



**WNRC**

*Educational Series*



## Nutrient Management Plans

The WNRC can help you write your own Nutrient Management Plan; At **NO COST** to you.

To assist small farms in the development of Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs) a partnership was formed between the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts, the 14 Natural Resource Conservation Districts in Vermont, UVM Extension and NRCS. The purpose of this program is to improve water quality by reducing phosphorus and other nutrient loading from small livestock farm operations in the Lake Champlain Basin and beyond. The program is supported through an agreement with the USDA NRCS, as well as through contributions from the partner organizations.

- Great news:** By writing your own NMP you can:
- ~ Understand the nutrient needs of your soil.
  - ~ Learn how to improve water quality and soil health on your farm.
  - ~ Learn how to best use your manure on your land.
  - ~ Meet a requirement of the state's Required Agricultural Practices



### The Process to achieve your own NMP

1. Sign and return the attached Application & Information Release form to: Winooski NRC 300 Interstate Corporate Center, Suite 200 Williston, VT 05495
2. Establish records with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) if not already completed.
3. Assist with collecting soil samples on fields.
4. Discuss production and conservation goals with a Technical Service Provider who will collect farm information needed for the NMP class and to prepare you Land Treatment Plan.
5. Attend the six Nutrient Management Plan classes provided by the UVM Extension. These classes are held in winter at sites throughout the state.

## Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District

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If you are interested in participating in the NMP class and having the WNRCD help you, please complete the Application & Information Release form found on the WNRCD website at: [info@winooskinrcd.org](mailto:info@winooskinrcd.org) and mail it back. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [info@winooskinrcd.org](mailto:info@winooskinrcd.org)



In addition, please feel free to check out the WNRCD website at: [www.winooskinrcd.org](http://www.winooskinrcd.org) for the many resources and information on additional assistance we can offer you.

We are planning some informative workshops in the near future on the Required Agricultural Practices, compiling resources to make it easy to implement any changes on your farm and are more than happy to come out onto your farm to discuss the RAP's and take a non-regulatory look to help you identify any potential issues and refer you to technical and financial assistance to make changes needed.

**We look forward to working with you.**

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. For more information on Conservation initiatives within the District, please visit: [www.winooskinrcd.org](http://www.winooskinrcd.org)



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