



Vermont Working Lands Coalition

2015 Vermont Working Lands Coalition Platform

Members of the Vermont Working Lands Coalition are united in support of the farm, forest, and value-adding businesses that are at the foundation of the working landscape that benefits all Vermonters.

This year the Working Landscape Coalition stands together in committed support for investment through the Working Lands Enterprise Board (WLEB).

We will work together to support our goal of \$1,000,000 in funding for WLEB in the 2015 State Budget with resources committed to support the three statutory features of WLEB supports to farm, forest and valued added business development: Enterprise Investments, Service Provider Grants, and Capital and Infrastructure Improvement.

WLEB plays a critically important role as a spear point for the renaissance of Vermont’s working lands economy. In addition to promoting its budget, we will share its success stories, encourage applications, and help to leverage assistance to the key businesses advanced through this initiative.

The Working Landscape Partnership, which the Coalition represents and leads, supports a strong Current Use program that provides fair and predictable taxation for enterprise lands, and continued conservation investments through VHCB especially for developing farms and for forest lands. These long term policies and investments are essential, but not sufficient, for the sustained growth of Vermont’s working lands economy.

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