



## **A Partnership Approach To Clean Water**

February 22nd, 2019 – Vermont Technical College

### **Agenda**

(Subject to change)

- 8:30-9:00 am**      **Meet, greet and network (coffee and snacks provided)**  
**9:00-9:15 a.m**      **Welcome and Introducing the Day**  
Dan Lerner, Associate Director and Chair, UVM Extension  
Julie Moore, Secretary of VT Agency of Natural Resources.
- 9:15 to 10:25**      **Local Tile Drain Research and Reporting**
  - Laura DiPietro – VT Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
  - Joshua Faulkner – UVM Extension
  - Becky Tharp - Watershed Consulting Associates
  - Dave Braun – Stone Engineering
- 10:25-10:50 am**      **BREAK**  
**10:50 to 11:55**      **Facilitated Topical breakout sessions:**
  - Farm Viability
  - Ecosystems Services
  - Farm Scale Models
  - Water Quality Monitoring in Vermont
  - Farm and Wetlands Easements 101
- 11:55 to 1:00 pm**      **LUNCH** (provided in VTC Cafeteria)  
**1:00 -2:05 pm**      **Partner Presentations Facilitated by Dan Lerner, UVM Extension**
  - Farm Service Agency
  - USDA/ Farm Bill – Representative from Senators Leahy & Sanders offices
  - Partner Database - VAAFM
  - Wetland General Permit - VTDEC
  - Vermont Atlas – New GIS Layers
  - 1619 Nuts and Bolts –NRCS
  - Highway Access Permitting Process - VTRANS
- 2:05 – 2:10**      **Regional Meeting Report – Susie Walsh Daloz**  
**2:10 – 2:20**      **VAAFM Small Farm Report – Ryan Patch**  
**2:20 to 3:20 pm**      **Farmer Panel - The Small Farm Experience Facilitated by Jenn Colby, UVM Ext.**  
Panel of 5 farmers will discuss resource concern awareness; Utilizing technical assistance; Issues faced along the way; Lessons learned; Advice for those in the room and for their neighbors.
- 3:20-3:30 pm**      **NRCS Soil Health Trailer – Joe Buford Overview presentation and Demo**

#### 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)