

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 Vermont (we have expanded our service area with the closing of the George D. Aiken RC&D area that served south central and southern Vermont). By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. The Council is a self-supporting 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In 2011, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered \$796,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Our current projects include rural fire protection through the dry hydrant grant program, water quality improvement work through the portable skidder bridge free loan and education program, and watershed restoration work and road 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 Jarrod Becker our RC&D Business Manager at (802) 828-4595.

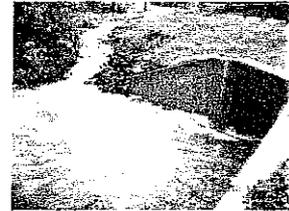
NORTHERN VERMONT RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

"RC&D is committed to helping people develop and care for Vermont's resources to strengthen our communities. We envision vibrant communities with economies that are based on the sustainable use of the region's natural resources."

RC&D Program & Project Highlights

Better Backroads Grant Program

- Secured an additional \$522,998 in funding from the Vermont Agency of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration to continue the 15th year of the Better Backroads program; provided technical assistance site visits to 53 towns and organizations. For a list of towns that received a 2011 Better Backroads grant visit www.nvtred.org/bbr.htm



Dry Hydrant Grant Program - Rural Fire Protection & Barn Fire Task Force

- The 2011 RFP initiative secured \$155,000 from Vermont Legislature to continue the 13th year of the program, provided technical and financial services to 47 Vermont towns on rural water supply development, and awarded \$113,000 in dry hydrant grants to install water withdrawal systems. For a list of towns that received a 2011 dry hydrant grant visit www.nvtred.org/wrthrtf.htm



Northern Forest Canoe Trail

- Provided funding for warning signs for the East Highgate Dam.

Forestry Letter Series

- Third year of FLS was held. Field day held at Pine Hill Farm in Derby VT. The series can be downloaded at www.nvtred.org/fls.htm



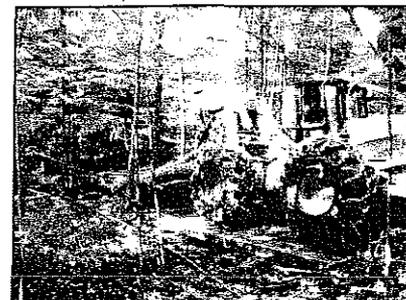
Vermont Forests Forever CD ROM

- Continued to distribute the VFF CD packet to educators; program materials have been transferred to the Vermont Forest Parks & Recreation for distribution and posted on the Northern VT RC&D website www.nvtred.org/vff.htm



Skidder Bridge Cost Share & Education Program

- Continued to promote and administer the Free Loan, Cost Share & Technical Assistance programs. www.nvtred.org/sb.htm



"RC&D - MAKING THINGS HAPPEN"

2011 Annual Report



Major Partners & Friends of RC&D – Thank You!

The RC&D concept doesn't work without the collaboration of partners. We, the Council members, wish to acknowledge that without the help of all who join us in this adventure called RC&D we would accomplish little. We continue to be amazed at that willingness to help when people see that their efforts are helping their friends and neighbors improve the quality of life for everyone. Thanks!

MAJOR PROJECT PARTNERS

Greater Adirondack RC&D Council
 U.S. Forest Service
 Environmental Protection Agency
 Federal Highway Administration
 More Than Wheels, Inc. (formerly Bonnie Clac)
 Consulting Foresters Assn of VT
 Society of American Foresters-Green Mt Chapter
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 Northeast Organic Farming Assn - VT
 Northern Forest Canoe Trail
 U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy
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 VT Envirothon Sponsors
 VT Local Roads Program
 VT Woodlands Assn/VT Tree Farm
 VT Youth Conservation Corps
 VT Agency of Transportation
 VT Department of Education
 VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force
 VT Natural Resources Conservation Districts
 And all committee, community and project volunteers... Thank you!



The Northern VT RC&D said "Goodbye" to its long time federal Coordinator and friend Beth Ann Finlay (center) in 2011. Funding cuts eliminated the federal side of the RC&D program nationally. If you support the RC&D Program and would like to see its federal funding restored, visit our website for information on how to voice that support to the federal government. www.nvtred.org

RC&D STAFF & CONTRACTED PROFESSIONALS

Jarrold Becker, Business Manager/Grants Administrator
 Troy Dare, Rural Fire Protection Engineering Technician
 Alan May, Better Backroads Program Technician
 Kevin Beattie, Contracted Skidder Bridge Coordinator



If you would like to know more about RC&D or would like to help "make things happen" for Vermont communities contact us at: 617 Comstock Rd, Suite 2, Berlin, VT 05602, (802) 828-4595, rcdbizmanager@yahoo.com, or www.nvtred.org

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2012 Budget

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>RC&D Council Administration</u>
Annual Meeting	\$200
Bus. Mgr. Position/Grant Administration/Project Mgmt.	\$62,000
Better Backroads Technician	\$57,036
RFP Technician	\$55,000
Interest	\$3,000
Member Dues (12 sponsors)	\$1,200
Miscellaneous	\$800
Town Contributions	\$4,000
<u>Management Sub Total</u>	<u>\$183,236</u>
Allocated Funds for Project Implementation	<u>\$631,349</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$814,585</u>

EXPENDITURES

Audit/CPA	\$1,000
Celebration Dinner & Annual Meeting	\$600
Council Travel/Training - RC&D National & New England	\$4,000
Dues	
National RC&D Association	\$450
New England RC&D Association	\$400
Vermont Trails & Greenways Council	\$0
VT Council on Rural Development	\$0
Equipment/Software - Maintenance/Supplies/Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Insurance (D&O and General Liability)	\$1,700
Bus. Mgr. Position/Grant Administration/Project Mgmt.	\$65,000
Better Backroads Technician	\$55,000
RFP Technician	\$62,000
Endowment 2025 (Transfer \$2,000.23 to Council Gen. Fund)	\$0
Marketing (Transfer \$1,296.29 to Council Gen. Fund)	\$0
Meeting Expenses & Facilitation	\$200
Area Plan Implementation	\$100
Postage	\$500
Newsletter	\$0
<u>Management Sub Total</u>	<u>\$195,950</u>
<u>Management Net Income/Expenditures</u>	<u>-\$12,714</u>

RC&D Financial Assistance for Project Implementation

Better Backroads	\$445,800
Northern Forest Canoe Trail	\$442
Rural Fire Protection	\$111,885
Vermont Forests Forever (Trans. \$197.29 to Council Gen. Fund)	\$0
Skidder Bridge	\$57,000
Forestry Letter Series (Transfer \$1,454.25 to Council Gen. Fund)	\$0
Community Wildfire Protection Plans	\$12,500
<u>Projects Sub Total</u>	<u>\$627,627</u>
<u>Project Net Income/Expenditures</u>	<u>\$3,722</u>

<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$823,577</u>
<u>Total Net Income/Expenditures</u>	<u>-\$8,992</u>

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2012 INVOICE

DATE: December 12, 2011
FROM: Northern Vermont RC&D Council
RE: Invoice for 2012 Town Appropriations

Description	Amount
2012 Town Appropriations funds will be used for rural development, stewardship and capacity building initiatives	\$100.00

TOTAL: \$100.00

Please make checks payable to: **Northern Vermont RC&D Council**

THANK YOU

