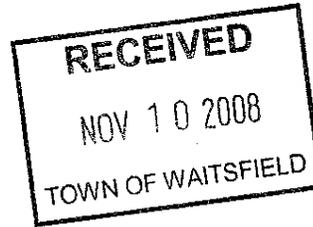


# Northern Vermont Resource Conservation & Development Council

*Rural Development ~ People Making Things Happen*



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Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, we hope this letter finds your community closing out a good 2008 and anticipating a hopeful 2009. We respectfully request your continued support by including an appropriation of \$75.00 in your 2009 Selectperson's budget. Being an organization with region-wide responsibility we are not able to petition each of the 113 towns within our area, so we ask that the small amount be included in the Selectboard's Budget.

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council is a 34 year old network of volunteers dedicated to identifying problems and designing solutions which fit the needs of its own communities. RC&D is a unique program that helps people care for and protect natural resources in a way that will improve the area's economy, environment and living standards. We serve our clients by coordinating and facilitating technical and financial assistance to local communities who initiate, sponsor, plan and implement projects.

**Technical assistance through the RC&D is available, at no cost to the community.** We would be happy to work with you on problems and challenges your community is facing and work together to find solutions. **We are glad to be a part of the Rural Fire Protection Dry Hydrant Grant Program, Better Backroads Grant Program and Natural Resources Education initiatives which have had significant impact on communities in Northern Vermont this past year.** Eligible projects cover many different areas including: community development; improvements to infrastructure and water quality; parks and recreation; and development of a diversified forest and agriculture industry. **The RC&D can also assist with finding financial resources and grant requests to carry out planned projects.**

Enclosed for reference and information is the Northern Vermont RC&D 2008 Annual Report which describes the organization and its accomplishments, and the 2009 Budget.

Please consider this letter your invoice and feel free to contact us with your ideas. By working together we can arrive at solutions which will continue to improve our communities! For more information please call us at (802) 828-4595 or email [rcdbizmanager@yahoo.com](mailto:rcdbizmanager@yahoo.com).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jarrod Becker, Business Manager

ENC: Town Report Information  
Annual Report & Budget  
Council Member List  
Invoice

## **Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Report**

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the eight counties of central and northern Vermont. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We access technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. In 2008, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$745,755 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Our current projects include rural fire protection through the dry hydrant grant program, northern forest canoe trail development, natural resources education through the High School Envirothon and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Vermont Forests Forever programs, watershed restoration work and roads management grants through the Better Backroads grant program. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years the Northern Vermont RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Beth Ann Finlay our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 828-4595.

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**2009 Proposed Budget**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>RC&amp;D Council Administration</u>	<u>USDA Program Support</u>	<u>Total</u>
Annual Meeting	\$250		\$250
Bus. Mgr. Position/Grant Administration/Project Mgmt.	\$59,583		\$59,583
Interest	\$11,000		\$11,000
Member Dues (11 sponsors)	\$700		\$700
Miscellaneous	\$0		\$0
Town Contributions	\$3,750		\$3,750
<u>Management Sub Total</u>	<u>\$75,283</u>		<u>\$75,283</u>
Allocated Funds for Project Implementation	<u>\$1,031,504</u>		<u>\$1,031,504</u>
USDA Base Program Support (Overhead & Salaries)		<u>\$178,000</u>	<u>\$178,000</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$1,106,787</u>	<u>\$178,000</u>	<u>\$1,284,787</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Audit/CPA	\$900		\$900
Celebration Dinner & Annual Meeting	\$300		\$300
Council Travel/Training - RC&D National & New England	\$8,000		\$8,000
Dues			
National RC&D Association	\$450		\$450
New England RC&D Association	\$400		\$400
Vermont Trails & Greenways Council	\$40		\$40
VT Council on Rural Development	\$125		\$125
Center for Media and Democracy	\$100		\$100
Equipment/Software - Maintenance/Supplies/Miscellaneous	\$1,800		\$1,800
Insurance (D&O and General Liability)	\$1,700		\$1,700
Bus. Mgr. Position/Grant Administration/Project Mgmt.	\$54,934		\$54,934
Endowment 2025	\$1,000		\$1,000
Marketing	\$400		\$400
Meeting Expenses & Facilitation	\$250		\$250
Project Support	\$7,200		\$7,200
Postage	\$0		\$0
Newsletter	\$500		\$500
USDA Base Program Support (Overhead & Salaries)		\$178,000	\$178,000
<u>Management Sub Total</u>	<u>\$78,099</u>	<u>\$178,000</u>	<u>\$256,099</u>
<u>Management Net Income/Expenditures</u>	<u>-\$2,816</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>-\$2,816</u>
RC&D Financial Assistance for Project Implementation			
Better Backroads	\$657,012		\$657,012
Derby - Coutts Moriarty Wastewater	\$1,367		\$1,367
Northern Forest Canoe Trail	\$887		\$887
Rural Fire Protection	\$298,489		\$298,489
Vermont Forests Forever	\$197		\$197
Skidder Bridge	\$18,680		\$18,680
Decision Making Tools for Sawmills	\$10,614		\$10,614
Forestry Letter Series	\$400		\$400
<u>Projects Sub Total</u>	<u>\$987,647</u>		<u>\$987,647</u>
<u>Project Net Income/Expenditures</u>	<u>\$43,857</u>		<u>\$43,857</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$1,065,746</u>	<u>\$178,000</u>	<u>\$1,243,746</u>
<u>Total Net Income/Expenditures</u>	<u>\$41,041</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$41,041</u>

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