



## A Partnership Approach to Clean Water

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Vermont Technical College

### Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 am**      **Meet, greet and network** (*coffee and snacks will be provided*)
- 9:00-9:15 a.m**      **Welcome**  
Vicky Drew, State Conservationist, VT NRCS  
Dan Lerner, Associate Director and Chair, UVM Extension
- 9:15-10:00am**      **VAAFM RAP Presentation**  
*Roll out, feedback, reactions, changes one year in?*  
Anson Tebbetts, Secretary of Agriculture, VAAFM  
Laura DiPietro, Deputy Director, Ag Resource Management Division, VAAFM
- 10:00 to 10:50**      **Slam session #1** Moderated by Dan Lerner  
1 Water Quality Partners Data Sharing-Vicky Drew, NRCS and Ryan Patch, VAAFM  
2 Partner Database – Mike Middleman, VAAFM  
3 Farm Bill Update – Erica Campbell – Senator Sanders Office  
4 Clean Water Funding update – Kari Dolan, VTDEC
- 10:50-11:00 am**      **BREAK**
- 11:00 to 12:30**      **Facilitated Regional and Leadership breakout sessions:**  
*Individual breakout rooms will be assigned by region*  
The goal of these sessions is to revisit progress made over the past year, how to share information with colleagues, out of the box solutions and streamlining water quality projects.  
**LCB – North - Judd – Mike Middleman**  
**LCB – South – Conant # 102 – Marli Rupe**  
**CT River/Memphremagog – Conant # 105 – Kris Stepenuk**  
**MOU Agency Leadership – Administration Room # 226 – Vicky Drew**
- 12:30 to 1:15 pm**      **LUNCH** (*in VTC Cafeteria*)
- 1:15 -1:45 pm**      **Farmer Panel**-Moderated by Jenn Colby, UVM Extension  
A panel session with 3 farmers including conventional and organic dairy and diversified/veggie about successes working with partners
- 1:50 to 3:00 pm**      **Slam session # 2** - Moderated by Dan Lerner, UVM Extension  
1 VAAFM Food Safety Program - Kristina Sweet, VAAFM  
2 DEC non-Ag Program Initiatives – Kari Dolan, VTDEC  
3 Soil Health – Thom Villars, NRCS and Jeff Carter, UVM  
4 River Management – Staci Pomeroy, VTDEC  
5 Tile Drain Research Update – Laura DiPietro, VAAFM & Marli Rupe VTDEC  
6 Targeted Watershed Implementation Documentation – Kip Potter, NRCS
- 3:00-3:30 pm**      **FAQ's and Wrap up**  
VAWQP representatives and others as appropriate.  
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#### VAWQP Mission

The Vermont Agricultural Water Quality Partnership mission is to accelerate improved water quality by collaborating to provide outreach, education, technical and financial assistance directly to agricultural producers with respect for each partner's vision, role and capacity.

#### VAWQP Members

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) ♦ USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) ♦  
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) ♦ United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) ♦  
University of Vermont Extension ♦ Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation (ANR-DEC) ♦  
Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFM) ♦ Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB) ♦  
Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP)