

Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Surveying Private Sector Road Salt Applicators to Help Save Money and Protect the Environment

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RE: Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Surveying Private Sector Road Salt Applicators to Help Save Money and Protect the Environment

The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District (WNRCD) in partnership with the UVM NR206 Service based learning class, are seeking private sector road salt applicators to take a brief survey. The outcome will allow partners to better assist contractors to save money and prevent environmental damage. The survey can be requested by emailing: info@winooskinrcd.org or by visiting www.winooskinrcd.org

There has been a dramatic rise of concentrations of salt within our waterways. Lake Champlain has seen a 30% increase over the past ten years, many local streams exceed levels that could harm Brook Trout populations. Maintaining safe driving conditions, parking lots and walkways in addition to reducing both costs and the salting of our waterbodies can be achieved through utilizing Best Management Practices including, current technology and training.

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For more information on the WNRCD's Road Salt Reduction Initiative, please visit: www.winooskinrcd.org

The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District is one of 14 conservation districts throughout Vermont. It encompasses all of Chittenden and Washington County as well as parts of Orange County (Orange, Williamstown and Washington). The district relies on grants and individual donations to complete its conservation work. The WNRCD focuses its resources on completing conservation projects within the areas of agricultural assistance, forestland enhancement, urban conservation and watershed stewardship.

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