

Single Family Housing Repair Loan & Grant Program

Success Story: Goodwill Makes a Good Well for Veteran Homeowner

\$10,000

USDA 504 Single Family Home Repair grant

\$7,500

Rural Edge Home Repair Grant

137

NH/VT homes repaired by USDA in fiscal year 2022

\$1,057,000

USDA total funding for FY22 VT/NH home repairs

100%

Of New Hampshire and Vermont counties served

6

USDA RD housing offices in NH & VT

The NEED

VA Veteran Stanley Bartlett loves where he lives. A renowned Feng-Shui teacher who travelled the globe, he eventually settled in Vermont's verdant Northeast Kingdom. Putting his design expertise to work, he built a home that he lovingly named Heart's Landing due to the shape of the property's pond. It even won an award for the state's most energy-efficient house from Efficiency Vermont. But when his natural spring water source ran dry from neighbors moving nearby, his life was turned upside down.

The CHALLENGE

"I had no water, no shower, no hot water for heating," Stanley recalls. What he *did* have was a friend with an endless supply of water from his family farm, which he would put in six-gallon jugs and leave at Heart's Landing during trips to and from his workplace, Northern Vermont University. Though appreciative of his friend's efforts and able to get by with daily tasks, Stanley knew the situation wasn't sustainable. So he turned to some other friends who could offer the permanent fix: a drilled well.

The SOLUTION

Rural Edge Service Specialist Jan Wade took Stanley's call and rapidly got paperwork together to fund the project. On her checklist was a call placed to USDA Rural Housing Technician Karen Flye, who filled out a 504 Single Family Home Repair grant application and sent it to Housing Specialist Janice Le Blanc with an urgent 'NO WATER' on the file. Janice secured Stanley's eligibility for funding that very day. "I'm grateful for the help," he says with a smile. "It's so good to have the water back on."

For program regulations and requirements, please go to the [USDA RD 504 fact sheet](#).

