



Write Your Own Nutrient Management Plan

To assist small Vermont farms in the development of Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs) a partnership formed among 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.

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, expected to become law in Fall 2016.



Steps to the Process:

1. Sign and return the Application & Information Release form.
 2. Establish records with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), if not already in place.
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 prepare a Land Treatment Plan.
5. Attend the 6 Nutrient Management Plan classes put on by UVM Extension. These classes will be held in January-February 2017 at sites throughout the state. The classes are one weekday per week from 10 am to 2 pm.

This program is offered at no cost.

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