



2025

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Grant Program
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts



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.





Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

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Tom Maclay, Chair (Retired), Marshfield VFD

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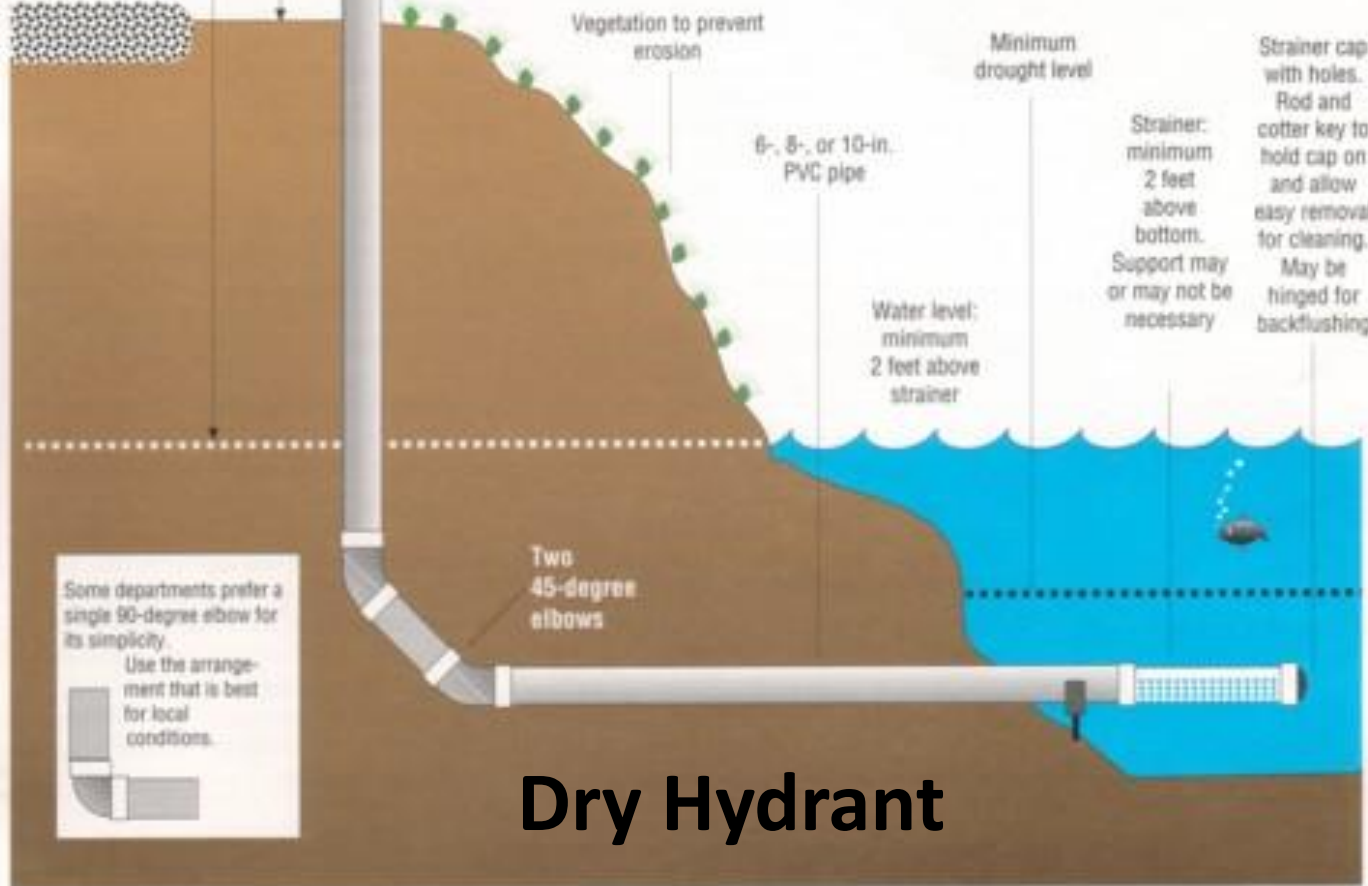
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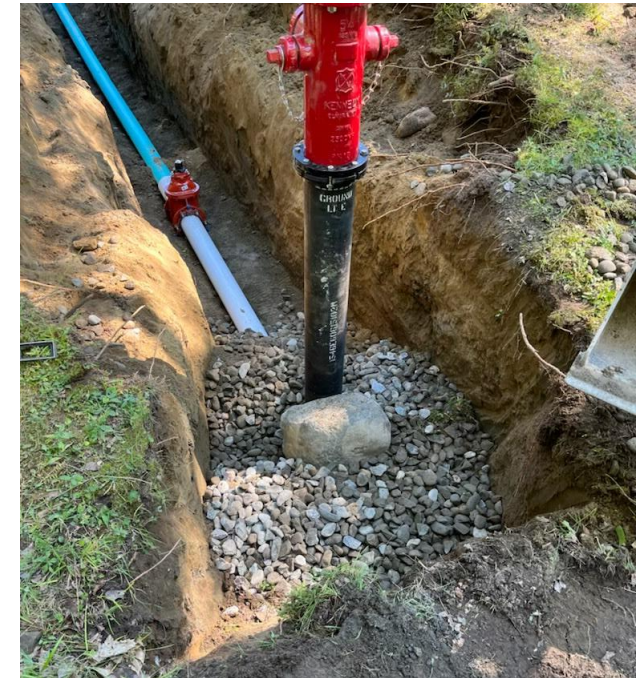
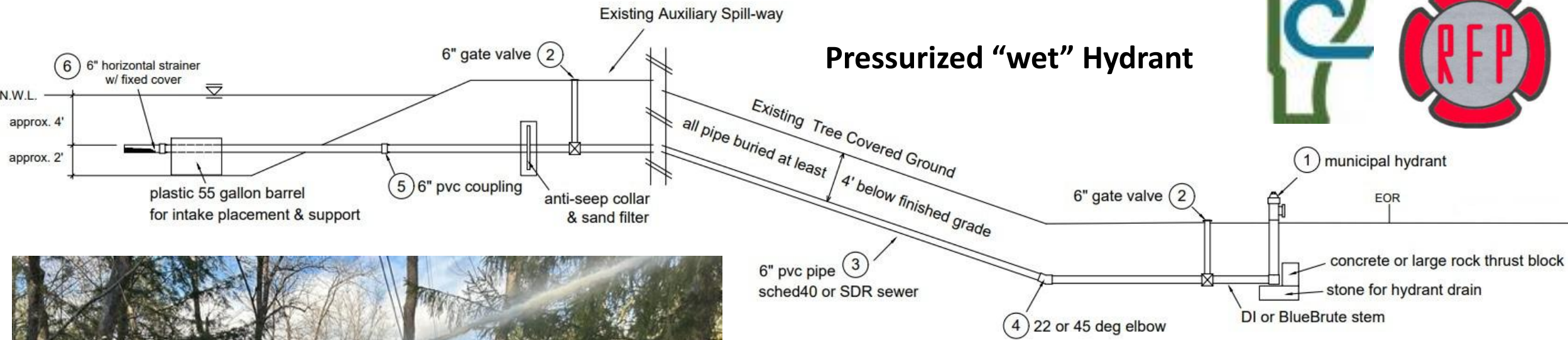


Dry Hydrant





Pressurized "wet" Hydrant



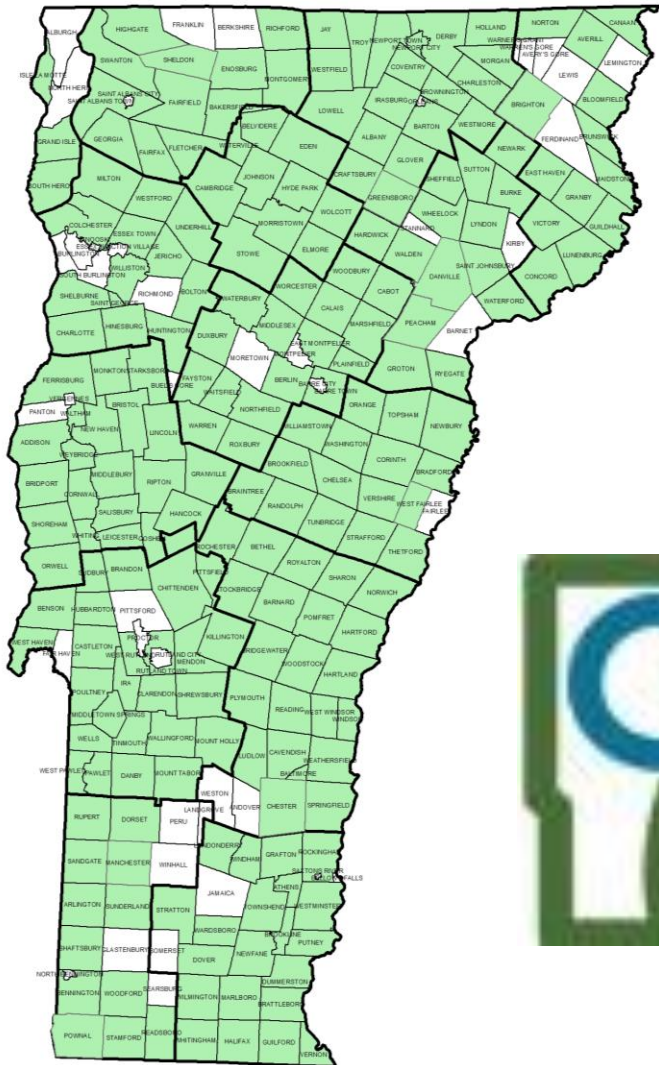
Bridge Mounted Dry Hydrants



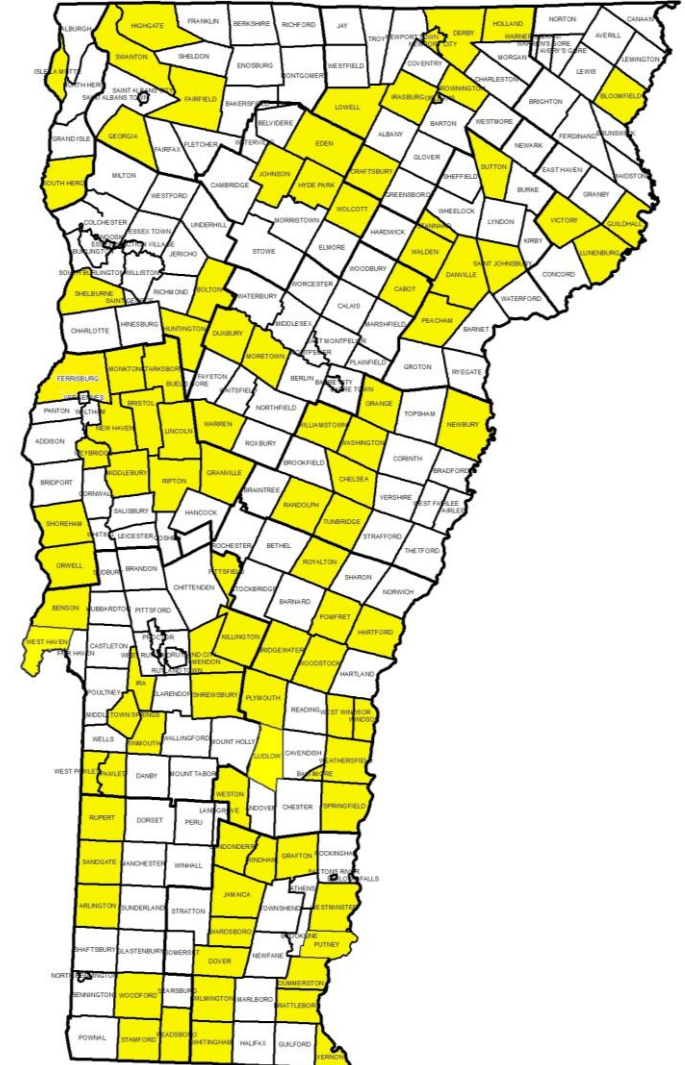
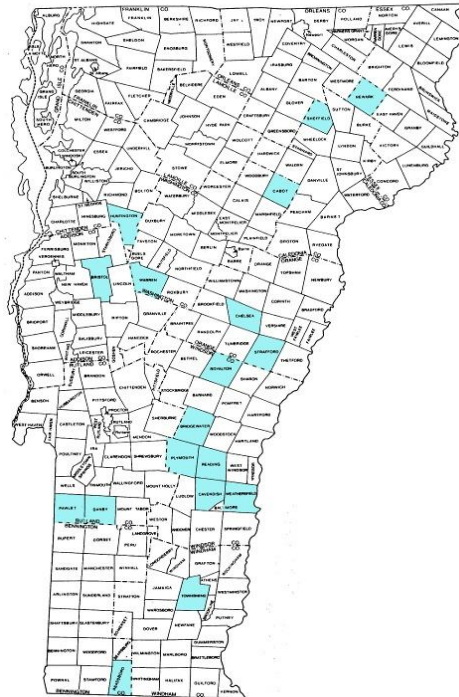
235 Towns were awarded **1039** dry hydrant grants up to **\$15,000** totaling over **\$2.25M** funded by Vermont Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety



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





Funding Sources

Vermont Department of Public Safety
Division of Fire Safety



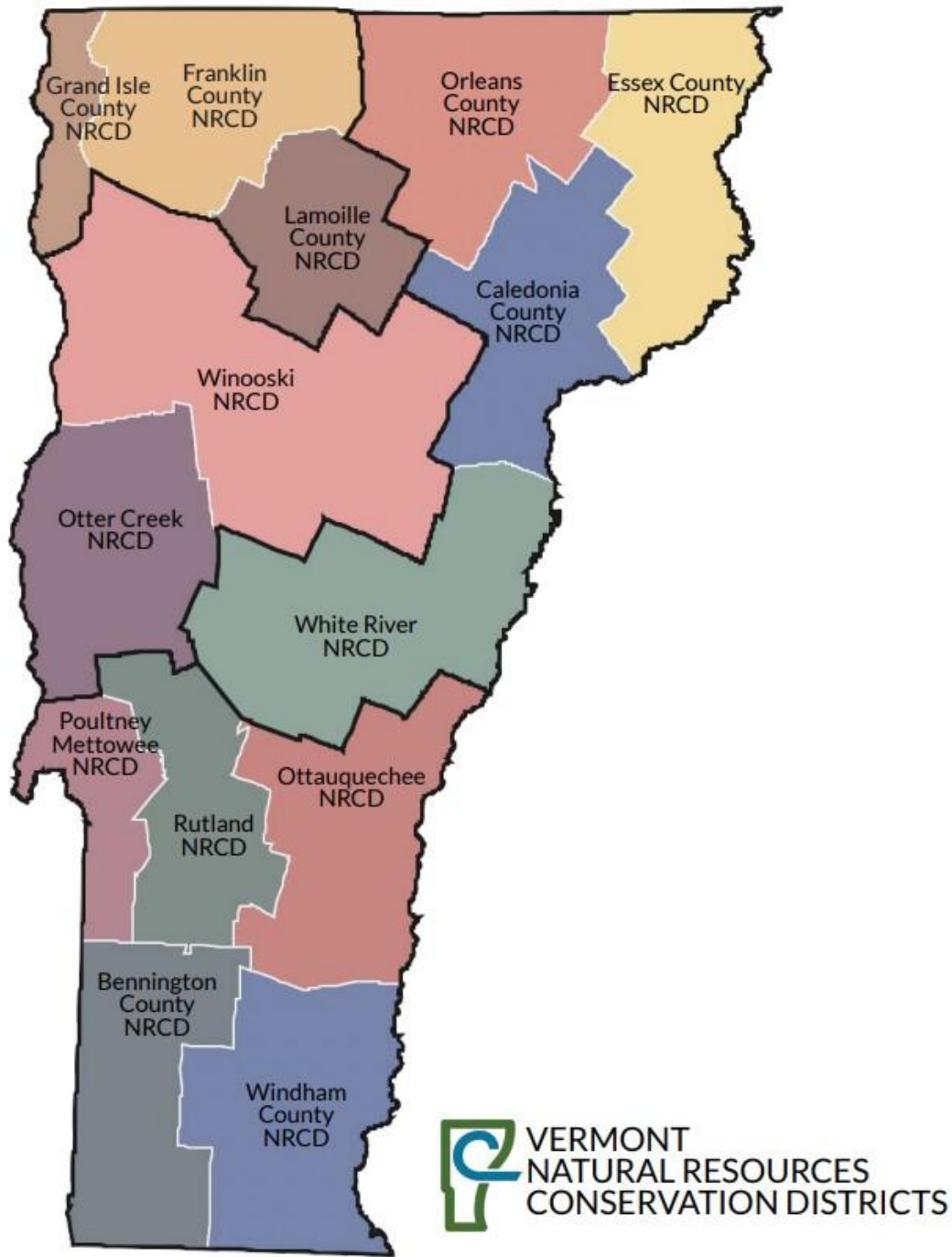
Vermont Forests, Parks & Recreation



Vermont Town Appropriations

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





Vermont's
14 Natural Resources
Conservation Districts
are seeking additional funding
starting in FY26 to cover
ongoing operational costs
necessary to meet statutory
obligations.

Questions?

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