

## Streamside Planting Programs for Landowners in Northwestern Vermont

Planting trees along streambanks helps reduce erosion, improve water quality, and provide habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife. There are many organizations in northwestern Vermont who can work with landowners to plant trees alongside rivers and streams on your land at no cost to you! Reaching out to these organizations directly is the best way to determine how to get trees planted on your land. These organizations can also refer you to other programs that may be a good fit for your land and specific tree and shrub planting goals.



### Local and Regional Organizations

#### Natural Resources Conservation Districts (NRCDS)

- Most NRCDS have tree planting programs, which are often focused on planting 35-ft wide woody (trees and shrubs) buffers along streams. NRCDS can also connect landowners with additional local, state, or federal programs, like the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).
- To learn more, contact the NRCDS serving your county:
  - Franklin County NRCDS: email [info@FranklinCountyNRCDS.org](mailto:info@FranklinCountyNRCDS.org) or call 802-528-4176
  - Grand Isle County NRCDS: email [molly.gicnrcd@gmail.com](mailto:molly.gicnrcd@gmail.com) or call 802-372-8400
  - Orleans County NRCDS: email [sarah.damsell@vt.nacdn.net](mailto:sarah.damsell@vt.nacdn.net) or call 802-334-6090 x 7008
  - Lamoille County NRCDS: email [lccddirector@gmail.com](mailto:lccddirector@gmail.com) or call 802-521-3004

#### Missisquoi River Basin Association ([www.mrbavt.com](http://www.mrbavt.com))

- Active in towns along upper Missisquoi River, email [lindsey@mrbavt.com](mailto:lindsey@mrbavt.com) or call 802-393-0076

#### Friends of Northern Lake Champlain ([www.friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org](http://www.friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org))

- Active in northern Lake Champlain area, email [info@friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org](mailto:info@friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org)

#### Franklin Watershed Committee ([www.franklinwatershed.org](http://www.franklinwatershed.org))

- Active in area surrounding Lake Carmi, email [tuckerwehnerfwc@gmail.com](mailto:tuckerwehnerfwc@gmail.com)

#### Vermont Land Trust ([www.vlt.org](http://www.vlt.org))

- Plantings are typically conducted on VLT-conserved land, email [allaire@vlt.org](mailto:allaire@vlt.org) or [cara@vlt.org](mailto:cara@vlt.org)

### Federal/State Organizations

#### Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Provides financial and technical assistance for agricultural and forest producers looking to address resource issues and improve their land stewardship. Producers must be an NRCS customer and have a comprehensive conservation plan prior to applying for financial assistance.
- Tree-planting practices include: riparian forest buffer, hedgerow planting, tree and shrub establishment, wildlife habitat planting, windbreak/shelterbelt, and silvopasture
- Call 802-527-1296 (St. Albans Office) or 802-888-4935 (Morrisville Office)

#### US Fish & Wildlife Service – Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program

- Provides financial and technical assistance to streamside tree plantings on private land that improve habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife.
- Contact Chris Smith ([chris\\_e\\_smith@fws.gov](mailto:chris_e_smith@fws.gov) or call 802-662-5303) or Katie Kain ([katherine\\_kain@fws.gov](mailto:katherine_kain@fws.gov) or call 802-238-3316)