

**GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) COUNCIL**

Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organization on a variety of projects. The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps towns, groups and organizations by bringing together the technical, financial and administrative resources to deal with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs.

We get technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but private and community sources make up most of our budget. In 2009, working with our partners, we secured and administered over \$90,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects. Examples of some of our projects include helping to develop parks, recreational trails, and playgrounds, providing Electronic Benefits Transaction (EBT) card and debit card readers at farmers markets, promoting local agriculture, whole farm energy audits, and traditional conservation projects like streambank stabilization. In Shaftsbury we provided a \$4,695 Better Backroads grant for improvements to White Creek Road.

We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Ken Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

Respectfully submitted

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