

# VERMONT NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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Established by the

# Vermont Soil Conservation Act (10 V.S.A. Chapter 31)

Vermont's 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts (NRCDs) are governmental subdivisions that operate as county-level government entities under the authority of the State Natural Resources Conservation Council (NRCC) and their elected Boards of Supervisors to connect people, organizations, and resources to steward our land and water resources for the future.



# Conservation District Program Areas



Natural Resources  
Conservation & Restoration



Stormwater Remediation



Agriculture



Education & Outreach



# Conservation Districts & The Clean Water Fund



- About 35% of NRCD funding comes from competitive grants through the Clean Water Fund
- Districts are statutory partners in the Tactical Basin Planning Process
- Project managers and implementers under Enhancement Grants and Formula Grants
- Serve on BWQCs and one CWSP
- Agricultural Clean Water Initiative Program

# Impacts of Federal Funding



- **\$4.75 million** to VACD & NRCDs at risk
- **\$3.6 million** on hold:
  - \$1.2 million for a culvert replacement in Essex County
  - \$40,000 for culvert replacements in Orleans County
  - \$2.3 million for staffing, technical assistance to farms
- **\$400,000** cancelled for workforce development to White River & Bennington NRCDs

# Conservation District Capital Needs

- Office Space
- Vehicles
- Equipment, such as
  - Tractors
  - UTVs
  - No-till Drills
- Computers
- Printers



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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