



Town of Richmond Appropriations Request on behalf of the Winooski NRC

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Good afternoon,

My name is Adelaide Dumm, and I am a Jericho resident and work as a Conservation specialist at the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District. I am writing to you today to inquire about a request for a special appropriation for the WNRCD. The request for funds in the amount of \$500 from the town of Richmond would benefit the Conservation District in our mission to promote the wise use, sustainable development, and conservation of our district's natural resources. In the town of Richmond, and throughout the Winooski District, we work to connect residents and communities with education and technical assistance to implement on the ground projects to improve water quality, soil health, and wildlife habitat.

I am currently working with Richmond residents who are interested in the [Storm Smart](#) program. We are currently conducting [Lake Wise Assessments](#) on Lake Iroquois and having personal consultations with landowners on how they can positively impact water quality by implementing best management practices on their property. Our agriculture specialist is also working with 4 farms in Richmond, helping them with updating their Nutrient Management plans, supporting them with livestock exclusion fencing, soil sampling to check for excess nutrients on fields, cover cropping on highly erodible farm fields, bedded pack systems to get cows off the frozen ground in the winter, as well as just general outreach to see how the farms in these towns can continuously improve their farms to better the ecosystem around them. These funds would contribute to the continuation of these projects and future projects to come!

If any of the Richmond Select board members have any questions or concerns I am happy to have a conversation with them at their convenience ! Thank you!

Be well,

Adelaide Dumm (she/her)

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