Jericho - 1  
Milton - 1  
St. George - 1  
Shelburne - 4  
Underhill - 1  
Westford - 13  
Williston - 2

## Essex (12T) 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 (12T) 47 Grants

Bakersfield - 5  
Enosburg - 9  
Fairfax - 2  
Fairfield - 6  
Fletcher - 3  
Georgia - 4  
Highgate - 5  
Montgomery - 7  
Richford - 3  
Sheldon - 6  
St. Albans - 2  
Swanton - 1

## Grand Isle (3T) 5 Grants

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

## Lamoille (10T) 66 Grants

Belvidere - 3  
Cambridge - 13  
Eden - 8  
Elmore - 5  
Hyde Park - 15  
Johnson - 6  
Morristown - 6  
Stowe - 7  
Waterville - 2  
Wolcott - 5

## Orange (17T) 86 Grants

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

## Orleans (19T) 85 Grants

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

## Rutland (25T) 124 Grants

Benson - 5  
Brandon - 3  
Castleton - 2  
Chittenden - 4  
Clarendon - 5  
Danby - 9  
Hubbardton - 1  
Ira - 2  
Mendon - 3  
Mount Holly - 10  
Mount Tabor - 1  
Middletown Springs - 7  
Pawlet - 6  
Pittsfield - 4  
Poultney - 6  
Rutland (Town) - 4  
Sherburne (Killington) - 11  
Shrewsbury - 8  
Sudbury - 3  
Tinmouth - 5  
Wallingford - 1  
Wells - 9  
West Haven - 4  
West Pawlet - 15  
West Rutland - 1

## Washington (17T) 74 Grants

Barre (Town) - 2  
Berlin - 5  
Cabot - 11  
Calais - 8  
Duxbury - 1  
East Montpelier - 5  
Fayston - 1  
Marshfield - 9  
Middlesex - 4  
Northfield - 4  
Plainfield - 5  
Roxbury - 6  
Waitsfield - 2  
Warren - 1  
Waterbury - 3  
Woodbury - 4  
Worcester - 5

## Windham (21T) 76 Grants

Athens - 3  
Brattleboro - 2  
Brookline - 2  
Dover - 6  
Dummerston - 8  
Grafton - 3  
Guilford - 1  
Halifax - 3  
Londonderry - 6  
Marlboro - 4  
Newfane (Broadbrook) - 5  
Putney - 5  
Rockingham - 3  
Stratton - 2  
Townshend - 9  
Vernon - 1  
Wardsboro - 3  
Westminster - 3  
Whitingham - 4  
Wilmington - 9  
Windham - 2

## Windsor (20T) 106 Grants

Baltimore - 1  
Barnard - 1  
Bethel - 8  
Bridgewater - 15  
Cavendish - 6  
Hartford - 7  
Hartland - 7  
Norwich - 11  
Plymouth - 6  
Pomfret - 10  
Reading - 11  
Rochester - 1  
Royalton - 4  
Sharon - 2  
Springfield - 4  
Stockbridge - 6  
Weathersfield - 8  
West Windsor - 3  
Windsor - 2  
Woodstock - 3

## 1008 Rural Fire Protection Grants State wide

### Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

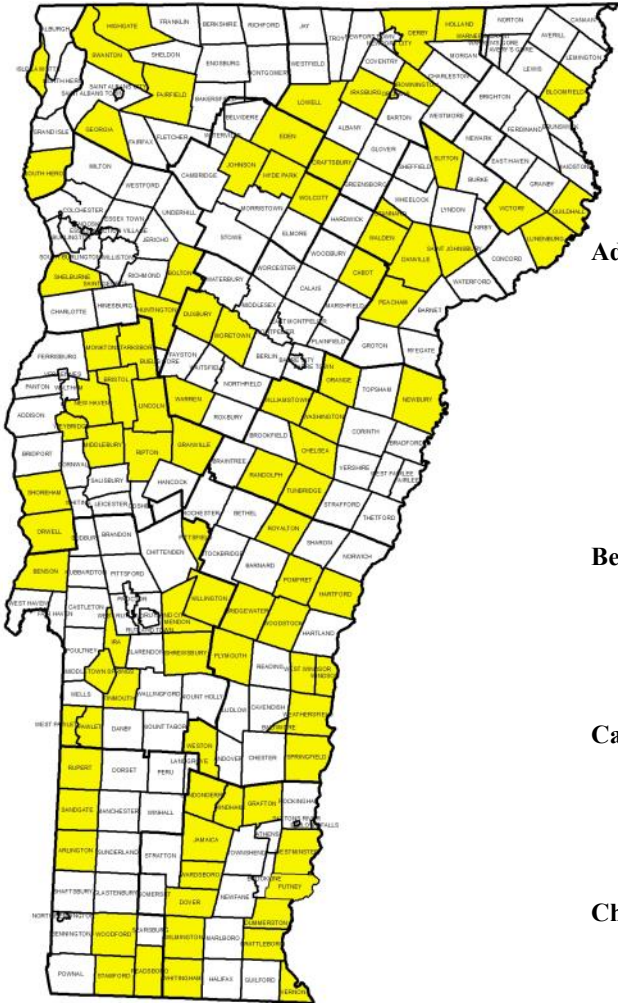
Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Walter Bothfeld Jr., Cabot Fire Department  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Kaiser Farm, Stowe VT  
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation Dept.

*"The VACD-RFP Grant helped us upgrade the fitting of our dry hydrant, improving its capacity & efficiency. We sincerely appreciate the help!"* Chris Pike, Chief, Ripton Fire & First Response



# 2000-2022 Special Cases Rural Fire Protection Grant Program

93 Towns were awarded 148 Grants up to \$10,000 totaling \$567,505 funded by the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation



**Addison - (11T)(12G) \$28,327**

- Bristol - \$1395
- Granville - \$3036 + \$2500
- Lincoln - 2695
- Middlebury - \$970
- Monkton - \$5000
- New Haven - \$2628
- Orwell - \$2500
- Ripton - \$103
- Shoreham - \$2500
- Starksboro - \$2500
- Weybridge - \$2500

**Bennington - (6T)(10G) \$43,218**

- Arlington - \$415
- Readsboro - \$5937 + \$2,125
- Rupert - \$9086 + \$5927 + \$5003
- Sandgate - \$2500 + \$5000
- Stamford - \$2500
- Woodford - \$4725

**Caledonia - (6T)(7G) \$30,863**

- Danville - \$2500
- Peacham - \$5033
- Stannard - \$1840
- St. Johnsbury - \$6490
- Sutton - \$10,000
- Walden - (2)\$2500

**Chittenden - (3T)(5G) \$13,389**

- Bolton - \$2500
- Huntington - (2)\$2500
- Shelburne - \$2500 + \$3389

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

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

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

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

**Grand Isle - (2T)(3G) \$11,885**

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

**Lamoille - (4T)(8G) \$40,889**

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

**Orange - (6T)(7G) \$17,319**

- Newbury - \$2500
- Chelsea - \$2500
- Randolph - \$2076
- Tunbridge - \$2218
- Washington - \$490 + \$2500
- Williamstown - \$5035

**Orleans - (6T)(8G) \$22,290**

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

**Rutland - (10T)(21G) \$91,626**

- Benson - \$5000
- Chittenden - \$2500
- Ira - (2)\$5000 + \$3000
- Mendon - \$8400+\$5000+\$5000
- Middletown Springs - \$10000 + (2)\$2500
- Pawlet E&W - (2)\$2500 + \$6430 + \$9796+\$5000
- Pittsfield - (2)\$2500
- Sherburne (Killington) - \$7500
- Shrewsbury - (2)\$2500 + \$1500
- Tinmouth - \$2500

**Washington - (6T)(10G) \$39,833**

- Cabot - \$1186 + \$10,000+\$3750
- Duxbury - \$1897
- East Montpelier - \$2500
- Moretown - \$2500
- Plainfield - \$9000
- Warren - \$4000 + (2)\$2500
- Waterbury - \$5000

**Windham - (13T)(18G) \$89,624**

- Battleboro - \$9,800
- Dover - (2)\$2500
- Dummerston - \$10,000 + \$2500
- Grafton - \$2500
- Jamaica - \$5000
- Londonderry - \$7372
- Putney - \$5000
- Vernon - \$4889
- Wardsboro - \$5000 + \$5276
- Westminster - (2)\$2500
- Whitingham - \$10,000
- Wilmington - \$2500+\$3954
- Windham - \$5833

**Windsor - (12T)(27G) \$105,928**

- Baltimore - \$1875 + \$5000
- Bridgewater - (4)\$2500 + \$4466
- Hartford - (2)\$2500 + \$3403
- Hartland - \$5000
- Plymouth - (2)\$2500+\$4000+\$4888+\$5000
- Pomfret - \$2500
- Royalton - \$10,000 + \$7396
- Springfield - \$2500
- Weathersfield - (2)\$2500 + \$10,000 + \$5000
- Weston - \$2500
- West Windsor - \$2500
- Windsor - \$7400
- Woodstock - \$2500



**Bridgewater Center**



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



SUMMER - Clarendon



SPRING - Wolcott



WINTER - Wilmington



FALL - Ludlow

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



## Press Release from Plymouth Emergency Services

Posted on 10/26/2021 by The Plymouth Press

October 26, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department installed a new dry hydrant on Hale Hollow Road that was part of a comprehensive fire protection project in Plymouth.

The Fire Department is continuously improving and maintaining dry hydrants to improve fire protection in rural areas. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with the assistance of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force and Development Council administrators

The Vermont Legislature approved appropriations to improve fire protection in rural areas. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with the assistance of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force and Development Council administrators

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

If you have any questions about developing a rural water supply in your area, please contact the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force at 802-828-4582, [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com), or visit [www.nvtrecd.org/vtrfptf.html](http://www.nvtrecd.org/vtrfptf.html).

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 **Chittenden Volunteer Fire Department**  
October 14 at 5:00 PM · 🌐

October 12, 2022

Contact: Sarah Quint  
Smith Farm Owners Association  
North Chittenden, VT 05763  
802-483-6963

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Chittenden Volunteer Fire Department completed the repair of a dry hydrant on August 20, 2022 at the Smith Farm Road fire pond. The repair of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Chittenden.

The Chittenden Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of improving fire protection in town by installing and maintaining dry hydrants and other Rural Fire Protection (RFP) systems 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 grant funds and technical advice to the Chittenden Volunteer Fire Department by providing an upgraded 6" NH male adaptor for the neighborhood's dry hydrant. Monies were also provided to the Smith Farm Owners Association to clean and repair the existing FRP pond.

The Vermont Legislature approved appropriations to assist communities in installing and upgrading dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural areas of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, with the assistance of the VACD, administers the grant program that provides financial assistance.

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

The Chittenden Volunteer Fire Department thanks everyone involved with this neighborhood project.



**Vernon Fire Department**  
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Mailing Address: 167 Governor Hunt Rd. Vernon Vt 05554  
Ph. 802-254-2425

-Press Release-

### IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY- SOUTH VERNON

Thanks to the work of the Rural Fire Protection Program; the Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will be receiving funding toward the installation of a dry hydrant in the South End of Vernon at 4667 Fort Bridgman Rd. (The Newton Brook, behind the brick building).

The hydrant was installed this summer, graciously by the work of our town Highway Department, and is now in functional operation.

With the addition of this hydrant, our department will have a more reliable water source, and an easier time accessing it. The pond used in the past, which is across the road, was continuing to be silted in, and requiring to be dredged. Our new hydrant will allow for a more consistent water source, and less of an environmental impact with future maintenance.

We would also like to thank Vern-Mont Farm for the use of their property, and the efforts of all who were involved, in assisting with this installation.



-End of Press Release-

VFD Press Release  
Form Rev. 09/07/2021

## New dry hydrant in Bridgewater

To the Editor:

The Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department continues to make improvements to the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting, by installing a dry hydrant at 2765

## Bridgewater Fire Department making improvements

To the Editor,

The Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department continues to make improvements to the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting by installing a dry hydrant this summer at 54 Oak Chapel Road. This project involved doubling the size of an existing pond and installing a pressurized hydrant.

For over twenty three years, the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department has been in the process of improving fire protection in Bridgewater by installing dry hydrants and other rural fire protection systems (RFD's). The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Taskforce, through the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts, provides assistance to the fire department by developing plans to improve water supply in Bridgewater.

With the assistance of Troy Dare and Greg Jenne, the existing pond was drained, dredged, doubled in size and a pressurized hydrant was installed. Dry hydrants and other RFD systems are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. The Vermont legislature approved appropriations to assist communities with the installation of dry hydrants to improve fire protection in rural areas of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with the assistance of the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts administers the grant program. This pond will consist of 400,000+ gallons of water. The pond is located in the village of Bridgewater center which consists of several large homes as well as a church. A dry hydrant consists of a six to eight inch pipe with a fitting to which a pumper/tanker truck can attach. The pipe then connects to a water source such as a pond or a stream. This is one example of the service the fire departments provide in preparation for the next alarm.

**Bruce Maxham**  
Bridgewater Resident

the service your fire departments provides in preparation for the next alarm.

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 **Hartland Fire Dept & Rescue Squad**  
October 29 at 8:59 AM · 🌐

The Hartland Volunteer Fire Department has recently completed a Water Supply project at 171 Rice Road. With engineering and financial support from Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force Rural Fire Protection Program, a new municipal (pressurized style) hydrant was installed at a pond location for fire suppression in the Town of Hartland. This work was made possible through funds provided by this program along with donate... See more

