

Be a steward of *This Place In Between!*

*Imagine every person on this land doing their part to keep our air and water clean, our forests and fields productive, and our wildlife healthy and strong. It can happen.
And there are many programs in place to help this vision become a reality.*

Interested in learning more about your land?

Vermont Center for Ecostudies

Contact: 802-649-1431

Birds@vtcostudies.org
Mammals@vtcostudies.org
Amphibians@vtcostudies.org
Butterflies@vtcostudies.org

Website: www.vtcostudies.org

If you are interested in learning about the creatures living on your property, VCE's field biologists may be able to answer your questions.

Vermont Coverts

Contact: info@vtcoverts.org, 802-388-3880

Website: www.vtcoverts.org,

Coverts provides trainings and resources for forest landowners interested in managing their land for wildlife.

Vermont Woodlands Association

Contact: (802)747-7900

Website: www.vermontwoodlands.org

Vermont Woodlands Association provides workshops and resources to landowners interested in forest management.

Interested in technical or financial assistance for managing your land?

Audubon Vermont

Contact: (802)434-3068

Website: www.vt.audubon.org

Audubon provides forest bird habitat assessments for owners of large tracts of forest in select locations.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Contact: Rutland Service Center, (802)775-8034

Website: www.vt.nrcs.usda.gov/

NRCS works with landowners and communities to improve soil, water, air, plants, wildlife, and energy use through educational resources and financial incentives programs. Projects funded include conservation planning, irrigation systems, soil, air, and water quality enhancements, improvements to wildlife habitat, restoration of wetlands, and more. The local office can tell you which program(s) may be appropriate for you.

Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife: Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Contacts: Mary Beth Adler, VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, marybeth.adler@state.vt.us, (802)885-8836
Natural Resources Conservation Service (Rutland Service Center), (802)775-8034

Website: www.vt.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/

WHIP is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, but Fish & Wildlife biologists provide expertise on wildlife habitat needs. The program provides technical and financial assistance for landowners to develop or improve fish and wildlife habitat.

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Contact: Shannon Pytlik, Shannon.pytlik@state.vt.us, (802)786-5900 (Rutland Office)

Website: www.vtwaterquality.org/rivers.htm

DEC may help landowners in addressing stormwater runoff and other issues related to the meandering of waterways. The River Management Program also provides assistance for riparian restoration and corridor easements.

Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation: County Forester

Contact: Chris Stone, Rutland County Forester, chris.stone@state.vt.us, (802) 786-3853

Website:

www.vtfpr.org/resource/for_forres_countfor.cfm

The County Forester work directly with landowners to provide information specific to a single property or general to regional forestry resources. The County Forester also manages the Use Value Appraisal (Current Use) program, which allows landowners who practice long-term forest management to have their land appraised for property taxes based on its value for forestry rather than fair market value (which generally lowers taxes).

Vermont Natural Resource Conservation Districts (NRCDS)

Poultney-Mettawee (Serves the western portion of Rutland County)

Contact: Cyd Groff, pmnrcd@sover.net, (802)287-8339

Website: <http://www.pmnrcd.org>

Rutland (Serves the eastern portion of Rutland County)

Contact: Nanci McGuire, nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net, 802-775-7192 x17

NRCDS provide landowners and agricultural producers with technical, financial and educational assistance for programs that include water quality protection, erosion control, riparian plantings, and education about natural resources. Rutland County has two NRCD offices, divided by watershed.

Nestled between the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks, we rely on our land for food, income, recreation, beauty, and a traditional way of life.

Interested in enrolling your land in a Forestry Certification Program?

If you manage forestland, these programs offer third-party certification that forestry operations meet sustainability criteria.

American Tree Farm System

Website: www.vermontwoodlands.org/

In Vermont, this program is managed by the Vermont Woodlands Association.

Forest Stewardship Council

Website: www.sfipprogram.org

Sustainable Forestry Initiative

Website: www.fsc.org

Interested in exploring voluntary land protection options?

New England Forestry Foundation

Contact: info@newenglandforestry.org, (978) 952-6856

Website: www.newenglandforestry.org/

New England Forestry Foundation conserves working forest land through conservation easements.

The Nature Conservancy

Contact: Joan Allen, jallen@tnc.org, (802) 229-4425

Website: www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/vermont

This list is merely a sampling of some of the programs and resources available locally. It is not intended to be comprehensive.

The Nature Conservancy works with landowners to conserve ecologically important areas and wildlife habitat, through land purchase and conservation easements.

Trust for Public Land

Contact: Kate Wanner, vermont@tpl.org, (802) 223-1373

Website: www.tpl.org/what-we-do/where-we-work/vermont/

Trust for Public Land conserves land for the benefit of the public, primarily working with large-acreage properties and community forests.

Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife

Contact: jane.lazorchak@state.vt.us, (802)479-4405

Website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/lip_intro.cfm

The Fish and Wildlife Department works with landowners to conserve critical fish and wildlife habitat through land purchase and conservation easements.

Vermont Land Trust

Contact: Donald Campbell, Donald@vlt.org, (802)442-4915

Website: www.vlt.org

The Vermont Land Trust works with landowners to protect working farms, forests, and natural places through conservation easements.



What resources are available to your community?

New England Grassroots Environmental Fund (NEGEF): Small Grants Program

Contact: info@grassrootsfund.org, (802)223-4622

Website: <http://grassrootsfund.org/>

NEGEF administers grants intended for small organizations and grassroots entities working on community-based environmental projects.

Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife: Community Wildlife Program

Contact: Jens Hilke, jens.hilke@state.vt.us, (802) 476- 0199

Website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/cwp_home.cfm

The Community Wildlife Program provides assistance and resources for municipal planners in protecting wildlife habitat and natural communities.

Vermont Natural Resource Council (VNRC)

Contact: Jamey Fidel, jfidel@vnrc.org, (802)223 2328

Website: www.vnrc.org/

VNRC helps communities plan for a future that includes renewable energy, healthy forests and biodiversity, smart economic growth, and enhanced water quality.

For information on additional technical assistance institutions working across the state, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains a Web Guide to Technical Assistance Programs at <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/webguide.cfm>

This list was put together by the Staying Connected Initiative. For more information about Staying Connected, please visit <https://stayingconnectedgreensadks.wordpress.com/> or contact:

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