



Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District

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WNRCD seeks participants for streamside riparian plantings

Williston VT- The Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District (WNRCD) is currently seeking landowners within the District who live along rivers or streams and are interested in installing a 35ft wide riparian buffer on their property in 2017 to control streambank erosion and floodplain protection.

Riparian buffers are the grasses, shrubs, and/or trees that grow along streams. In natural conditions these plants colonize streambanks, controlling erosion and helping to filter and clean stormwater runoff before it enters our waterways. Without this protection, streambanks become unstable, erode, and become a greater source of non-point source pollution. According to the Lake Champlain Basin Program’s most recent State of the Lake report, the erosion of streambanks accounts for roughly 20% of VT’s total phosphorus loads into the Lake.

If you own property along a stream or river and would be interested in having a riparian buffer planted on your property, contact WNRCD’s Stormwater Specialist, Holly Kreiner at holly@winooskinrcd.org to review the site criteria and to set up a site visit.

Landowners who participate in the program will be asked to contribute a small portion of the planting cost and commit to a long-term stewardship of the buffers once planted (not mowing the buffer and adding future plantings). For more information on participating in our Trees for Streams initiative or for more information on conservation programs and resources provided visit www.winooskinrcd.org and follow us on social media.

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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