




2025

Vermont **R**ural **F**ire **P**rotection Grant Program
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts





The mission of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program 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.



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

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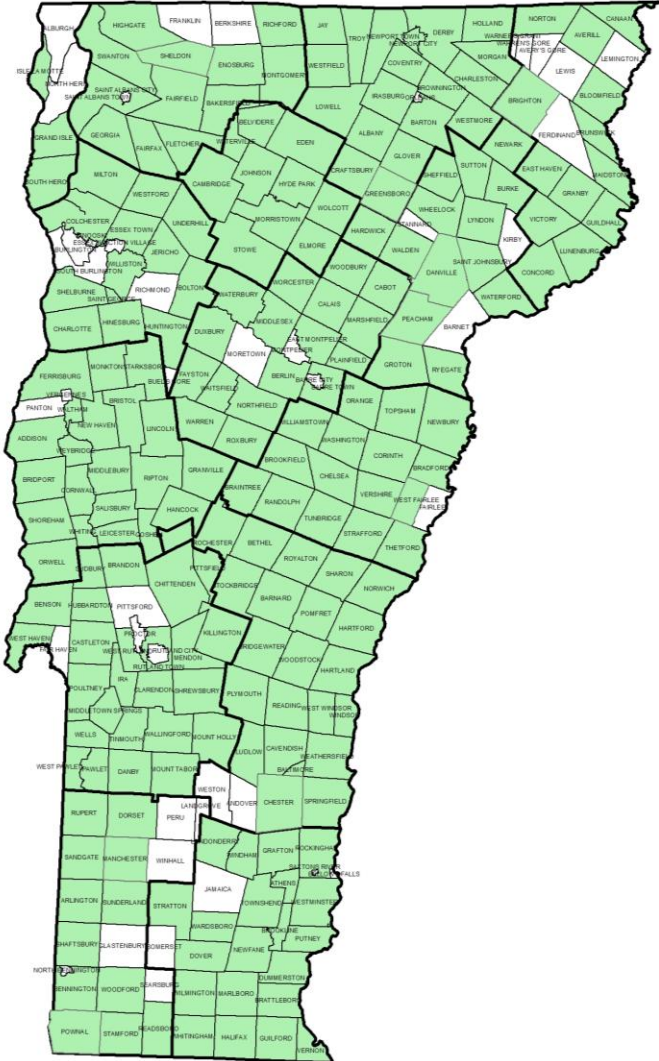
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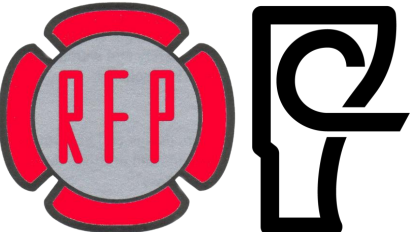
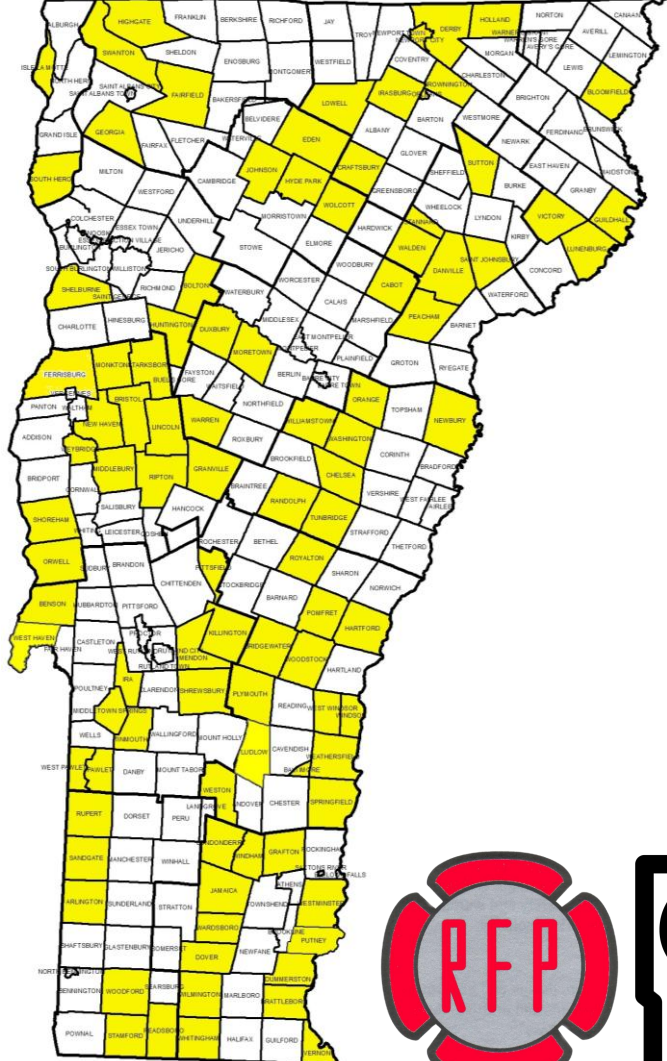
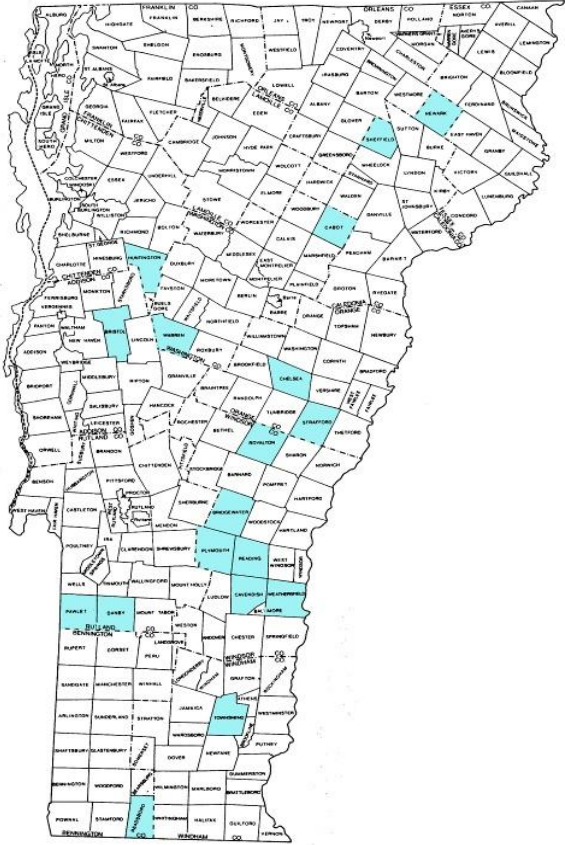


235 Towns were awarded **1039** dry hydrant grants up to **\$15,000** totaling over **\$2.25M** funded by Vermont Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety

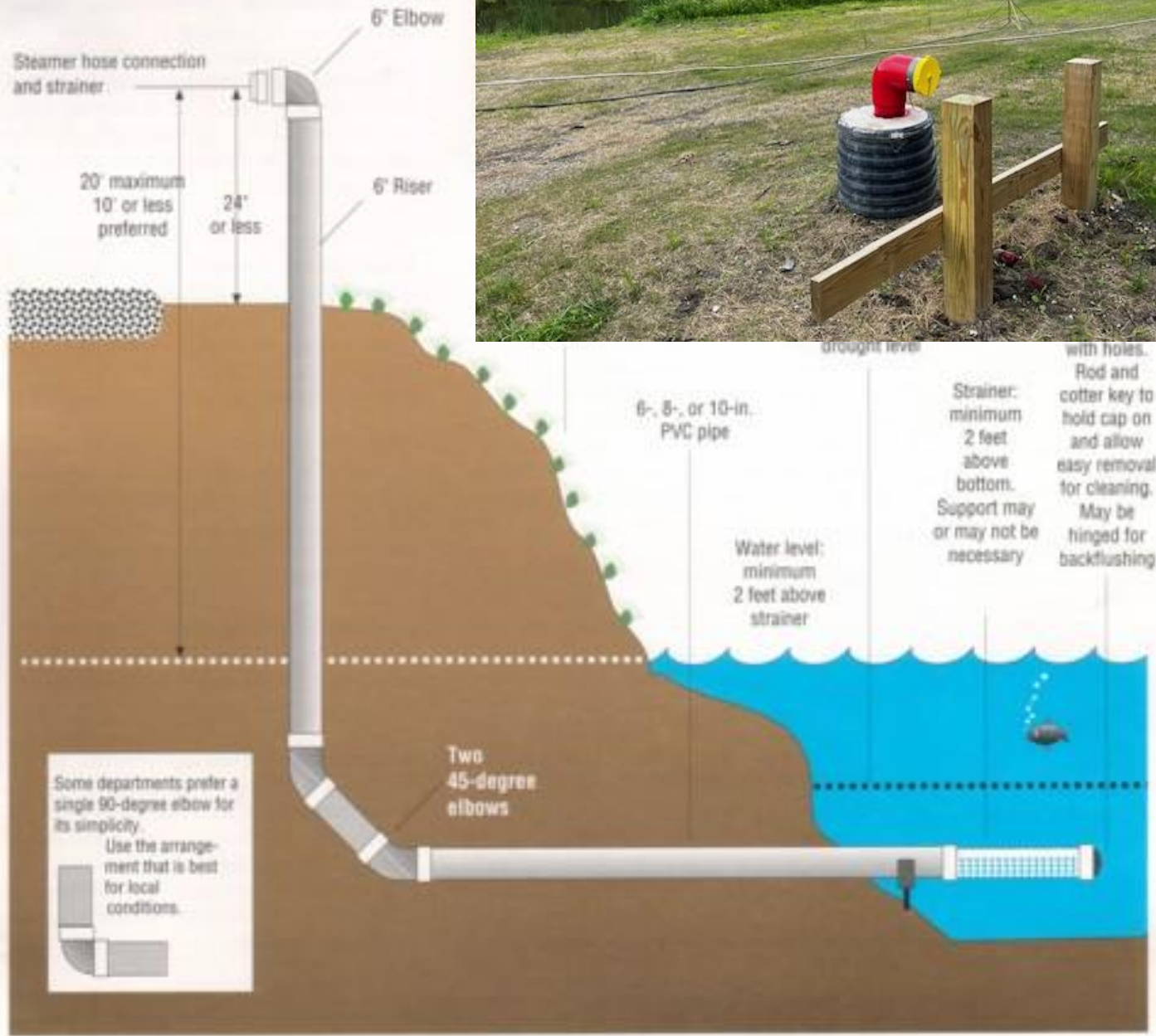


98 Towns were awarded **157 Grants** up to **\$10,000** totaling **\$605,005** funded by the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

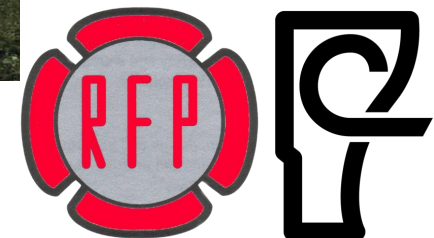
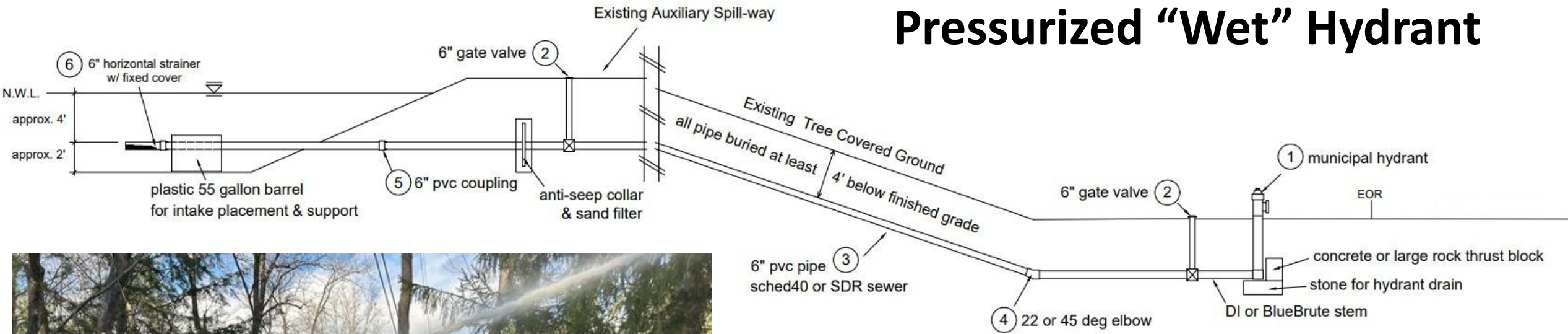
2012 Flood Recovery Grants
18 Towns received 28 grants for Rural Fire Protection Repair & Replacement after May 2011 flood damage & Tropical Storm Irene



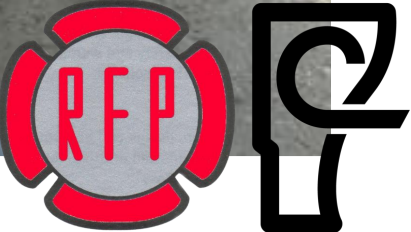
Dry Hydrant



Pressurized "Wet" Hydrant



Bridge Mounted Dry Hydrants





Funding Sources

**Vermont Department of Public Safety
Division of Fire Safety**



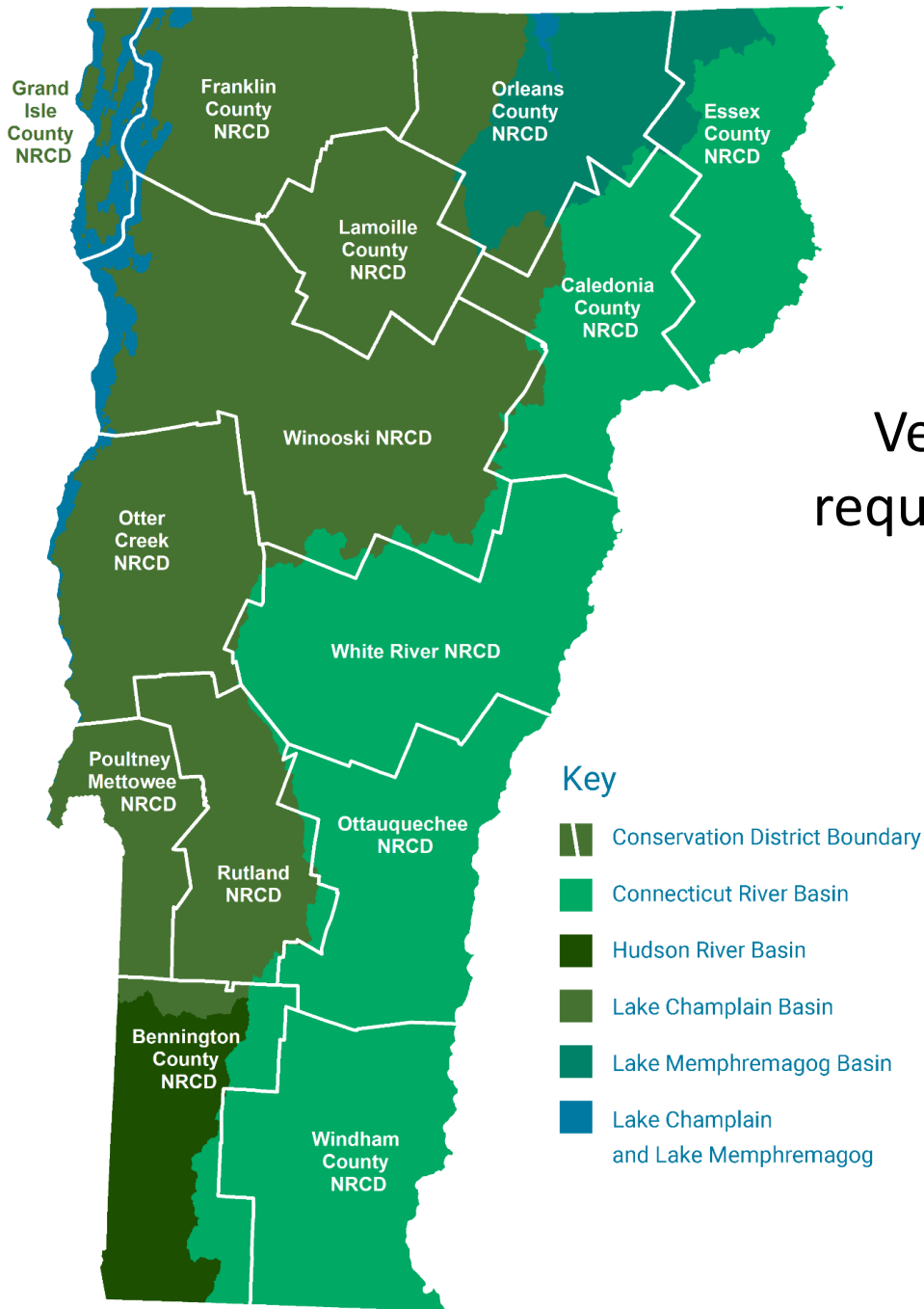
Vermont Forests, Parks & Recreation



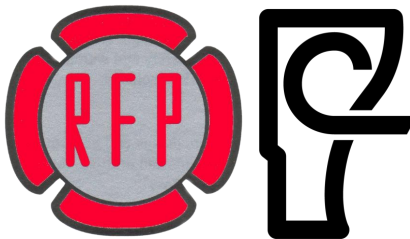
Vermont Town Appropriations

**Requesting an increase of \$70,000
for a total of \$195,000**





Vermont's 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts request a base appropriation of **\$3,000,000** starting in FY26 to cover ongoing operational costs necessary to meet statutory obligations.



Questions?

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