

# VERMONT NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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# Impacts of Federal Funding

- **\$4.75 million** to VACD & NRCDs at risk
- **\$3.6 million** on hold:
  - \$2.3 million for staffing, technical assistance to farms
  - \$1.2 million for a culvert replacement in Essex County
  - \$40,000 for culvert replacements in Orleans County
- Tremendous uncertainty about USDA NRCD funding for FY25 and FY26







**\$400,000** cancelled for workforce  
development to White River &  
Bennington County Natural Resources  
Conservation Districts

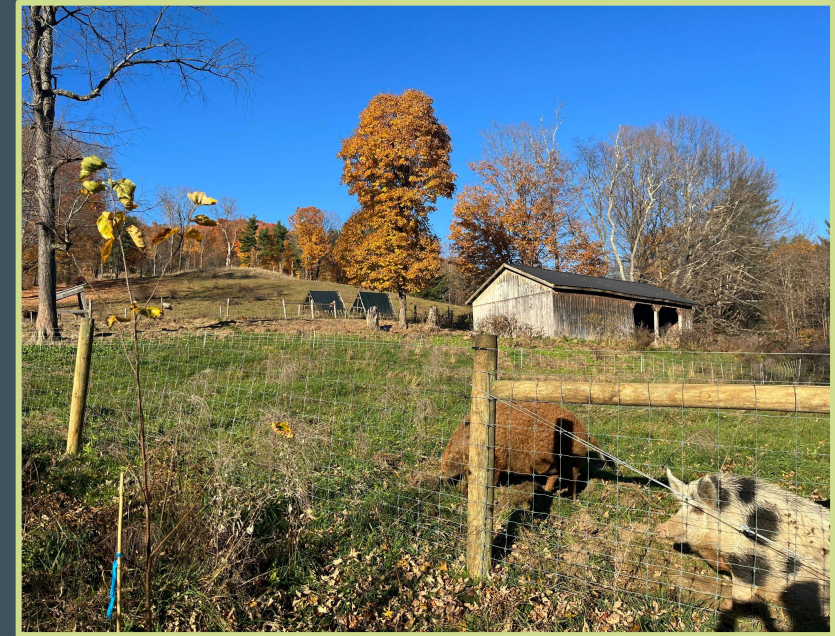




# Chestnut Sapling Program Bennington County



# Frog Hollow Farmstead, Castleton



“We are really looking forward to recreating natural woodland areas throughout the farm that attract wildlife, birds, and are filled with native trees and shrubs,” -  
Janis, Frog Hollow Farmstead owner





# The Farm at Wheeler Mountain



# UAV/GIS Team





Your favorite place has likely benefited from the work of conservation districts. NRCs are looking for increased support from the state. We have identified a need for a **\$3,000,000** base budget, and can put any increase to use immediately and effectively.





# THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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