

# ***Better Backroads***

**Organization:** Northern Vermont Resource Conservation & Development Council

**Program:** **Better Backroads**

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[www.anr.state.vt.us/cleanandclear/bbroads.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/cleanandclear/bbroads.htm)

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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Better Backroads provides financial and technical assistance primarily to towns and lake/watershed/homeowner groups to effectively maintain backroads to reduce erosion and prevent road gravel and sediment washing downhill and impacting waterways. Cost-share grants of up to 75% are available for projects, with a \$7000 maximum, technical assistance is free. Grants are available for road erosion inventory and planning (Category A) or construction of erosion control projects (Category B). Please visit the web site for more information on grants and application deadlines. Individual homeowners may also benefit from a driveway maintenance guide available at [http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/lakes/docs/lpseries/lp\\_lpseries5.pdf](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/lakes/docs/lpseries/lp_lpseries5.pdf).

**Assistance Type:** Financial, Technical

**Financial Assistance:** 75% cost-share is available for projects, technical assistance is free.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

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**Landscape Type:** Roadways, Driveways

**Resource Type:** Water quality

**Criteria:** Any lake, watershed, or homeowners association or Vermont municipality can apply for grants or receive on-site technical assistance. The driveway maintenance guide for homeowners is available at the website indicated in program description above.