

Theresa Utton

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From: Todd Hardie []

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To: Theresa Utton

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Theresa,

I am writing to request the continuation of full funding for the Working Landscape program.

This is one of those rare & unusual programs where the investment by the people of the State of Vermont is leveraged to bring a much greater return than what is put into grants for farmers and other recipients.

A working landscape supports our businesses which generates taxes.

A working landscape supports tourism that brings people and money to our state.

A working landscape supports healthy families, which reduces the need for state aid.

The funds allocated for this program are modest, and the return very high.

We pay a lot of taxes at our business in Hardwick and farms in Greensboro. We see where a little state support in the past has been leveraged for great success now and into the future.

The return of the Working Landscape program will come back many times over.

I am happy to testify if you would like.

Thank you for the support of this important program.

Todd



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