

# 2019 Impacts

## USDA Rural Development / Vermont & New Hampshire

Improved **water  
and wastewater  
systems** for  
**471,298**  
**people**



**352**  
**Engaged**  
**communities**

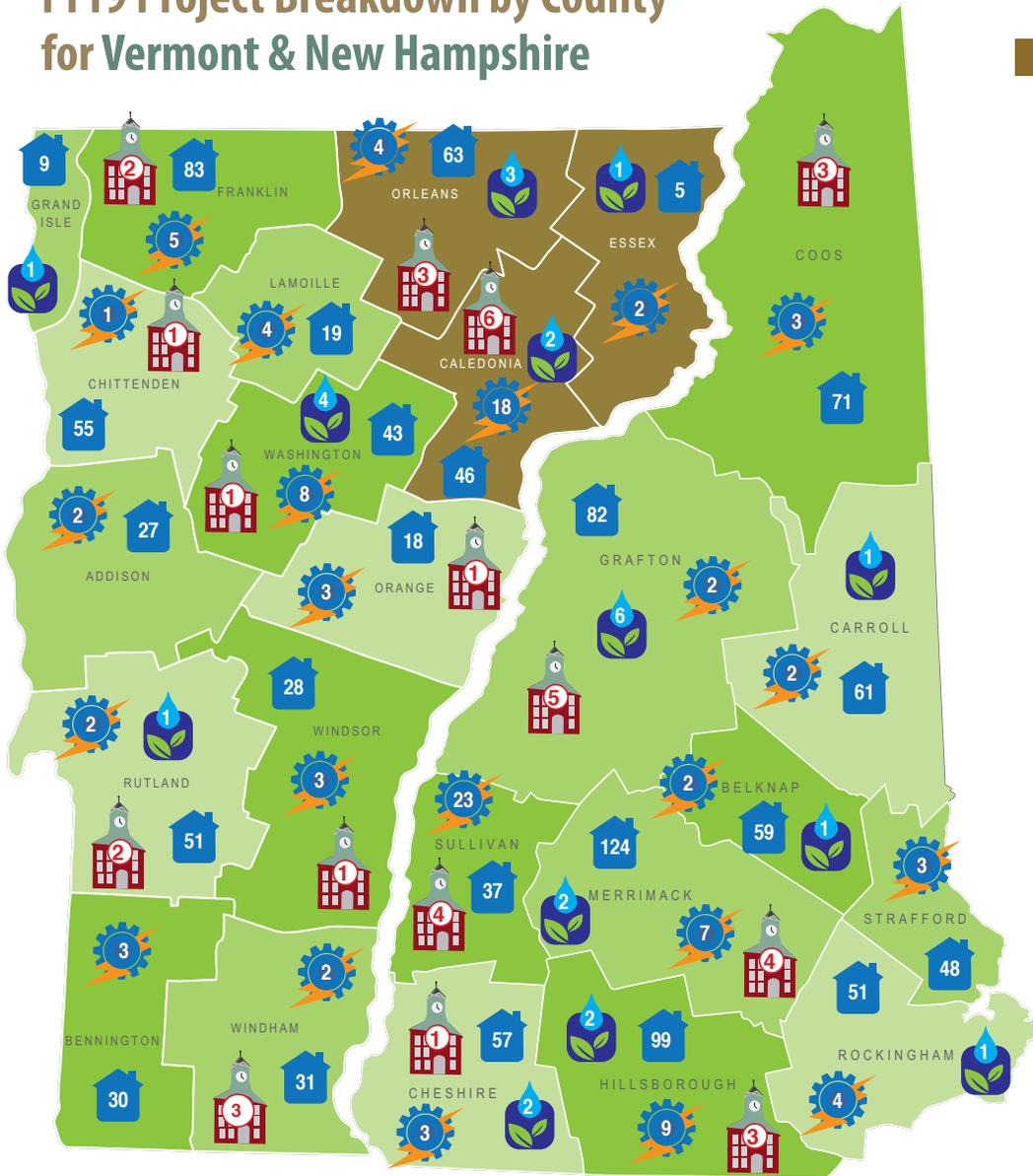
Created **915**  
**JOBS**



Housed **5,510**  
**families**

*Committed to the future of rural communities.*

# FY19 Project Breakdown by County for Vermont & New Hampshire



## Vermont's Rural Economic Area Partnership Zone

Rural Development designated Vermont's Northeast Kingdom as one of America's five Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones in 2001. This designation, reauthorized in the 2018 Farm Bill, provides special funding for development projects in the Kingdom. In 2019, this designation brought the region an additional **\$9,581,187**.



Rural Development works closely with the Northeast Kingdom Collaborative and other partners to identify and support projects for the region.



**BUSINESS & ENERGY**



**WATER & ENVIRONMENT**



**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**



**HOUSING**

\*Multi-family rental properties receiving rental assistance were counted as one project. Each multi-family rental property represents multiple families receiving Rural Development assistance.

### VERMONT

PROGRAM	AMOUNT
BUSINESS	\$ 5,719,079
HOUSING	\$ 78,413,594
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	\$ 6,779,150
WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL	\$ 25,992,114
TELECOM & ELECTRIC	\$ 8,220,608
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 125,285,077</b>

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

PROGRAM	AMOUNT
BUSINESS	\$ 4,253,930
HOUSING	\$ 100,946,166
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	\$ 550,347
WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL	\$ 36,091,718
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 142,277,692</b>

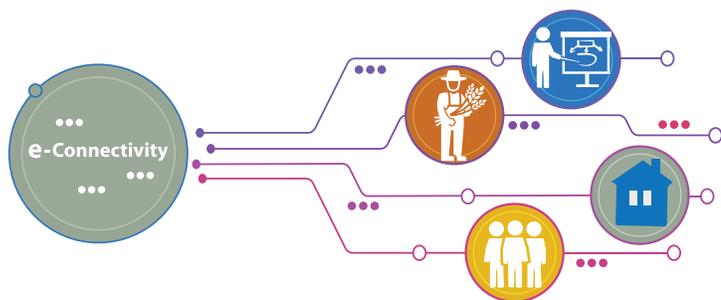
FOR A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS BY COUNTY, VISIT [RD.USDA.GOV/VT](http://RD.USDA.GOV/VT) OR [RD.USDA.GOV/NH](http://RD.USDA.GOV/NH).

**Our Mission:** USDA Rural Development is committed to increasing economic opportunity and the quality of life in rural America.

## Staying Connected, Staying Healthy

### Increasing e-Connectivity in Northern New England

E-Connectivity in rural America expands access to essential health, educational, social and business opportunities. With the support of a **\$188,547 Rural Community Development Initiative** grant, the Northern Forest Center will provide technical assistance and capacity building to enhance e-connectivity in communities along the northern New England tier (Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire). This assistance will position recipient and beneficiary communities to pursue new forms of economic development, better harness technological innovations, grow and support a rural workforce, and leverage a rural quality-of-life while attracting new residents and businesses to rural communities.



### Preserving Clean Drinking Water for Quality of Life and the Economy

The town of Bristol is situated south of Newfound Lake in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. The former manufacturing town has relied heavily on the tourist draw of Lake Newfound, which has some of the cleanest and clearest water in New England. To help preserve this natural and economic resource, Rural Development provided a **\$10,567,000** loan and a **\$6,262,000** grant to extend wastewater lines to a designated growth area that includes nearly 500 additional residences along the south end of the lake. This investment will ensure Newfound Lake remains a pristine, recreational, and economic asset for the future.



### Building Transportation Infrastructure for the Recreational Economy

The 94-mile Lamoille Valley Rail Trail is a four-season transportation corridor that stretches from Swanton to St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Using a **\$175,500 Community Facilities** grant, the Town of Hardwick, Vermont will upgrade a section of the trail, providing a stable and firm surface capable of supporting bicycle, horse, wheelchair, and pedestrian traffic from Wolcott to Walden. Work will also include the repair or installation of missing culverts and bridges, replacement of washed out trail sections, vegetation clearing along the trail corridor, restoration of trailside ditches, and trail access improvements. This piece of transportation infrastructure will allow the community to leverage recreational opportunities for economic development, particularly in its downtown and local food industry.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



To help keep our communities viable, USDA Rural Development offers grants and loans to town governments and non-profits that provide essential community services. Rural Development loans have very favorable rates and terms.

- ▶ Community Facility Grants and Loans
- ▶ Water and Environmental Programs
- ▶ Broadband and Distance Learning and Telemedicine Assistance
- ▶ Rural Community Development Initiative Grants

# \$77,633,937

invested in **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE** in Vermont and New Hampshire by RD in '19.

**Cover photos, l-r:** State Director Anthony Linardos, Area Director Jon-Michael Muise, and Program Director Eric Law celebrate a groundbreaking for Rutland Regional Medical Center. **Top:** Overview of the City of Bristol, NH, which received funding for improved clean water infrastructure. **Bottom:** Farm Service Agency Executive Officer Marilyn Milne addresses a group of community and economic development leaders in Berlin, NH. **Right:** VERMOD Home Ownership Advisor Ashley Andreas speaks with USDA Single Family Housing Specialist Janice Daniels.

## BUSINESS PROGRAMS



**USDA's Business and Cooperative Programs** catalyze economic development through supporting entrepreneurs, lenders and non-profits in their efforts to create jobs, strengthen businesses and enliven downtowns.

- ▶ Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- ▶ Intermediary Relending Program
- ▶ Rural Business Development Grants
- ▶ Value-Added Producer Grants
- ▶ Rural Energy for America Program Grants and Guaranteed Loans

**238 LOCAL BUSINESSES** touched by RD's 2019 investments.

## HOUSING PROGRAMS



USDA Rural Development Housing Programs support families in need of extra financial assistance to purchase, rent or rehabilitate housing in rural communities.

- ▶ **Single Family Housing Programs**
  - Low Income Home Loans
  - Guaranteed Loans
  - Home Repair Loans and Grants
- ▶ **Multi-Family Housing**
  - Rural Rental Housing Loans
  - Loan Guarantees
  - Rental Assistance Program
- ▶ **Housing Preservation Grants**



**5,510 VERMONT & NEW HAMPSHIRE** families achieved **HOMEOWNERSHIP** in 2019.



### A Hundred-Year-Old Company Invests in a Sustainable Future

Family owned since 1920, Vermont Glove in Randolph, Vermont has been making exceptional goat-skinned gloves for utility professionals and tradespeople for over 100 years. Committed to both social and environmental sustainability, in 2019 Vermont Glove transitioned to run 100% on renewable energy. A grant of **\$12,748** from Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program assisted with the purchase and installation of an efficient pellet heating system. The new system from SunWood Biomass handles all the company's heating needs and replaced a coal-fired boiler, which consumed about 28 tons of coal annually. In addition to greatly reducing its carbon footprint, the reduction in energy cost will help Vermont Glove remain viable for years to come.

### Achieving the Dream of Home Ownership

When Crystal Taylor decided to leave Georgia for rural New Hampshire, she wasn't sure how to achieve her dream of home ownership. But after a friend referred her to Rural Development's Single-Family Housing Direct Loan program, she was on her way. Crystal visited the Lancaster, New Hampshire Rural Development office well-prepared with completed documents: a signed contract, home inspection, appraisal, home insurance binder, and credit report check. 16 business days later, she received the keys for her new home on Park Street in Berlin, NH.



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