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Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Jurisdiction	Timeline	Funds
AOP Restoration & Implementation					
Vermont Natural Resources Council	Reconnecting Vermont Rivers through Dam Removal in the Lake Champlain Basin*partial	This project targets five dams that have been selected based on ecological benefit for removal, hazard mitigation, landowner and stakeholder support, and distribution throughout Vermont. Dams to be removed include: 1) Breadloaf Dam on a tributary to Otter Creek, in West Rutland, Rutland County, VT; 2) Connolly Pond Dam on a tributary of the Mill River of Otter Creek in Shrewsbury, Rutland County, VT; and 3) Wainwright Mill Dam (aka Halnon Brook Dam) on Tributary #10 of the Otter Creek in Salisbury, Addison County, VT. An engineering final design will be completed for the removal of: 1) Wainwright Mill Dam (aka Halnon Brook Dam) on Tributary #10 of the Otter Creek in Salisbury, Addison County, VT; and 2) 1 dam in Barre City on the Stevens Branch of the Winooski River, Washington County, VT. A 50% engineering design will be completed for the removal of Mountain School Dam on a Cold River tributary in Shrewsbury, Rutland County, VT.	VT	Start - January 2023 Final Report due - December 2025	$ 369,277.00
Vermont River Conservancy	Engineering Four Winooski River Dams for Removal and Developing Corridor Protection	This project restores water quality and habitat connectivity while enhancing recreational opportunities by conducting engineering studies, assessments, and permitting to remove four dams on the Winooski River and North Branch. The project also prioritizes Stevens Branch and Great Brook opportunities for river corridor protections and engages landowners in those easement opportunities.	VT	Start - April 2023 Final Report due - March 2025	$ 299,023.00
SUNY Plattsburgh	Assessing the Impact of Private Roads on Aquatic Habitat Connectivity in the Missisquoi and Ausable Basins	In response to a lack of existing data on private road-stream crossings in the Lake Champlain Basin, this project identifies crossings on private land in the Missisquoi and Ausable watersheds using high resolution LiDAR data; assesses which identified crossings act as barriers to aquatic connectivity; conducts interviews to understand landowner perspectives on culvert management; and offers information and support to landowners within our study areas. This work will result in a prioritized list of parcels with crossings, field assessments of previously unknown crossings, and a publication on the attitudes of private landowners toward road crossings and their impacts, sharing which strategies are effective at increasing landowner knowledge on how to implement road crossing best management practices.	NY	Start - February 2023 Final Report due - July 2026	$ 116,950.00
Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District	Restoring Access to Upstream Habitat on a Tributary to Stannard Brook in the Lamoille River Watershed	The outcomes of this project are to restore access to 2.9 miles of high-quality eastern brook trout habitat, improve water quality, and restore river and floodplain function. The current structure under Hutchins Farm Road in Stannard, Vermont is perched, blocking access to high-quality habitat for eastern brook trout; mis-aligned, creating hydraulic impacts on the upstream side; and too small, resulting in insufficient vertical and floodplain connection for the channel along this stretch of stream. The output of this project is to remove one fish passage barrier.	VT	Start - June 2023 Final Report due - December 2024 Project Completed	$ 150,000.00
Friends of the Winooski River	Lockwood Brook Culvert Replacement	This project will replace an undersized, perched culvert on German Flats Road in Fayston with a new culvert that will reconnect Lockwood Brook. The new structure will be an open-bottom arch that is fifteen feet wide, eight feet tall, and 58 feet long. Project outputs will include fulfillment of an excavation contract, coordination among local, state, and federal partners, and construction oversight. Project outcomes will include lower water temperatures, enhanced ecosystem integrity and stream equilibrium, improved flood resilience, and reconnection of 2.5 miles of upstream habitat that provides thermal refugia and spawning and foraging habitat for wild trout.	VT	Start - April 2023 Final Report due - January 2024 Project Completed	$ 150,000.00
Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District	Mettowee River Headwaters AOP: Sugar House Lane Barrier Removal	This project is the removal of a dam and associated undersized bridge to reduce erosion, improve sediment transport, and restore aquatic organism passage on the Mettowee River. It is the final in a series of six projects implemented in the Mettowee River Headwaters by a multi-partner team. The outputs from this project will include removal of a dam and undersized bridge with the bridge replaced with one that passes the 100-year storm, and restoration of the Mettowee River stream channel in the vicinity. The Mettowee River will be opened to fish passage from the falls at Butternut Bend to the Headwaters on National Forest.	VT	Start - June 2023 Final Report due - January 2025 Project Completed	$ 102,000.00
Vermont Natural Resources Council	Engineering Dam Removal in the Brewster River Watershed	This project restores aquatic organism passage and habitat, while improving water quality, flood resilience, and public safety along the Brewster River. The outputs of this project will be stakeholder meetings, engineering design plans, topographic surveys, and permitting for the removal of Morses Mill Dam, Smugglers Notch Access Road Dam, and the Grist Mill Dam.	VT	Start - June 2023 Final Report due - December 2025	$ 100,000.00
The Nature Conservancy New York	Right-sizing a culvert on Phelps Brook and Roscoe Road, Boquet*full	This project replaces a failing road stream crossing with an upgraded culvert to restore aquatic organism passage on Phelps Brook in the Boquet River Watershed. Objectives include removing the temporary culvert currently in place, installing the upgraded culvert, and restoring the natural streambed and riparian habitat at the construction site. The outcomes will be approximately 7 miles of trout stream habitat reconnected and improved public safety and lowered road maintenance costs due to reduced flooding impacts for the Town of Lewis.	NY	Start - July 2023 Final Report due - January 2024	$ 159,253.00
Trout Unlimited	Saranac River Reconnection*full	The goal of the project is to complete the dam removal at Fredenburgh Falls and Indian Rapids, removing the remains of the dams to improve aquatic organism passage, protect water quality, restore portions of the stream channel, reduce flood and erosion risk, and increase safety for recreationalists. The removal of the two dams in the context of the fish ladder construction underway downstream at the Imperial Mills dam (estimated start summer 2024) will reconnect just under 28 miles of the Saranac River and its tributaries to Lake Champlain.	NY	Start - July 2023 Final Report due - December 2023	$ 374,950.00
Lamoille County Conservation District	Joe Brook Culvert Replacement	The objective of the proposed project is to restore aquatic organism passage in Joe Brook at Foote Brook Road, a tributary to Foote Brook in the Upper Lamoille River, by replacing the only known barrier, with a 1.2 bankfull spanning, open-bottom structure in Johnson, VT. AOP will be restored to 8.5 miles of upstream, coldwater habitat for native brook trout.	VT	Start - September 2023 Final Report due - January 2025	$ 259,556.00
Orleans County Conservation District	Corrow Basin Rd-Taft Brook Trib Culvert Replacement	A culvert that is located on an unnamed tributary to Taft Brook in the Upper Missisquoi River watershed in Westfield VT will be replaced. This culvert is one of 8 priority culverts identified through the work of the Upper Missisquoi AOP workgroup and 2020 field assessments on over 50 culverts. The current culvert is undersized and is prone to overtopping during flood events. This brook features prime coldwater habitat and thermal refugia for brook trout, and the culvert replacement will open 2.5 miles of habitat upstream.	VT	Start - 2025	$ 150,000.00

Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District	Trout Brook Reservoir Dam Removal	The objective of this project is to implement the removal of the Trout Brook Reservoir Dam and restoration of the Trout Brook in Berkshire, VT, to reconnect 4.8 miles of aquatic organism habitat (Mississquoi River watershed).	VT	Start - April 2024 Final Report due - June 2027	$	416,987.00
Ausable River Association	Moss Road Bridge Replacement Project – North Branch Boquet River, Essex County, NY	The objective of this project is to replace an undersized culvert crossing with a bridge on a high-priority road-stream crossing that is critical to reconnecting salmon spawning habitat and protecting water quality in the North Branch Boquet River in Lewis, NY.	NY	Start - June 2024 Final Report due - May 2026	$	249,986.00
Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District	Restoring Access to Upstream Habitat on Stannard Brook	The objective of this project is to remove a culvert that is a fish passage barrier and replace with a bridge in Stannard, VT, restoring access to 5 miles of upstream high-quality cold water brook trout habitat (Lamoille River watershed).	VT	Start - June 2024 Final Report due - December 2025	$	250,000.00
Friends of the Winooski River, Inc.	Designs for Removal of Three Barriers to Aquatic Organism Passage in the Winooski River Watershed	The objective of this project is to develop final engineering designs for the removal of the East Calais Mill dam in the Kingsbury Branch of the Winooski River in Calais, VT, and the replacement of two culverts in the Stevens Branch of the Winooski River in Barre Town and Williamstown, VT, for the purpose of improving aquatic organism passage.	VT	Start - May 2024 Final Report due - December 2026	$	233,002.00
Vermont Natural Resources Council	Dam Removal Implementation - 3 Dams Across 3 Watersheds	The objective of the proposed project is to remove three dams to improve aquatic organism passage and support healthy riverine habitat, while at the same time improving water quality, flood resilience, and public safety. Dams to be removed are: Morses Mill Dam in Cambridge, VT (Lamoille River Watershed), Mountain School Dam in Shrewsbury, VT (Otter Creek), and Rouleau Pond Dam in Williamstown, VT.	VT	Start - July 2024 Final Report due - December 2026	$	250,000.00
Ausable River Association	Aquatic Organism Passage Project Prioritization in the Ausable Basin	This project will help AsRA prioritize impacted road-stream crossings for replacement across the Ausable Basin utilizing updated NAACC barrier assessments, stakeholder (town, county, agency) input, brook trout and other native species presence, flood risk, and in-field geomorphic assessments. Replacing these undersized culverts with properly fitted and designed culverts or bridges creates flood resiliency within our communities as well as habitat connectivity and resiliency for native aquatic organisms.	NY	Start - June 2024 Final Report due - June 2026	$	68,000.00
Town of Crown Point	Penfield Dam Removal Feasibility Study	The objective of this project is to conduct a feasibility study to assess the impact of Penfield Pond Dam removal on aquatic habitat, ecosystem health and fish passage, to evaluate changes in the floodplain, and to assess dam and sediment removal alternatives. The completed Dam Removal Feasibility Study will be utilized to inform the decision-making process for the future of the Penfield Pond Dam (Lake Champlain Direct).	NY	Start - April 2024 Final Report due - November 2026	$	43,000.00
Trout Unlimited	Saranac Headwaters - Goldsmith Rd at West Brook*full	The objective of this project is to replace a flooded and failed culvert on West Brook in the Saranac River headwaters in Franklin, Franklin County, NY. The new structure will be appropriately sized for the stream and allow aquatic passage on this trout stream.	NY	Start - June 2024 Final Report due - March 2025	$	43,903.00
Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District	Restoring Jail Branch aquatic organism passage, Washington, VT	This project seeks to continue AOP restoration efforts in the Jail Branch of the Winooski River watershed, VT, by replacing a perched, undersized culvert on Woodchuck Hollow Road on the East Branch of the Jail, just upstream of the recent Hands Mill Dam removal site, and developing a design for the next upstream culvert at Morrie Road.	VT	Start - July 2025 Final Report due - March 2027	$	300,000.00
Friends of the Winooski River, Inc.	Replacement of Culvert in Stevens Branch of the Winooski River	The purpose of this project is to replace an undersized culvert to improve aquatic organism passage on an unnamed tributary of the Stevens Branch in Williamstown, VT. Replacement of this structure, and correction of its structural deficiencies, will reconnect this stream with cold, forested headwaters to support Brook trout populations and will reduce its risk of failure and washout during high flow events.	VT	Start - June 2026 Final Report due - February 2027	$	299,983.00
Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District	Restoring Access to Upstream Habitat on a Tributary to Stannard Brook	The objective of this project is to remove one partial fish passage barrier on a tributary to Stannard Brook in the Lamoille River headwaters, VT. Outcomes include restoring access to almost 3 miles of upstream cold water eastern brook trout habitat, improving water quality and help restore the natural ecosystem function of the Stannard Brook river system.	VT	Contract to be executed	$	300,000.00
Vermont Natural Resources Council	Removing Two Dams for Fish on the Brewster River	The objective of the project is to fully remove two derelict dams on the Brewster River (the Grist Mill Dam and the Smugglers Notch Access Road Dam) in the Lamoille watershed, VT, and to provide technical support and outreach to other watershed organizations in an effort to support increased dam removal within the Lake Champlain Basin. This project will completely remove the Smugglers' Notch Access Dam, install a box culvert, and restore the river channel and floodplain along a tributary of the Brewster River, in Jeffersonville, Vt. The removal of this dam and the installation of a box culvert will improve aquatic organism passage within this stretch of the headwater river for native species such as brook trout, so they can access cold-water spawning habitat upstream.	VT	Start - October 2026 Report due - April 2029	$	450,000.00
The Nature Conservancy	Boquet River Watershed Culvert Design and Implementation	The Nature Conservancy will develop engineering studies for two undersized culverts on Cold Brook and upgrade existing culvert infrastructure on Church Brook, in the Boquet River watershed, NY.	NY	Start - September 2026 Final Report due - March 2027	$	241,882.00
Friends of the Mad River	Aquatic Organism Passage in the Mad River Watershed	Friends of the Mad River (FMR) will work with Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) partners, local municipalities, and a contractor to identify and provide preliminary designs for two priority AOP projects in the Mad River Watershed.	VT	Start - Summer 2025 Final Report due - March 2027	$	78,998.00
Trout Unlimited (TU)	Saranac River Reconnection Project - Middle North Branch Sub-Watershed	The objective of this project is to remove two priority aquatic organism barriers, reconnecting 1.8 miles of high-quality habitat while developing designs and securing permits for three additional projects setting the stage for 6.8 additional miles reconnected. The projects will improve ecosystem and flood resiliency and provide much needed infrastructure improvements in the town.	NY	Start - July 2025 Final Report due - March 2027	$	272,155.00
Ausable Freshwater Center	Ausable Drive Culvert Replacement– Potash Brook, Jay, NY	The objective of this project it to complete the design and permitting for an undersized and failing culvert over Potash Brook on Ausable Drive, Jay, NY. in a way that supports aquatic organism passage, stream function, and flood resiliency standards.	NY	Start - May 2025 Final Report due - December 2025	$	23,375.00

Friends of the Winooski River, Inc.	Replacement of Culvert in Stevens Branch of the Winooski River	The purpose of this project is to replace an undersized culvert to improve aquatic organism passage on an unnamed tributary of the Stevens Branch in Williamstown, Vermont. Replacement of this structure, and correction of its structural deficiencies, will reconnect this stream with cold, forested headwaters to support Brook trout populations and will reduce its risk of failure and washout during high flow events.	VT	Start - June 2026 Final Report due - February 2027	$	299,983.00
Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District	Trout Brook Reservoir Dam Removal Implementation	This project will fund a portion of the implementation costs for the removal of the Trout Brook Reservoir Dam in Berkshire, VT that is owned by the Village of Enosburg Falls.	VT		$	300,000.00
Friends of the Winooski River, Inc.	Removal of the Brooklyn Street Dam	The primary objective of the project is to remove the Brooklyn Street dam, a barrier to aquatic organism passage and sediment transport in the Winooski River watershed.	VT	Start - March 2025 Final Report due - December 2026	$	406,725.00
SRA Engineers	Spruce Mill Brook Headwater Engineering Designs for AOP	Produce engineering designs for the removal of four barriers to aquatic organism passage in the Spruce Mill and Derby Brooks of the Boquet River watershed in Lewis, NY.	VT	Start - October 2025 Final Report due - June 2026	$	302,500.00
Boquet River Association	Cold Brook & Reber Rd Crossing Final Design, Willsboro NY	The Boquet River Association (BRASS) proposes to work with a stakeholder group to complete the design for culvert replacement at Reber Road & Cold Brook in Willsboro, NY. The Nature Conservancy and others have identified this crossing as a significant barrier to aquatic organism passage (AOP) and a high priority project for re-connection as one of the only remaining barriers on this prime watershed for native brook trout and Atlantic salmon.	NY	Start - May 2025 Final Report due - January 2026	$	77,232.00
Ausable Freshwater Center	Improving Aquatic Organism Passage in Pettigrew Brook	This project seeks to improve aquatic organism passage in the Pettigrew Brook watershed by implementing a culvert replacement at John Bliss Road and conducting a geomorphic assessment for a replacement culvert at Bonnieview Road.	NY	Start - July 2026 Final Report due - January 2027	$	354,645.00
Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District	Restoring Access to Upstream Habitat in the Stannard Brook Watershed	The output of this project is to remove one full fish passage barrier and one partial fish passage barrier; the outcomes of this project are to restore access to almost 8 miles of upstream high-quality resilient eastern brook trout habitat, improve water quality, and help restore the natural ecosystem function of the Stannard Brook river system.	VT	Start - May 2025 Final Report due - December 2026	$	328,940.00
Friends of the Winooski River, Inc.	Old Batchelder Mill Dam Removal Design	We will advance the design to remove the Old Batchelder Mill Dam from the Winooski River in Plainfield, and engage with partners, stakeholders, and the community to ensure that this complex undertaking addresses all of the potential impacts on upstream structures.	VT	Start - May 2026 Final Report due - April 2027	$	92,990.00
Essex County Soil and Water Conservation District	Lower Reber Road AOP Project	The Essex County Soil and Water Conservation District will replace one culvert in the Cold Brook sub-watershed (Lower Reber Rd) of the Boquet River to benefit aquatic habitat and the free passage of fish and other aquatic organisms. Approximately 5.5 miles of aquatic habitat will be opened on Cold Brook.	NY		$	472,340.00
Boquet River Association	Boquet River Cold Brook at Reber Road Crossing Implementation	The Boquet River Association (BRASS) is seeking matching funds for the implementation of a culvert-to-bridge replacement at Reber Road & Cold Brook in Willsboro, NY. The Nature Conservancy and the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative have identified this crossing as a significant barrier to aquatic organism passage (AOP) and a high priority project for re-connection as one of the only remaining barriers on this prime watershed for native brook trout and Atlantic salmon.	NY		$	390,322.00
Boquet River Association	Boquet River Geomorphic Improvements: Elizabethtown fish weir and abutment removal	The Boquet River Association (BRASS) is seeking final engineering and implementation funds to remove a defunct fish weir and adjacent bridge abutments that disrupt fish passage on the main stem of the Boquet River along County Route 8 (Elizabethtown-Wadhams Rd).	NY		$	461,274.00
Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District	Taft Brook Tributary AOP Culvert Replacements	This project will replace one of two undersized culverts located on an unnamed tributary to Taft Brook in the Upper Missisquoi River, Westfield VT. The culverts are undersized and are prone to overtopping during flood events. This brook features prime coldwater habitat and thermal refugia for brook trout, and the culvert replacements would open 2.5 miles of habitat upstream. The most upstream culvert on the tributary was replaced in 2025.	VT	Start - October 2024 Final Report due - March 2026	$	419,000.00
Essex County DPW	Wells Hill Road Site B Bridge Installation	The Essex County DPW will replace one undersized culvert with a 50-foot bridge where Wells Hill Road crosses Spruce Mill Brook (site B) in the North Branch of the Boquet River watershed opening up approximately 8.16 miles of aquatic organism habitat.	NY		$	691,000.00
Trout Unlimited	Saranac Eastern Brook Trout Focal Area Connectivity Project	The objective of this project is to complete a dam removal, a culvert replacement, and final design engineering for a second culvert replacement in New York's Saranac Watershed to reconnect 8 miles of coldwater habitat for Eastern Brook Trout and lay the groundwork for an additional 0.4 miles of restored connectivity, supporting the species' long-term sustainability.	NY		$	323,965.00
Lamoille County Planning Commission	Centerville Brook AOP Obstructions Design Planning	The objective of this project is to complete final design engineering (100%) to remove the failing Centerville Brook Dam on Centerville Brook and includes preliminary engineering (30%) for two perched town culverts immediately downstream of the dam removal site. Centerville Brook is a tributary of the Lamoille River, in Hyde Park, VT. The three designs, within approximately 750 feet of each other, restore aquatic organism passage (AOP), manage sediment, and relocate a critical dry hydrant from the dam removal site to ensure continued fire protection along this tributary to the Lamoille River.	VT		$	46,000.00
City of Barre	Removal of Habbep Dam from the Stevens Branch	The objective of this project is to remove the Habbep dam, the last remaining artificial barrier on the entire length of the Stevens Branch of the Winooski River in Barre, Vt. Removal of this dam will improve passage and habitat quality for Brook Trout and Wood Turtle, two species of greatest conservation need; benefit flood resilience in a vulnerable community; and improve water quality in a degraded stream.	VT		$	499,630.00
Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District	Taft Brook Road Culvert Replacement	The objective of this project is to replace the last and lowest culvert of a series of three barriers on an unnamed tributary to Taft brook in Westfield VT., which features prime coldwater habitat and thermal refugia for brook trout in the upper Missisquoi River. The current culvert is undersized, improperly graded and perched, is an impassable barrier for aquatic organisms, and is prone to overtopping during flood events. The uppermost culvert was replaced in 2025 and funding for replacing the middle culvert has been awarded and will be replaced in 2026.	VT		$	500,000.00
Trout Unlimited	Otter Creek Headwater Culvert Replacement	The objective of this project is to replace one culvert on Brandy Brook in the Otter Creek headwaters in Ripton, Vt that is a current barrier to fish passage, as well as fund a week-long US Forest Service Stream Simulation Design workshop in or near Rutland, VT, that will provide regional practitioners an opportunity to deepen their understanding of culvert design and stream channel restoration to help increase the rate of culvert replacements and improve the overall quality of culvert replacements in New York and New England.	VT		$	325,697.00

Friends of the Mad River	Hanks Road Culvert Replacement for Aquatic Organism Passage, Clean Water, and Flood Resilience	The objective of this project is to complete final design engineering (100%) to replace an undersized and perched culvert on Hanks Brook, a tributary to the Mad River, in Warren, Vt to allow aquatic organism passage (AOP), and to improve water quality and flood resiliency. An improved structure will reconnect Brook Trout habitat between lower reaches of the Mad River and the cooler waters found in the forested uplands.	VT		$ 36,289.00
Ausable Freshwater Center	Ausable Drive Culvert Replacement– Potash Brook, Jay, NY	The objective of this project is to replace an undersized and degraded culvert on Potash Brook in Jay, NY. The current culvert is a barrier to aquatic organism passage and replacement of the culvert will open the undeveloped headwaters of the Ausable River to threatened native brook trout as well as improve flood resilience for the Town of Jay.	NY		$ 500,000.00
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District	Crown Point Culvert Replacement in Shrewsbury, VT - Full Design	The objective of this project is to develop a preliminary design for the replacement of the undersized and impassible Crown Point culvert in Shrewsbury, VT, in order to restore aquatic organism passage and geomorphic function of an unnamed tributary of the Mill River in the headwaters of the Otter Creek.	VT		$ 30,383.00
Stone Environmental, Inc.	Aquatic Organism Passage Barriers Removal Project Development	The objective of this project is to advance 30 high-impact aquatic organism passage (AOP) barrier removal projects through the feasibility analysis stage. Barriers will be selected from the watersheds of Behan Brook in the Saranac River in New York and the Jail Branch in the Winooski River and Flower Brook in the Mettawee River in Vermont. Ten barriers in each watershed will be selected for feasibility analysis, and for each barrier selected will describe the benefits of removal in terms of reconnected stream length, habitat quality, and associated co-benefits, such as improved floodplain access and flood resiliency.	VT, NY		$ 113,451.00
Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District	Trout Brook Access Road Culvert Improvement	The objective of this project is to complete final design engineering (100%) to replace the Trout Brook Access Road culverts on Trout Brook, a significant tributary that enters the Missisquoi River in Bakersfield, Vt. The current culverts blocks the movement of fish and other aquatic organisms, are not large enough to pass high flows, and are in poor condition.	VT		$ 21,395.00
	* funding allocated through the AOP Implementation Fund process, in full or in part				
				Total Awarded:	$ 10,349,231.00

Strategic Land Acquisition Grants

Champlain Area Trails	Willsboro High Point Conservation Project	The "High Point Conservation Project" in Willsboro, NY will acquire and conserve the 118-acre Harbison Property, secure permanence to its popular High Point Trail, help protect Lake Champlain's water quality, and advance LCBP's Clean Water, Healthy Ecosystems, Thriving Communities, and Informed and Involved Public goals.	NY	Start - March 2025 Final Report due - March 2027	$ 375,152.00
Town of Willsboro	Willsboro Bay Shoreline Property Protection and Access	The Town will acquire 67.80 acres from the Adirondack Land Trust with an agreement for public access, water quality protection and land use conversation.	NY	Start - June 2025 Final Report due - June 2027	$ 1,067,500.00
Hazen's Notch Conservation Trust	Bear Paw Pond Conservation Area, Montgomery Center VT	A unique opportunity was offered to the HNCT to purchase a conservation easement on the Bear Paw Pond property, a large, bio-rich, forested property with a pond, springs, seeps, and vernal pools in the drainage of the Trout River, which connects to other parcels that are and will be conserved with the HNCT, and is also home to a very sought-after educational education summer camp for kids.	VT	Start - March 2025 Final Report due - June 2027	$ 181,247.00
Missisquoi River Basin Association	Jay Wetland Conservation Initiative	This project will enable the Town of Jay to acquire an important wetland complex and floodplain of the Jay Branch and enable the MRBA to acquire the abutting 10-acre parcel (which provides access to the larger parcel) to enhance protection of the ecological functions, and implement community-driven plans to increase public access, education, and recreational opportunities on these 200+ acres.	VT	Start - December 2025 Final Report due - September 2027	$ 381,369.00
Vermont River Conservancy	Acquisition and Easements: Big Falls to the Border	With the acquisition of 50+ acres of forested floodplain and scrub-shrub wetland along the Missisquoi River in North Troy and conservation of a natural area adjacent to Big Falls State Park in Troy, we will continue basin wide efforts to protect and restore healthy ecosystems, improve water quality, provide wildlife habitat, increase flood resiliency, and increase a community's access to their river.	VT	Start - August 2025 Final Report due - September 2026	$ 139,607.00
City of Burlington, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront	0 North Avenue Acquisition & Stewardship	Acquisition and stewardship of a 7 acre parcel along Lake Champlain contiguous to an existing City natural area.	VT	Start - October 2025 Final Report due - June 2027	$ 1,228,592.00
Vermont Land Trust	Overlay Easement Acquisition Project in Charlotte, Vermont	VLT will complete two concurrent "overlay" easement acquisitions totaling +/-133 acres on two previously conserved farmland parcels in Charlotte, Vermont, to place permanent riparian and wetland restrictions on the property.	VT	Start - April 2025 Final Report due - March 2027	$ 125,103.00
Vermont Land Trust	Jail Branch (Winooski River) Easement Acquisition in Washington, VT	VLT will complete a conservation easement acquisition on a +/-77 acre parcel in Washington, Vermont, with enhanced river corridor protections and funding provided in partnership with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.	VT	Start - September 2025 Final Report due - March 2027	$ 128,610.00
Vermont Land Trust	Winooski River Easement Acquisition in East Montpelier, VT	VLT will complete a conservation easement acquisition on a +/-226-acre parcel in East Montpelier, Vermont, with enhanced river corridor protections and funding provided in partnership with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.	VT	Start - September 2025 Final Report due - March 2027	$ 444,110.00
				Total Awarded:	$ 4,071,290.00

Conservation Tree Nursery Support Program						
Intervale Center	Intervale Conservation Nursery: Improving Business Strategies and Partnerships for Long-Term Success	This project will expand the Intervale Center's capacity to provide native trees and shrubs for conservation partners throughout the Lake Champlain Basin. Through investments in business and partnership development, they will double their annual output of native stems while keeping prices stable, working toward the goal of providing 70,000 stems for sale by 2027. Intervale Center will also pilot an innovative cost-sharing program.	VT	Start - November 2023 Final Report due - December 2025	$	173,265.00
Redstart Inc.	Redstart's Native Restoration Tree Nursery Improvement and Expansion	This project will support investments in infrastructure, equipment, supplies, and staffing to allow Redstart to increase nursery production of important native trees and shrubs from about 6,000 stems annually to at least 30,000 stems annually. This effort will be built on Redstart's strengths and pursued in an efficient collaboration with other nurseries operating with a shared goal of increasing nursery stock availability and maintaining affordability within the Lake Champlain	VT	Start - December 2023 Final Report due - December 2025 Project Completed	$	150,000.00
Ausable River Association	Growing Local: The Ausable Conservation Nursery at Uihlein Farm	This project will fund the expansion and repair of nursery infrastructure, the purchase of additional supplies, equipment and plant materials, and provide additional staff capacity in order for Ausable River Association to grow hyper-local, elevation-hardy, woody plant stocks at a scale that by 2026-2027 will measurably enhance the native plant supply available for habitat conservation projects.	NY	Start - November 2023 Final Report due - December 2025	$	651,000.00
Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District	Seedling Cooperative and Managerial Capacity at the Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery	Funding will increase nursery staffing and seedling production at the Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery. PMNRCD plans to add a three quarter to full-time, permanent staff position at the nursery, introducing a supervisory position to help oversee day-to-day operations under the direction of the current nursery manager. They will also analyze how best to increase seedling production through expanded facilities geared toward seed germination and a potential partnership with Redstart that takes advantage of seed collection capabilities and their space for field growing seedlings.	VT	Start - January 2024 Final Report due - November 2025	$	39,085.00
Mace Chasm Farm, LLC	Expanding Nursery Capacity to Include Native Species for Regional Wholesale, Bareroot Market	Mace Chasm Farm will expand their offerings from wholesale bareroot, grafted fruit trees to wholesale, native, bareroot shrubs/trees for conservation projects in the Lake Champlain Basin. Funding will allow them to maintain price stability for their trees and shrubs while making the infrastructural investments needed to grow their production to an estimated 10,000-20,000 stems per year.	NY	Start - April 2024 Final Report due - January 2026	$	56,455.00
Missisquoi River Basin Association	MRBA Native Plant Nursery	The MRBA Native Plant Nursery will establish a localized nursery within the Village of North Troy, Vermont, providing locally-grown tree nursery stock for riparian plantings, education and job opportunities, and a useful and enjoyable community space. While one major goal of the project is to propagate bare root riparian plants and establish a native seed nursery, it will also provide an opportunity for training and education in natural resource conservation: they will offer summer residencies to college students and professionals in transition to provide training and experience in the operation of a conservation tree nursery.	VT	Start - May 2025 Final Report due - December 2026	$	401,477.00
Verterra LLC	Startup Project for a Native Plant Nursery	Funding will help cover some of the initial startup costs for this new nursery which will propagate and grow native tree nursery stock in the Lake Champlain Basin. The long-term goal is to produce 30,000 plants per year and establish strong working relationships with local non-profits and other native plant suppliers and educate the public about the benefits of planting native trees and shrubs.	VT	Start - November 2023 Final Report due - August 2026	$	150,000.00
Intervale Center	Riparian Seeds Partnership for Nursery Sector Development	The Intervale Center and partners request $168,165 to support the continued development of the Riparian Lands Native Seed Partnership (Seed Project) to support nursery sector development in the Lake Champlain Basin.	VT	Start - November 2025 Final Report due - January 2027	$	168,165.00
Friends of the Mad River	Local Ecotype Nursery in the Mad River Watershed	Friends of the Mad River will work with local partners and regional experts to launch a native plant nursery with the goal of increasing the availability and genetic diversity of plant stock used in watershed restoration projects in the Lake Champlain Basin.	VT	Start - November 2026 Final Report due - June 2027	$	142,854.00
Weathered Tree LLC	Weathered Tree Nursery Barn Roof Restoration and Spader Tilling Implement	Weathered Tree seeks to increase efficiency and scale for all our nursery species as well as increase community engagement and education through the improvement of our barn infrastructure and improved agricultural equipment. Specifically, funding will be directed towards installing a new barn roof which our nursery uses for operations and maintenance as well as acquiring funding for a new Selvetica spading implement.	VT	Start - October 2025 Final Report due - September 2026	$	39,375.00
Verterra Nursery	Secure Futures for Native Plants	In order to address the well documented shortage of native tree nursery stock for habitat conservation projects in the Lake Champlain Basin, which are a key component of maintaining ecosystem health and clean water, The owners of Verterra seek to extend their lease on the property they are farming, drill a well, invest in nursery infrastructure, and produce 10,000 trees/shrubs of local provenance for non-profits to use at no cost, thereby securing their ability to continue producing native nursery stock at stable prices.	VT	Start - November 2025 Final Report due - April 2027	$	142,680.00
Ausable Freshwater Center	The Ausable Conservation Nursery: Scaling Up for Success	Ausable Freshwater Center (AFC) has made significant progress in establishing a strong foundation through the development of skilled nursery staff, robust infrastructure, and efficient operational systems. With support from LCBP funding from 2023 to the present, AFC focused on building a team at Ausable Conservation Nursery (ACN) with the expertise to manage and scale operations, while creating the necessary physical infrastructure to support nursery practices. This project aims to build upon this foundation, expanding AFC's capacity to meet large-scale demand by purchasing specialized nursery equipment, facilitating professional development for nursery staff, and positioning ACN as a community resource. By increasing production, AFC will keep stem prices affordable for conservation groups, prioritize locally adapted genotypes that enhance ecological restoration, work towards the long-term sustainability of ACN, and address the ongoing needs of conservation efforts in the region.	NY	Start - November 2025 Final Report due - June 2027	$	590,141.00
Lamoille County Conservation District	Roots for Rivers: Native Trees for Supporting Local Plantings and Beyond	This project will grow native and regionally appropriate plant species to support habitat and restoration projects in Lamoille County and surrounding areas, and to reduce runoff and erosion to the Lamoille River and Lake Champlain.	VT	Start - October 2025 Final Report due - July 2027	$	149,424.00

Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District	Bareroot Bed Expansion and Equipment Purchase for CVNPRN	This proposal will support infrastructure and workforce development investments for the Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery including expansion of field grown bareroot stock; the purchase of a small tractor with appropriate implements; purchase of an assortment of power tools for use at the nursery; training of permanent and seasonal staff; increasing conversations and collaboration with relevant environmental organizations; and an expanded, knowledgeable, public volunteer base, ultimately resulting in a significant increase in locally grown native plants for use in restoration efforts across the state of Vermont and in particular within the South Lake Champlain Basin.	VT	Start - November 2025 Final Report due - Spring 2027	$	98,545.00
Redstart Inc.	Redstart's Native Tree Nursery – Increase Production, Protection, and Specialized Seed Collection	The project will bolster Redstart's ability to meet the growing demand for native trees and play a crucial role in stabilizing or reducing the rising costs. By investing in equipment, infrastructure, and staffing, Redstart will expand upon their prior LCBP grant by improving seed collection practices and enhancing nursery production capabilities. With these investments, it is expected that Redstart will increase their production of available stock by 50 percent, as well as increasing the availability of locally sourced seeds for other nurseries.	VT	Start - December 2025 Final Report due - December 2026	$	120,000.00
				Total Awarded:	$	3,072,466.00
Wetland and Floodplain Restoration Program in New York						
Ausable River Association	East Branch Restoration Program – Project Area 7, Ausable River Watershed	The restoration of Project Area 7 (PA7) will restore a critical floodplain area and improve geomorphic, physicochemical, and biological functions in an impaired reach on the East Branch Ausable River. As one of 13 priority projects identified in the East Branch Restoration Program (EBRP), PA7 is integral to flood resilience, public safety, stream function, and habitat restoration while enhancing wetland environments and increasing floodplain access.	NY	Start - March 2023 Final Report due - December 2025	$	500,000.00
				Total Awarded:	$	500,000.00
Aquatic Invasive Species Management and Spread Prevention						
Upper Saranac Foundation	AIS Management and Spread Prevention Equipment Replacement	This project will fund equipment improvement and replacement for AIS management and spread prevention will support the Upper Saranac Foundation (USF) dive crew with a reliable and dependable outboard motorboat engine enabling the continuation of successful aquatic invasive species management; providing clean waterways and ensuring the sustainability of our natural public resources for future generations.	NY	Start - September 2023 Final Report due - January 2025	$	22,354.00
Friends of Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Inc	Invasive Species and Water Chestnut Control at Missisquoi NWR	The Friends of Missisquoi NWR (Friends, FOM) will work with the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) and other volunteers in a continued effort to control riparian invasive species and water chestnut in 2025.	VT	Start - May 2025 Final Report due - November 2025	$	10,000.00
Lake Eden Association	Restoring balance to Lake Eden	The Lake Eden Association, in coordination with our partners, will complete a permit application with the VT DEC, for use of ProcellaCOR to mitigate Eurasian Watermilfoil in Lake Eden. We will hire contractors to apply the herbicide to areas of the lake where we have been unsuccessful with other treatment methods available. This will include areas which are not accessible for use of DASH, Benthic Blankets or hand harvesting due to shallow water and deep muck. Different contractors will be hired to measure the success of this treatment and its impact on native plants through pre and post treatment surveys.	VT	Start - March 2025 Final Report due - December 2026	$	93,400.00
				Total Awarded:	$	125,754.00