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OTTAUQUECHEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Hightunnels

NRCS Grant Opportunity

Seasonal High Tunnels System for Crops has been revised to relax the restrictions on electrical, heating, and mechanical ventilation systems. A gothic polyethylene-covered structure covering in-ground plantings is still required.



High Tunnels are available under Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program. Deadline for applications is January 14, 2011

For more information:
<http://www.hightunnels.org>

To discuss an application
<mailto:jason.fleury@vt.usda.gov>

VERMONT WATER QUALITY AQUATIC NUISANCE GRANT

Does your municipality have a lake or pond
with a problem?

All types of aquatic nuisance control projects, for both native and non-native species management, are eligible for this grant. This includes the control of Eurasian watermilfoil, purple loosestrife and nuisance native aquatic plants, as well aquatic nuisance species spread prevention programs. This includes public access area "greeter" programs, boat wash stations, searches for non-native aquatic nuisance species in a waterbody, and education and outreach initiatives. For [more](#) information or call VTDEC Water



FINANCING FOOD

GET STARTED AND STAY IN THE GAME

JANUARY 10, 2011 6:30-7:30PM

Northfield, VT

Need financial backing to build or expand your farm or food business? Presented by attorneys Kenneth Miller and Adam Prizio who will discuss ways to grow your business. Included will be ways to use income statements and balance sheets.

Katie@ruralvermont.org

Cost \$5 - \$10

TAX HELP FOR FARMERS

JANUARY 12, 2011 6:45 PM

FREE WEBINAR

Help with depreciation, deduction and Schedule F forms from UVM business specialist John Kauppila.

<http://tinyurl.com/UVMEXT-FarmTaxesWebinar>

visit us at <http://ONRCD.org>

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In April 2010, ONRCD and the DEC invited residents who lived along the Kedron Brook to an informative meeting at the Green Mountain Horse Association in South Woodstock. Marie Caduto (DEC) and Sylvia Harris (VACD) presented a power point on ways to preserve and improve water quality in the brook to over twenty people. The results of that meeting are an example of how informed people can make a difference.

A dairy farmer voluntarily fenced his cattle from a tributary to the Kedron Brook. Three Vermont Watershed grants were approved to stabilize a section of eroding bank, fence livestock from a Kedron Brook tributary and to improve nutrient management on properties bordering the brook. Congratulations to those residents who took the initiative to improve their water quality. We will all benefit from their actions.

When it Rains – It Pours

2010 could not have been a better example of that!

After months of draught, the skies opened up for some very impressive rain events. ONRCD hosted a presentation on [RAIN GARDENS](#) with Elaine Grehl who has extensive experience in designing and building rain gardens. Her designs collect and slow down water flow which reduces erosion and water overflows. ONRCD is seeking a grant to build a municipal rain garden in the district. Please contact us should you have a site in mind.

http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/planning/htm/pl_LIDGuide.htm



Business Planning & Technical Assistance Grant — due March 30

- *Slaughter and meat processing facility improvements and expansions*
- *Workforce development, particularly in meat processing*
- *Capital improvements related to food safety*
- *Vegetable/fruit processing, storage, marketing and distribution projects*

Liz Gleason, VHCB Farm Viability Program Assistant: egleason@vhcb.org or 802-828-3370



RAIN BARRELS

Another excellent way to control erosion during a heavy rain event. Placed under gutters, rain barrels will collect water for future irrigation of house plantings.

[make your own](#)
[your best rain barrels](#)

Save the Date!

January 9 – [NOFA](#) Direct Marketing Conference

January 18 – ONRCD monthly meeting.

January 21-21– Livestock Grazing Conference – click [here](#) for more info

February 15 – ONRCD monthly meeting

Please feel free to join us!