

# WINOOSKI NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Washington County Local Growers Guide



In an effort to revitalize community support for local agriculture and forestry operations, the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District plans to develop and distribute a Local Growers Guide for Washington County. Covering more than 444,800 acres, Washington County is the third most populated County in Vermont. Despite having a high population density relative to other counties in VT, there is a strong agricultural presence in the area, ranging from small vegetable farms to large dairy operations like Ben and Jerry's and Cabot Creamery. The Washington County Local Growers Guide will provide citizens with a comprehensive listing of locally grown produce, meat, and other farm and forest products. Initially the Guide will be posted on the websites of the Winooski NRCD and our partners.

Much of the compilation for the Washington County Local Growers Guide will draw from existing local agriculture directories. We also plan to partner and share resources with the University of Vermont's Center for Rural Studies, who is creating a similar directory for the Champlain Valley, with a focus on Chittenden County. Jointly, we will develop a model that can be used for both guides. In addition to producing a user-friendly online guide, our hope is to distribute a full color insert in the Sunday edition of *The Burlington Free Press* and *The Times Argus*.

If you'd like your farm or forestry operation to be listed in this guide, please contact Ashley Lidman at 802-865-7895 x104 or [Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net). A special thank you to the Vermont Agency of Agricultural for their support of this project!

## Vermont Rain Garden Manuals for Sale



The Vermont Rain Garden Manual: *Gardening to Absorb the Storm* and rain garden plant list are now available. This is a great resource for anyone who is interested in managing stormwater on their property and protecting our local rivers and lakes through gardening. This full color Manual includes step-by-step instructions to rain garden design and installation, five creative planting plans, information about curb-cut rain gardens (perfect for urban streetscapes), a rain garden plant list (including 150 plants suitable for Vermont rain gardens), and an explanation of how rain gardens are compatible with the Vermont Stormwater Management Manual. The Vermont Rain Garden Manual can be downloaded at <http://vacd.org/winooski/> free of cost. You can also purchase printed manuals, in full color, for \$5 each. For orders of more than 50 manuals, the cost is \$4.50 each. Checks should be made payable to WNRCD and mailed to: Ashley Lidman, Winooski NRCD, 1193 South Brownell Rd, Suite 35, Williston, VT 05495.

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**Shop at Burlington's Outdoor Gear Exchange (OGE) in November and bring your own bag!**

Every time a customer uses their own bag (rather than a plastic bag), OGE will donate 5 cents to the Winooski NRCD.

**Thank you OGE, for supporting our work!**

It is our hope that you enjoy reading our newsletters as much as we enjoy writing them. However, if you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, please contact Ashley Lidman at 802-865-7895 x104 or [Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:Ashley.Lidman@vt.nacdnet.net) to be removed.

# WINOOSKI NRC D STAFF PROFILES



**Abbey Willard**, *District Manager*

Abbey began as Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Manager five years ago. She manages watershed stewardship projects, technical staff for agricultural producers, educational opportunities for youth and the community, as well as the day to day function of the District and its employees. Though she grew up in Peacham, VT, Abbey previously lived and worked in Bozeman, Montana and graduated from Montana State University's Soils & Environmental Science Program. Abbey lives in Randolph Center. Currently she is attending Green Mountain College part-time to obtain a Masters of Environmental Studies degree with a concentration in Conservation Biology.



**Ashley Lidman**, *Assistant Manager*

Ashley joined the Winooski NRC D during the summer of 2008, after graduating from the University of Vermont with a Master of Science in Natural Resources. Ashley has an undergraduate degree in urban studies from Brown University and has worked for numerous non-profit organizations in New England and Washington, DC, with a focus in urban forestry, environmental education, and urban ecology. Originally from Rhode Island, Ashley loves living in Vermont and looks forward to promoting rain gardens and other stormwater management projects in the Winooski District.



**Cherie Staples**, *Bookkeeper*

Cherie spent eleven years with the Vermont Land Trust, after six years at Vermont Natural Resources Council, and then moved to Colorado for six years, where she helped care for her first granddaughter and then managed the Denver office of The Wilderness Society. Along the way, a camera has been a steady companion and she has quite a raft of photos. Returning to Vermont in 2003, she's become a part-time bookkeeper for several businesses in the central Vermont area. She is a member of the Onion River Chorus and sings in the Old Meeting House Choir, and participates on three East Montpelier community committees. Cherie has two children and three grandchildren.

## Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) Staff



**Jason Fleury**, *Conservation Planner*

Jason Fleury has been a Land Treatment Planner with the District since August 2006. Jason primarily services Washington, Chittenden, and half of Orange County. Prior to the Winooski District, Jason worked for the Franklin County NRC D for almost two years as a Farm Conservation Planner for the Farmland Ranch Protection Program as well as a Land Treatment Planner. He grew up on a small Jersey farm in Berkshire, VT. He graduated from the 2 + 2 Program from the University of Vermont with a degree focused in Agricultural Entrepreneurship. Jason currently lives in Barre, VT.



**Susan Alexander**, *Basin Planner/ Agriculture Resource Specialist*

Susan Alexander joined the District in April 2006 and covers responsibilities in Washington County and the three Northeast Kingdom counties. Susan works 70% of the time as an Agricultural Resource Specialist working with farmers in Washington, Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties. The remainder of her time is spent working on the agricultural chapters of the watershed plans for the Winooski, Stevens, Waits, Wells, and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. She graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Soil Science. Prior to working for the District she spent 15 years conducting ground and surface water studies on pesticides all across the country.

**A special thanks to Jessica Andreoletti** who worked for the Winooski NRC D for close to two years and is now a Planner with the Town of Williston. Fortunately, Jessica is still involved in many of the District's stormwater management projects, as a representative for the Town. Thanks to an initiative Jessica began while at the District, the Winooski NRC D will be leading a stormwater-related workshop and stream clean-up in Williston in 2009.

**Thank you to the many organizations, agencies, municipalities, and individuals who provided financial support for our work!** Our primary funders for 2008 projects include: Better Back Roads Program, Cabot Creamery, Chittenden Bank, Environmental Protection Agency, Fitzgerald Charitable Trust, Green Mountain Power, IBM, Lintilhac Foundation, Merchants Bank, North Country Federal Credit Union, Oakland Foundation, Town of Cabot, Town of Williston, South Burlington High School, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, VT Agency of Ag, VT Agency of Transportation, Vermont Community Foundation, VT Department of Environmental Conservation, and VT State Employees Credit Union. And always a special thank you to our members!

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# SKIDDER BRIDGE INITIATIVE

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) funds from Cabot Creamery have been made available to the Winooski NRC and Friends of the Winooski River to focus on restoration efforts in the Winooski Headwaters area. In an effort to improve in-stream habitat, a new partnership has developed into a Portable Skidder Bridge Project for forestry activities. This non-point source pollution prevention initiative was launched by VT Agency of Natural Resources Watershed Forester Gary Sabourin through the VT Clean & Clear program to reduce phosphorus from entering waterways as a result of logging practices.

This program will build awareness of the benefits to decreasing stream bed and stream bank disturbance through the use of properly sized portable skidder bridges. We will construct two bridges and have them available to foresters and loggers for a reasonable rental price- \$100 per month- at convenient pick up locations in the Upper Winooski Watershed. The program is designed to be self-sustaining where the rental fee is used for: construction of additional bridges, maintenance of existing bridges, and support of Winooski NRC coordinating staff.

One bridge was built earlier this fall and is currently being stored at Fontaine's Mill on Rte 14 in East Montpelier. Vermont Youth Conservation Corps crewmembers assisted with the construction of the bridge along with

VT Forests, Parks, and Recreation and Department of Environmental Conservation staff. The hemlock timbers were locally sourced and sawn at Fontaine's Mill.



Portable skidder bridge tour, E. Montpelier

In early spring, the project partners will host a demonstration workshop for loggers and consulting foresters on the economic and water quality benefits

of using portable skidder bridges for temporary stream crossings. A hands-on component of the workshop will be to construct a second bridge, resulting in two available for use in the Watershed.

## Winooski NRC Mission Statement

*Connecting people to a sustainable landscape*

- ◇ To ensure the wise use, protection and enhancement of Vermont's natural resources through the use of local initiatives, education, and partnerships;
- ◇ To foster public awareness and appreciation for the value and need for natural resource conservation; and
- ◇ To advance the understanding that we are all stewards of the living earth.

*Serving landowners in Washington and Chittenden Counties since 1940*

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## Urban Conservation

**2008 Vermont Rain Garden Contest:** This summer, in partnership with UVM Extension Lake Champlain Sea Grant, the Winooski NRCD held the 2008 Vermont Rain Garden Contest. Eighteen gardens were judged as part of the contest, thirteen of which were installed this year. The Winooski NRCD and UVM Extension hope to build upon the interest generated by the Contest through developing a state-wide Rain Garden Registry and holding the 2nd Annual Vermont Rain Garden Contest in 2009. For more information on the 2008 VT Rain Garden Contest, see the article on page 7.

**Gully Stabilization Projects in Williston:** Substantial progress has been made on two gully stabilization projects in Williston: Williston Hills and Oak Hill. Three log jams were installed at Oak Hill this summer, in partnership with the Town of Williston, VT DEC, and Bear Creek Environmental, LLC. For information on Gully C in Williston Hills, see the article on page 7.

**Rain Barrel Painting Projects:** This summer and fall students and teachers from Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington, Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, Centerpoint School in South Burlington, Essex Tech Center, Essex Middle School, and Montpelier High School helped the WRNCD decorate and distribute over 100 rain barrels to local residents. Students painted the barrels and created informational brochures to hand out to barrel recipients.



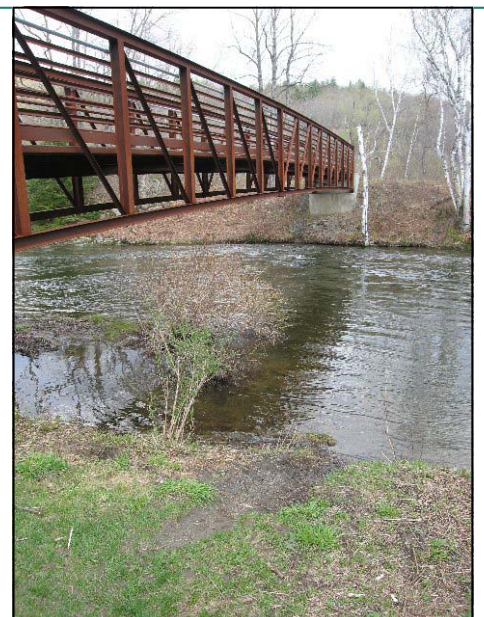
*"Best Previously Installed" Rain Garden: Jim Foster, Winooski*

## Watershed Stewardship

**Winooski Headwaters Community Project:** Conservation implementation efforts continued in the Headwaters communities this year. Two large forest riparian buffers were installed in Marshfield, one at the Marshfield Inn and the other at the Town-owned Martin's Bridge property. Over 100 volunteers came out to plant 800 native trees and shrubs along nearly one mile of the upper Winooski River main stem. Additionally, the Vermont River Conservancy became involved in the project and is developing a Corridor Easement on one of the properties, one of the first of its kind in the state.

**Mid Winooski Partnership:** A successful water quality monitoring effort unfolded in the North, Stevens and Jail Branches and along the Capital City section of the Winooski River. Twelve locally-frequented swimming holes were sampled for E. Coli and phosphorus levels. U-32, Montpelier and Spaulding High School students and teachers were also involved in the effort, adding school-year chemical analysis and physical and biological data for the sampling sites.

**Lower Winooski Partnership:** IBM is supporting a local initiative in the Lower Winooski Watershed to implement community outreach and local restoration and protection projects. This summer eight waste water treatment facilities between Waterbury and Lake Champlain were tested for pharmaceutical and personal care product analytes. A rain garden was installed at the IBM complex in Essex to treat stormwater running off a two-acre parking lot. Technical and financial support for an Essex Middle School rain barrel project was also coordinated by efforts of the Lower Winooski Partnership. Thirty-three rain barrels will be distributed in the community in late November.



*North Branch monitoring site*

## Agriculture

**Basin Planning on the Winooski River:** The Winooski Watershed Coordinator position, vacant since April 2007, was filled in early 2008. The new Watershed Coordinator has restarted the basin planning process in the upper Winooski Watershed (i.e. Bolton Falls upstream), meeting with town conservation commissions and planning commissions to boost interest and participation in the basin planning process as well as revisiting issues and objectives that were developed at the first round of public meetings in 2007. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this process which includes a speaker series, identifying and working on water related projects, and on-going discussions of the goals and strategies that form the foundation of the Basin Plan. For further information and to learn the latest status of this process, please call Ryan McCall at 802-241-1006 or Karen Bates at 802-879-2339.

**Winooski Watershed Cover Cropping:** Annually tilled crop fields attract the attention of community members in fall when covered in a green winter rye cover crop. Additionally, this soil cover aids farmers in reducing wind and water erosion and capturing nitrogen, which is released into the soil in spring when incorporated as a green manure. Over 544 acres in the Winooski Watershed were cover cropped this fall through a Conservation District program as well as the VT Agency of Agriculture Farm Agronomic Practices program. Keep a look out for these green fields before snowfall and again when it melts in early spring and thank your farmers for doing their part to protect water quality in the Winooski Watershed.

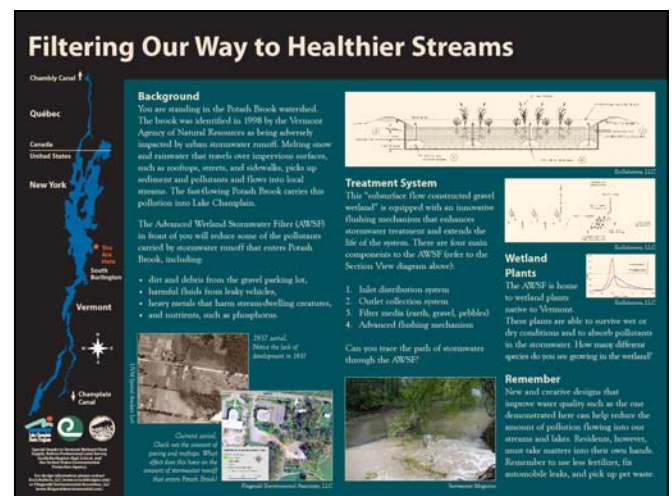
**Horse Workshop:** Keep an eye out for a spring workshop in Westford on Managing Manure and Pastureland on Small Horse Farms. As agriculture diversifies in Vermont, we are seeing more backyard operations with a few horses, pigs, sheep and poultry. To better reach out to the agricultural community, we are beginning a workshop series focused on small-diversified operations and their role as stewards of our soil and water resources. If you are interested in more information about this workshop series or would like to attend, please contact either Abbey Willard at 802-828-4493 x110 or our Chittenden County Agricultural Resource Specialist Pam Stefanek at 802-388-6747 x26.

## Outreach & Education

**Lower Winooski Partnership:** The IBM complex and employees have been the target audience for many conservation outreach and implementation efforts over the past six months. Lunchtime Brown Bag talks have provided information about rain gardens, healthy green lawns, backyard forestry practices and waste water treatment facility monitoring results to interested IBMers. An interpretative sign can be found adjacent to the Complex's rain garden— denoting planted species and functional value to this aesthetically pleasing stormwater treatment option. In addition, a tour of the IBM rain garden will showcase to other facility managers the environmental value of in-situ stormwater control and the educational benefits of business participation in Best Management Practices.

**Farrell Park Interpretive Sign:** In November 2007 an Advanced Wetland Stormwater Filter (AWSF), designed by EcoSolutions, was installed at Farrell Park in South Burlington. The goal of the AWSF is to treat stormwater runoff in the impaired Potash Brook Watershed. In the summer of 2008 the Winooski NRC and the City of South Burlington installed an educational sign at the site. The sign was developed and designed as part of the Lake Champlain Basin Program's Wayside Exhibit Program.

**Vermont Rain Garden Manual:** The Vermont Rain Garden Manual: *Gardening to Absorb the Storm* and rain garden plant list are now available. For details on how to download or purchase a manual, see Page 1.



Interpretive Sign at Farrell Park, South Burlington

## VT MASTER GARDENER

### Register for the 2009 Vermont Master Gardener Course Today!

Tuesday evenings  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Locations:

Bennington, Brattleboro, Johnson, Lyndon, Montpelier, Middlebury, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, Waterbury, and White River Junction. The Chittenden County class site has been filled.

#### Overview:

The course will cover the fundamentals of plant and soil science and home gardening application. Training focuses on a variety of horticultural topics such as; vegetable and flower gardening, botany, sustainable landscape design, soils, plant diseases, entomology, invasive plants, and more. Students who wish to earn Vermont Certified Master Gardener status are required to fulfill an internship following course completion.

#### To register or for fees and other information please:

Visit [www.uvm.edu/mastergardener](http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener),  
Email [master.gardener@uvm.edu](mailto:master.gardener@uvm.edu), or  
Call 802-656-9562

## WHIP Related Reading

*Backyard Wildlife Habitat in Vermont*  
by Steve Parren, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

*Conserving Vermont's Natural Heritage*, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

*The Place You Call Home: A Guide to Caring for Your Land in Vermont*, Northern Woodlands

*Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife*, [www.vtcoverts.org](http://www.vtcoverts.org)

*Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program*, [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/)

*Working With Your Woodland: A Landowner's Guide* by Mollie Beattie, Charles Thompson, and Lynn Levine

## HONORING OF FARM & FORESTRY OPERATIONS

Every year the Winooski NRC D honors farmers and forest stewards who manage their land utilizing exemplary conservation practices. This year our focus was on composting operations in Chittenden County and WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program) participants in Washington County.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> Winooski NRC D staff, supervisors, and partners visited composting operations in Chittenden County to learn about how to best manage manure and nutrients, and divert organics from the waste stream, at various scales. We would like to honor the **UVM Dairy Farm** and **Champlain Valley Compost** for their efforts to compost dairy manure and treat dairy parlor waste through a constructed wetland in South Burlington. We would also like to honor **Intervale Compost Products** and the **Chittenden Solid Waste District** for their efforts to divert food scraps and other organics from the waste stream in Chittenden County. Finally, we would like to honor **Gary and Tammy Davis**, who compost horse manure from their neighbors in Jericho.

The 2008 Forestry Tour, which was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, honored three Washington County WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program) landowners for their wildlife habitat improvement practices. As part of the tour, we also visited a portable skidder bridge at Fontaine's Mill in East Montpelier. (For more information about this project, see page 3.) We would like to honor **Goddard College** in Plainfield, for implementation of a forest management plan. We would also like to honor **Bob and Carroll Nelson**, who are managing their land in Middlesex for wildlife, and **Lynn Sanders** who transformed an old farmstead landscape in Northfield into a beautiful apple orchard. Finally, we would like to honor **Ellen Sivret, NRCS** and the **Barre District Forestry staff** for their role in conservation and forest stewardship in Washington County.



WHIP property tour, Northfield

## THE FUTURE OF COMPOSTING IN VT

The Winooski NRC D's 2008 Annual Chicken Pie Dinner was held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Waterbury Congregational Church. As part of this event, a panel focusing on "The Future of Composting in Vermont" was held. The panel was moderated by Susan Alexander, VT Association of Conservation Districts, and the panelists included: Eric



Touring Intervale Compost

Van Vlandren, Intervale Compost Products/CSWD; Pat O'Neill, Composting Association of Vermont; Tom Moreau, Chittenden Solid Waste District; John Brabant, VANR Solid Waste Management Program; and Karl Hammer, VT Compost Company. Thanks to our panelists & Annual Dinner attendees for an insightful discussion of a very important issue. We also want to acknowledge the Circle 2 ladies of the Waterbury Congregational Church for the superb chicken pie dinner!

# 2008 VERMONT RAIN GARDEN CONTEST

This summer the Winooski NRC and UVM Extension Lake Champlain Sea Grant partnered to hold the 2008 Vermont Rain Garden Contest, the first of its kind in the state. A rain garden is an attractive, landscaped garden that is used to treat stormwater runoff (water generated from rain fall or snowmelt), usually from a roof, parking lot, or other impervious surface. The goal of the Contest was to encourage the installation of rain gardens to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality in the Lake Champlain Basin, and in particular, in stormwater-impaired streams in Chittenden County. Participants of the Contest received a copy of the Vermont Rain Garden Manual, were invited to attend rain garden workshops and installations, and received on-site technical assistance, all free of charge. Eighteen residents, municipalities, and businesses were judged as part of the Rain Garden Contest, thirteen of whom installed a rain garden on their property this summer. In addition, over 75 people attended rain garden workshops and hands-on demonstration installations, which were led by UVM Extension and the WNRCD.

In early September volunteer judges visited the gardens in the contest and selected the following nine gardens, which stood out in various categories, as winners of the 2008 Vermont Rain Garden Contest:

- Originality: Marianne Blanchard (resident in Grand Isle)
- Native Plants: Charlie Farmer and members of the UVM

American Water Resources Association Student Chapter (UVM Hospital site, Burlington)

- Best Stormwater Reduction: Jeff Rouleau (resident in St. Albans)
- Best Previously Installed: Jim Foster (resident in Winooski)
- Best in Chittenden County - Non-residential: Laura Koleski, Terra-Nova Sadowski, and Jen Mills (UVM Horticulture Farm, South Burlington)
- Best in Chittenden County - Residential: Liz Royer, Eric Howe, and Carrie Howe (residents of Williston)
- Best outside of Chittenden County: Jeff Young (Northwestern Medical Center, St. Albans)

Honorary Mention:

- Best re-use of stormwater: Kimberley Beal (resident in Winooski)
- Best rain garden education and outreach: Lani Siefert and Marge McIntosh (Smugglers' Notch)

The 9 contest winners will receive prizes that were generously donated by the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Shelburne Farms, City Market/Onion River Co-op, Lake Champlain Chocolates, American Flatbread, Gardener's Supply Company, Intervale Conservation Nursery, and Intervale

Compost Products. The contest was also supported by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, South Burlington High School, Williston in Bloom, and Marijke's Perennial Gardens Plus.



*"Best Stormwater Reduction", St. Albans*

# WILLISTON HILLS GULLY STABILIZATION PROJECT

In 2005, during the development of a Department of Environmental Conservation sponsored watershed improvement plan for the Allen Brook, Natural Resources Conservation Service staff observed significant sediment loading into the Brook from three gullies. These gullies, located in Williston, are a result of untreated stormwater generated from a neighborhood development established in the 1960's, before stormwater regulations. In 2006, the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District began efforts to reduce sediment and phosphorus loading into Allen Brook through stabilizing these gullies – Gullies A, B, and C - in Williston Hills. Improving water quality in the Allen Brook is particularly important, as it is included in the State's 2006 list of impaired waters due to stormwater runoff. This project has made a significant contribution towards the goal of meeting State and Federal water quality standards for Allen Brook.

Construction for Gullies A and B occurred in the fall of 2007. Construction for the largest of the three gullies, Gully C, began in September 2008 and will be completed this fall. In November 2008, the site was re-vegetated with 185 trees and more than 400 shrubs from local nurseries.



*Construction at Gully C, October 2008*

The Winooski NRC's primary partners in the stabilization of Gully C include: the Town of Williston, Dubois & King, Inc., Desroches Construction Services Inc., Bear Creek Environmental, LLC., and Intervale Conservation Nursery. We are very grateful to Williston Hills' landowners for their support of this project. Finally, the Winooski NRC would like to thank those who have provided financial support to this project including: the Vermont DEC, the Agency of Transportation, the Better Back Roads Program, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Lintilhac Foundation.



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*The Future of Composting in Vermont  
 discussed at Winooski NRCD's Annual  
 Dinner. See inside for details...*

**Support Our Work: Become a Member or Renew Your Membership!**



**Members Only: WNRCD Members will receive...**

- Member benefits at our Annual Conservation Plant Sale
- An entry to a drawing for a dinner for two each spring
- A complimentary copy of the Vermont Rain Garden Manual

**SUPPORT WINOOSKI NRCD THROUGH OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

The District needs funds now more than ever. Membership will bring you special benefits at our Annual Conservation Plant Sale, an entry to a drawing for a dinner for two each spring, a complimentary copy of the Vermont Rain Garden Manual, and the comfort of knowing that the good work the District does in your community will continue into the future. Please fill out this membership form and return to the address listed below with your tax-deductible donation. Thank you very much for your support.

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Naturalist	\$250
Conservationist	\$500
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