

# Vermont Agricultural Buffer Program

Receive incentive payments of \$90 to \$150 per acre each year to plant a harvestable perennial filter strip 25 feet wide on annual cropland adjacent to a stream.



Grass stops erosion in its tracks along with many other benefits!

## Program Specifics:

- Five year minimum contract
- No manure can be spread in the buffer area
- Fertilizer can be used with soil test and nutrient recommendation
- Receive \$123/ac to cover the establishment costs of new filter strips *in addition* to the annual incentive payments of \$90 to \$150 per acre per year
- Forage in buffer can be harvested between June 1st and September 1st only
- Most buffers are 25 feet wide unless a water quality concern deems the need for a larger buffer

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