

# 2023 LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION FACT SHEET

## INVASIVE PLANT PRESSURE IN SOUTHERN VT FORESTS

WINDHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT NRCS LOCALLY LED CONSERVATION

### What is Locally Led Conservation?

Locally led conservation consists of a series of phases that involve community stakeholders in natural resource planning, implementation of solutions, and evaluation of results. Locally led conservation begins with the community itself, working through the local conservation district.

On May 24th 2022 the Windham County Conservation District held a virtual Local Working Group. There members vocalized early in the conversation the importance of invasive species control. The entire Local Working Group agreed that it is a dire problem here in the South Zone that needs to be controlled before spreading further north. After reviewing the Tactical Basin Plans it was clear that there is a need for us to create a local fund pool proposal to support invasive species control.

#### Conservation Practice Funding

Funding will be available for the 2023 federal fiscal year to eligible landowners through the EQIP local fund pool. NRCS will provide a total of \$150 thousand dollars into our local fund pool. Approved applicants for conservation practices with the purpose of addressing resource concerns will be ranked locally. Land and producer eligibility must be met to participate in this initiative.

#### Resource Concerns Addressed

- Pest Pressure
- Degraded Plant Condition
- Concentrated Erosion
- Aquatic Habitat
- Soil Quality Limitations

#### FY23 Application Due Date

Applications are accepted throughout the year. To have your application considered for this funding year have your application in by

**November 18th 2022.**



Wardsboro Brook

## Approved Practices for NRCS Financial Assistance

Core Conservation Practices included in the local ranking pool. These practices must address at least one of the five resource concerns selected and ranked above.

- 314 Brush Management
- 315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- 327 Conservation Cover
- 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
- 647 Early Successional Habitat Development Management
- 655 Forest Trails and Landings
- 666 Forest Stand Improvement



## How to Apply

### Contact

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