

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

1998-2025 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program

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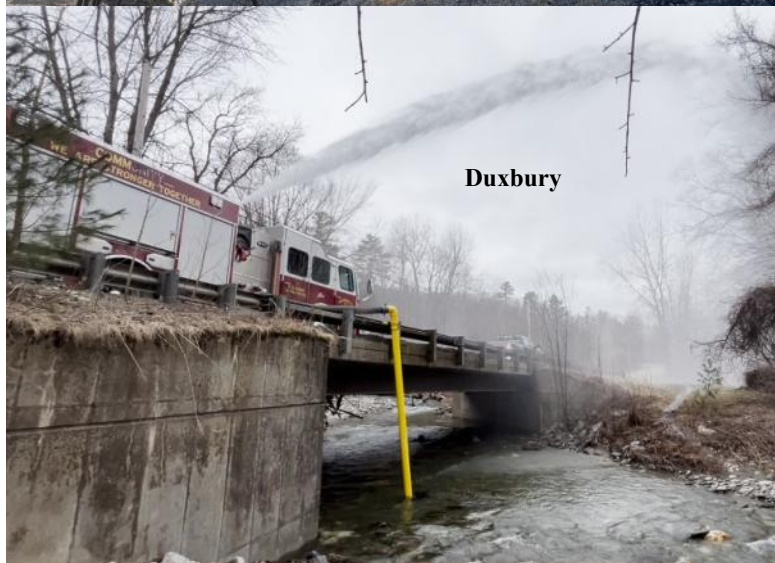
The mission of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is to improve the safety and welfare of Vermont communities by assisting local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.



Mount Holly



Albany



Duxbury



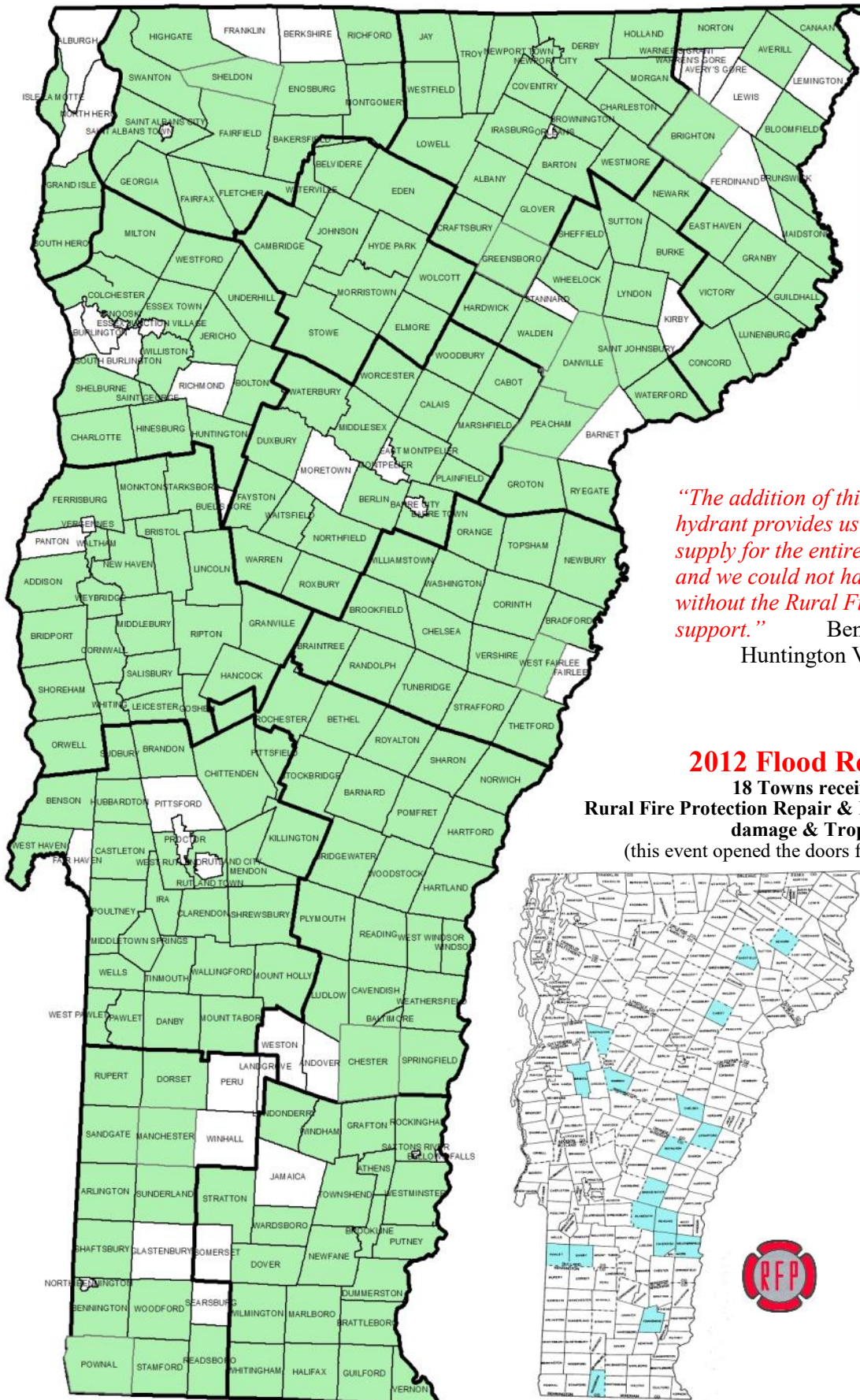
New Haven



Morrisville

1998-2025 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program Recipients

235 Towns were awarded **1049** dry hydrant grants up to **\$15,000** totaling over **\$2.3M** funded by Vermont Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety

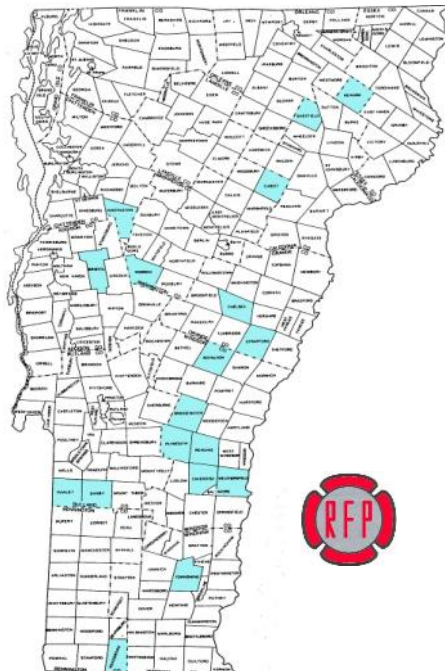


"The addition of this (bridge mounted dry) hydrant provides us with a dependable water supply for the entire south-end of our town, and we could not have accomplished this without the Rural Fire Protection Program's support."

Ben Roll, Chief,
Huntington Volunteer Fire Department

2012 Flood Recovery Grants

18 Towns received 28 grants for Rural Fire Protection Repair & Replacement after May 2011 flood damage & Tropical Storm Irene
(this event opened the doors for repair & replacement grants)



Bridgewater - (3) \$3,139
Bristol - (2) \$3,150
Cabot - (1) \$2,800
Cavendish - (1) \$1,500
Chelsea - (1) \$300
Danby - (2) \$7,310
Huntington - (1) \$3,166
Newark - (2) \$5,948
Plymouth - (2) \$2,972
Reading - (3) \$6,992
Readsboro - (1) \$1,250
Royalton - (1) \$7,860
Sheffield - (1) \$1,437
Strafford - (1) \$2,491
Townshend - (1) \$2,014
Warren - (2) \$8,984
Weathersfield - (1) \$483
West Pawlet - (2) \$2,831

\$64,627 Total

1998-2024 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program Recipient Numbers

235 Towns were awarded 1 or more dry hydrant grant(s) funded by

Vermont State Legislative Appropriations through the Department of Public Safety

Addison (21T) 105 Grants

Addison - 7
Bridport - 6
Bristol - 13
Cornwall - 2
Ferrisburg - 3
Goshen - 2
Granville - 3
Hancock - 5
Leicester - 1
Lincoln - 2
Middlebury - 3
Monkton - 6
New Haven - 18
Orwell - 10
Ripton - 5
Salisbury - 2
Shoreham - 3
Starksboro - 7
Waltham - 1
Weybridge - 3
Whiting - 3

Bennington (12T) 46 Grants

Arlington - 1
Bennington - 2
Dorset - 1
Manchester - 1
Pownal - 4
Readsboro - 7
Rupert - 7
Sandgate - 13
Shaftsbury - 3
Stamford - 3
Sunderland - 1
Woodford - 3

Caledonia (14T) 65 Grants

Burke - 5
Danville - 4
Groton - 4
Hardwick - 1
Lyndon - 3
Newark - 3
Peacham - 3
Ryegate - 7
Sheffield - 2
St. Johnsbury - 6
Sutton - 4
Walden - 5
Waterford - 13
Wheelock - 5

Chittenden (13T) 47 Grants

Bolton - 3
Charlotte - 8
Colchester - 1
Essex - 2
Hinesburg - 2
Huntington - 5
Jericho - 3
Milton - 1
St. George - 1
Shelburne - 4
Underhill - 2
Westford - 13
Williston - 2

Essex (13T) 29 Grants

Averill - 2
Brighton - 1
Brunswick - 1
Bloomfield - 1
Canaan - 5
Concord - 3
East Haven - 1
Granby - 1
Guildhall - 1
Lunenburg (Gilman) - 4
Maidstone - 5
Norton - 2
Victory - 2

Franklin (12T) 57 Grants

Bakersfield - 6
Enosburg - 9
Fairfax - 2
Fairfield - 8
Fletcher - 3
Georgia - 4
Highgate - 5
Montgomery - 7
Richford - 3
Sheldon - 6
St. Albans - 3
Swanton - 1

Grand Isle (3T) 5 Grants

Grand Isle - 1
Isle La Motte - 2
South Hero - 2

Lamoille (10T) 72 Grants

Belvidere - 3
Cambridge - 14
Eden - 8
Elmore - 5
Hyde Park - 15
Johnson - 6
Morristown - 7
Stowe - 7
Waterville - 2
Wolcott - 5

Orange (17T) 91 Grants

Bradford - 7
Braintree - 2
Brookfield - 2
Chelsea - 7
Corinth - 7
Newbury - 5
Orange - 7
Randolph - 2
Strafford - 8
Thetford - 4
Topsham - 9
Tunbridge - 5
Vernshire - 10
Washington - 8
West Fairlee - 4
Williamstown - 4

Orleans (19T) 94 Grants

Albany - 7
Barton - 2
Brownington (Orleans) - 8
Charleston - 7
Coventry - 8
Craftsbury - 16
Derby - 1
Glover - 2
Greensboro - 7
Holland - 5
Irasburg - 5
Jay - 1
Lowell - 9
Morgan - 2
Newport - 4
Newport City - 3
Troy - 1
Westfield - 3
Westmore - 3

Rutland (25T) 138 Grants

Benson - 5
Brandon - 3
Castleton - 2
Chittenden - 5
Clarendon - 5
Danby - 10
Hubbardton - 1
Ira - 2
Mendon - 3
Mount Holly - 11
Mount Tabor - 1
Middletown Springs - 7
Pawlet - 6
Pittsfield - 4
Poultney - 6
Rutland (Town) - 4
Sherburne(Killington) - 12
Shrewsbury - 8
Sudbury - 3
Tinmouth - 5
Wallingford - 1
Wells - 11
West Haven - 6
West Pawlet - 15
West Rutland - 2

Washington (17T) 82 Grants

Barre (Town) - 3
Berlin - 5
Cabot - 13
Calais - 8
Duxbury - 2
East Montpelier - 6
Fayston - 1
Marshfield - 10
Middlesex - 4
Northfield - 4
Plainfield - 5
Roxbury - 6
Waitsfield - 2
Warren - 1
Waterbury - 3
Woodbury - 4
Worcester - 5

Windham (21T) 88 Grants

Athens - 3
Brattleboro - 2
Brookline - 2
Dover - 6
Dummerston - 8
Grafton - 3
Guilford - 1
Halifax - 3
Londonderry - 6
Marlboro - 4
Newfane (Broadbrook) - 5
Putney - 6
Rockingham - 3
Stratton - 2
Townshend - 10
Vernon - 2
Wardsboro - 3
Westminster - 3
Whitingham - 4
Wilmington - 10
Windham - 2

Windsor (22T) 129 Grants

Baltimore - 1
Barnard - 1
Bethel - 8
Bridgewater - 15
Cavendish - 7
Chester - 1
Hartford - 8
Hartland - 8
Ludlow - 2
Norwich - 13
Plymouth - 7
Pomfret - 10
Reading - 11
Rochester - 1
Royalton - 6
Sharon - 2
Springfield - 4
Stockbridge - 6
Weathersfield - 10
West Windsor - 3
Windsor - 2
Woodstock - 3

1049 Rural Fire Protection Grants State wide

Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Bill Sanborn, Chair, Town of Maidstone
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Walter Bothfeld Jr., Cabot Fire Department
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
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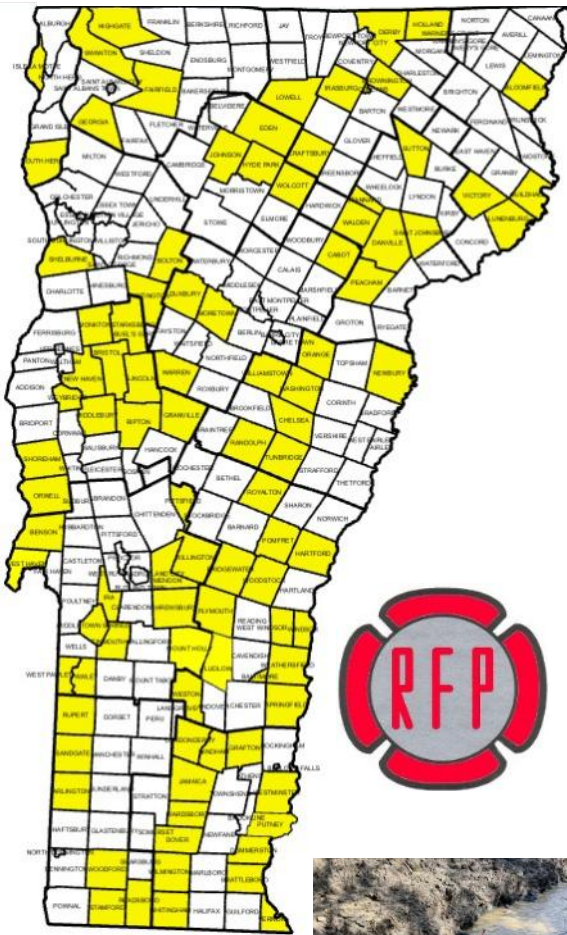
"In a sparsely populated, very rural town with no dedicated fire department of its own, every dry hydrant is crucial. This one serves a large number of houses in the center of town."

Linda Schmidt, Selectperson, Town of Sandgate



2000-2025 Special Cases Rural Fire Protection Grant Program

100 Towns were awarded 159 Grants up to \$10,000 totaling \$617,734 funded by the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation



Addison - (12T)(13G) \$33,327

Bristol - \$1395
 Ferrisburgh - \$5000
 Granville - \$3036 + \$2500
 Lincoln - \$2695
 Middlebury - \$970
 Monkton - \$5000
 New Haven - \$2628
 Orwell - \$2500
 Ripton - \$103
 Shoreham - \$2500
 Starksboro - \$2500
 Weybridge - \$2500

Bennington - (6T)(10G) \$43,218

Arlington - \$415
 Readsboro - \$5937 + \$2,125
 Rupert - \$9086 + \$5927 + \$5003
 Sandgate - \$2500 + \$5000
 Stamford - \$2500
 Woodford - \$4725

Caledonia - (6T)(7G) \$30,863

Danville - \$2500
 Peacham - \$5033
 Stannard - \$1840
 St. Johnsbury - \$6490
 Sutton - \$10,000
 Walden - (2)\$2500

Chittenden - (3T)(5G) \$13,389

Bolton - \$2500
 Huntington - (2)\$2500
 Shelburne - \$2500 + \$3389

Essex - (4T)(4G) \$9,780

Bloomfield - \$883
 Guildhall - \$2500
 Lunenburg - \$4897
 Victory - \$1500

Franklin - (4T)(6G) \$22,534

Fairfield - \$1500+\$2500-\$2500
 Georgia - \$3909
 Highgate - \$2125
 Swanton - \$10,000

Grand Isle - (2T)(3G) \$11,885

Isle LaMotte - \$5000
 South Hero - \$5000 + \$1,885

Lamoille - (4T)(8G) \$30,889

Eden - \$5889
 Hyde Park - \$10,000 + (2)\$2500
 Johnson - (2)\$2500
 Wolcott - (2)\$2500

Orange - (6T)(7G) \$17,319

Newbury - \$2500
 Chelsea - \$2500
 Randolph - \$2076
 Tunbridge - \$2218
 Washington - \$490 + \$2500
 Williamstown - \$5035

Orleans - (7T)(10G) \$27,290

Brownington - (2)\$2500
 Craftsbury - \$2500
 Derby - \$6074
 Holland - \$1875
 Irasburg - \$2500
 Lowell - \$4000 + \$341
 Newport Center - \$2500 + \$2500

Rutland - (12T)(25G) \$106,855

Benson - \$5000
 Chittenden - \$2500
 Ira - (2)\$5000 + \$3000
 Mendon - \$8400+(2)\$5000
 Middletown Springs - \$10,000 + (2)\$2500
 Mount Holly - \$2,729
 Pawlet E&W-(2)\$2500+\$6430+\$9796+\$5000
 Pittsfield - (2)\$2500
 Sherburne (Killington) - \$7500
 Shrewsbury -(2)\$2500 + \$1500
 Tinmouth - \$2500
 West Haven - \$2500

Washington - (7T)(11G) \$44,833

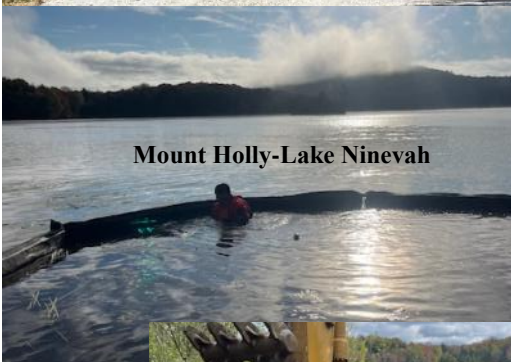
Cabot - \$1186 + \$10,000 + \$3750
 Duxbury - \$1897
 East Montpelier - \$2500
 Moretown - \$2500
 Plainfield - \$9000
 Warren - \$4000 + (2)\$2500
 Waterbury - \$5000

Windham - (13T)(20G) \$99,624

Brattleboro - \$9,800
 Dover - (2)\$2500
 Dummerston - \$10,000 + \$2500
 Grafton - \$2500
 Jamaica - \$5000
 Londonderry - \$7372
 Putney - \$5000
 Vernon - \$4889
 Wardsboro - \$5000 + \$5276
 Westminster - (2)\$2500
 Whitingham - \$10,000
 Wilmington - \$2500+\$3954+(2)\$5000
 Windham - \$5833

Windsor - (14T)(30G) \$125,928

Baltimore - \$1875 + \$5000
 Bridgewater - (4)\$2500 + \$4466
 Hartford - (2)\$2500 + \$3403
 Hartland - (2)\$5000
 Ludlow - \$5000
 Plymouth - (2)\$2500+\$4000+\$4888+\$5000
 Pomfret - \$2500
 Royalton - \$10,000 + \$7396
 Springfield - \$2500
 Weathersfield - (2)\$2500 + (2)\$10,000
 Weston - \$2500
 West Windsor - \$2500
 Windsor - \$7400
 Woodstock - \$2500





RFP systems are reliable rural water supply sources year round!



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Town of Albany

P.O. Box 284, 827 Main St., Albany, VT 05820
802-755-6100

June 25, 2025

Contact: Chief Josh Pilbin
802-793-2340

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Town of Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department completed the installation of a bridge-mounted dry hydrant on Water Street. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Albany.

The fire department is in the process of improving fire protection in Albany by installing dry hydrants and other Rural Fire Protections (RFP) systems to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) provided assistance to the Albany Fire Department in developing a plan to improve water supply in Albany.

The Vermont Legislature approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural areas of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with the assistance of the VACD administers the grant program.

Dry hydrants and other RFP systems are a preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. A dry hydrant consists of a 6 to 8 inch pipe with a fitting to which a pump/tanker truck can attach. The pipe connects to a water source (pond or stream) that can supply at least 60,000 gallons under drought conditions.

This is but one example of the service your fire department provides in preparation for the next alarm.

Lowell Fire Hydrant Work Complete with Help from Grant Funding

Thursday, November 21, 2024

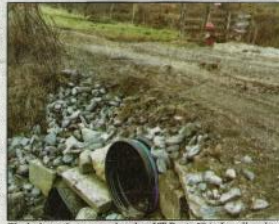
ANDREA J. FITTS
Staff Writer

LOWELL — Lowell Fire Chief Gerard Nick said that the major hydrant repair that was needed due to the flood damage in July has been completed with the help of a grant from the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force. The grant received by the Lowell Fire Department for the repair of the hydrant that sits approximately three miles east of Lowell on VT Route 58, paid for seventy-five percent of the repair, leaving twenty-five percent to be paid for by the department.

Nick said that when the flooding occurred this past July, the culvert pipe that was located near the hydrant could not handle the large amount of water and washed completely away. The underground pipe that feeds the hydrant from the pond located a few hundred feet up the hill was left completely exposed.

According to Nick, the hydrant is dependent on gravity to deliver the water, which means there is considerable pressure continuously going into the hydrant. The culvert pipe was found across the road by a barn and the dirt that supported the hydrant pipe was gone. Nick said that the hydrant was in danger of being blown out of the ground.

Nick said this particular hydrant is used about eighty percent of the time to fill the trucks. As part of the repair, the culvert pipe was replaced with two new pipes that,



The hydrant that was replaced on VT Route 58 in Lowell and two new culvert pipes that were replaced after July's floods. (Photo by Andrea J. Fitts)

According to Nick, should be flooding at that location in the future, the hydrant should be able to handle a large influx of storm water to prevent



Hartford Fire Department
January 17 at 10:35 AM

Wallace Rd. Hydrant

In cooperation with the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program and the property owners, we are pleased to have our Wallace Rd. hydrant back in service. This hydrant provides a critical emergency water source to a very rural area of the Town of Hartford.



Town of Morrisville

June 17 at 1:01 PM
Contact: Bruce Emerson 802 888 3575

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Morrisville Fire Department on June 4, 2025 completed the installation of a dry hydrant at Bryan Pond Rd. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Morrisville.

The Fire Department is in the process of improving fire protection in Morrisville by installing dry hydrants and other Rural Fire Protection (RFP) systems to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) provided assistance to the Fire Department in developing a plan to improve water supply in Morrisville.

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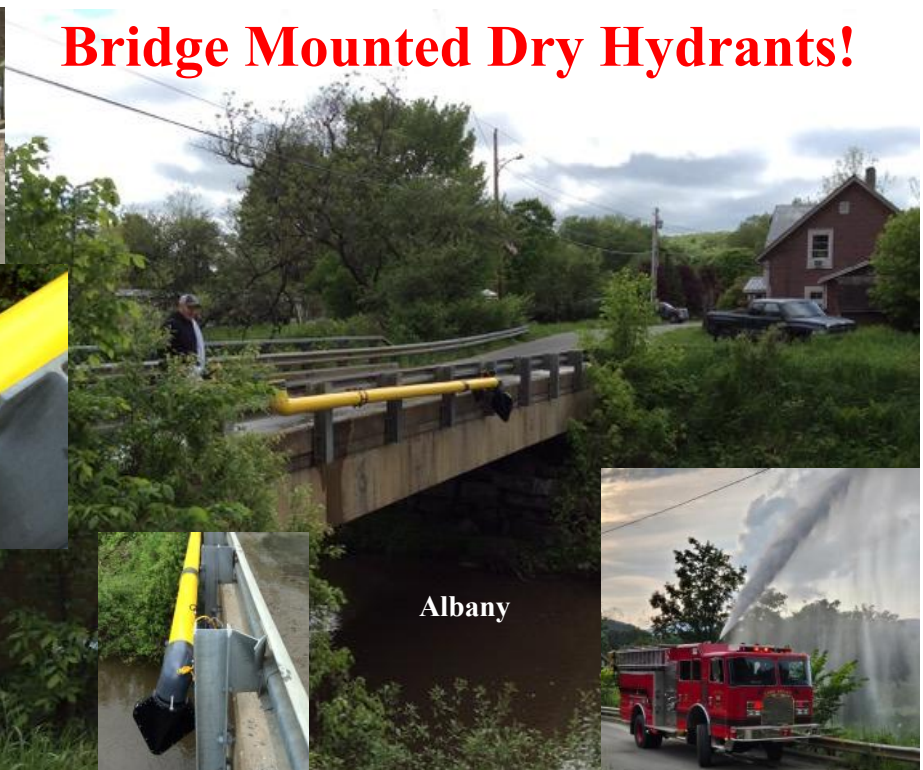
"With this type of (dry) hydrant, it allows us to keep the system out of the stream when not needed and can quickly be deployed when needed, clean and undamaged. Since the flood of 2011 it has been almost impossible to keep stream dry hydrants clear and undamaged."

Bruce Maxham, Assistant Chief, Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department

Bridge Mounted Dry Hydrants!



Duxbury



Albany