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WNRCD Enrolling Small Farms in Nutrient Management Planning Class

Williston- The Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District, in conjunction with the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts, UVM Extension and USDA-NRCS, are offering a program to help small farms write Nutrient Management Plans (NMP) to meet the upcoming new required agricultural practices.

This program is free to small farms that spread manure. Participating farms will have their soil and manure analyzed and work with staff to create an individualized plan through the class. Participants will receive a land treatment plan that identifies what management practices can be implemented that will protect not only water quality and soil health, but the economic viability of the farm.

Creating and following a NMP will reduce phosphorus runoff and other nutrient loading, improving water quality in Vermont’s streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, as well as maintaining the health of soils. Through the Nutrient Management Plan class offered in six sessions through January and February, participants will better understand the nutrient needs of their soil, learn how to best use manure on the land, learn how to improve water quality and soil health on their farm, and meet a requirement of the state’s Required Agricultural Practices.

This program is funded in-part through grants received from; USDA/NRCS, VACD, NESARE, UVM, Lake Champlain Basin Program, public donations and funds from our annual tree and trout sales.

Farmers in Chittenden and Washington County interested in participating in the NMP class or learning more about Agricultural Best Management Practices that can be implemented please email:

info@winooskinrcd.org For more information on WNRCD projects and initiatives, please visit our website at: 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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