

## Appendix C. Farm Waiver Form for Practice Reporting

The purpose of this waiver is to release information relating to conservation practice implementation on your farm into the Partner Database.

The Partner Database, formally the *Multi-Partner Agricultural Conservation Practice Tracking and Planning Geospatial Database*, is a conservation tracking and planning tool administered by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFAM).

Conservation planning organizations including, but not limited to, the University of Vermont Extension (UVM), the Natural Resource Conservation Districts (Districts), and the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) have access to the Partner Database to plan and track conservation practices implemented on farms.

On an annual basis, these practices will be aggregated *without* farm identifiable information and sent to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to report nutrient reductions from agriculture towards meeting Total Daily Maximum Loads (TMDLs) required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Providing information related to conservation practices implemented on your farm, both with and without financial assistance, will help account for the work farmers across the State are doing to improve water quality in Vermont.

Information that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) gathers related to your farm or agricultural operation is protected from disclosure to others by Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill. NRCS *must* obtain your permission prior to releasing any information related to your farm/operation.

By placing an "X" in the boxes below and signing this form, you authorize the release of the designated information related to your farm to be entered into the Partner Database for the purpose of tracking conservation practices. You may revoke this voluntary authorization at any time by providing VAAFAM and NRCS a written request to discontinue entering information into the Partner Database.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize the release of the following information to the Partner Database:

- Conservation practice implementation completed on my farm without any financial assistance.
- Conservation practice implementation funded or supported by the United States Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS), or Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Note: Conservation practice implementation funded or supported by VAAFAM will already be tracked in the Partner Database.

Note: Information provided through this waiver will not be accessed or viewed by regulatory staff, nor used for regulatory purposes.

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Landowner/Producer/Cooperator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm E 911 Address: