

VERMONT - The State Tier of Funding

Three conservation programs are administered by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. The VHCB is funded mostly by a real estate transfer tax (along with some appropriations and bonds). The VHCB's conservation programs are the Farmland Conservation Program, the Recreational Land, Natural Areas, and Historic Properties Program, and the Local Conservation Grant Program.

Total State Conservation Spending, 2004-2014 (Including Farmland Spending)

Data from Gus Seelig and Larry Mires

Year	Total Funds (VHCB)
2014	\$3,650,000
2013	\$3,978,660
2012	\$3,989,279
2011	\$3,909,042
2010	\$2,571,236
2009	\$4,095,690
2008	\$6,509,368
2007	\$4,658,274
2006	\$5,476,434
2005	\$3,829,784
2004	\$3,476,368

The Duck Stamp Fund, which receives revenue from stamps purchased by hunters, is used to acquire wetlands. We do not have records for this yet post-2005, although the 2005 number according to TPL was \$1,090, so it is unlikely to be a major funding source.

Farmland Spending Specifically

Vermont Farmland Spending, 2004-2014 (VHCB)

Year	Farmland Conservation Spending (VHCB)
2014	\$2,300,000
2013	\$2,755,000
2012	\$2,616,794
2011	\$2,769,186
2010	\$1,986,236
2009	\$2,964,000
2008	\$3,596,207
2007	\$2,765,600
2006	\$3,312,927
2005	\$2,145,605
2004	\$1,973,702

Annual PACE Activity in Vermont, 2004-2013, American Farmland Trust

Data from Jennifer Dempsey, American Farmland Trust

The primary PACE program in Vermont is the Farmland Conservation Program.

Year	VT
2013	\$2,342,000
2012	\$2,768,150
2011	\$2,640,000
2010	\$3,200,000
2009	\$2,788,000
2008	\$2,761,498
2007	\$2,550,502
2006	\$4,200,000
2005	\$2,700,000
2004	\$0