Greetings Rural Vermont Members, Allies, & Community:

Thank you for your past and ongoing interest, engagement, and support! This year, we’re asking for your help to build our Sustainer Community. Your recurring gift will consistently and reliably support Rural Vermont’s efforts to build accessible, inclusive, resilient, and healthy farms and communities. (Sign up by 12/31 to be included in our Sustainer raffle! Details in our P.S.)

I moved to Vermont in 1999 and quickly connected to Rural Vermont through GMO activism. My introduction to the Vermont Statehouse and legislative advocacy was born and fostered through the accessible grassroots network of farmers and activists that Rural Vermont had been cultivating for years.

Ever since those early days, I have been impressed with Rural Vermont’s effectiveness and balance of weaving grassroots, community-based work and skillful, legislative advocacy. In 2018, I joined the Board of Directors only to fall deeper in love with the work and the people that Rural Vermont represents. The staff and community that make up Rural Vermont are passionate, determined, effective, and, importantly, always growing and changing to adapt to the emergent needs of our time while continuing to advocate for the legacy issues in a just and equitable way.

From local farm priorities like raw milk, on-farm slaughter, and land access to national issues like anti-racism, health care, and cannabis reform, to international issues like farmworker rights, nature-based trading shams, and advancing Agroecology, Rural Vermont works in concert with a deeply connected mycelial network, always building relationships first, and looking to
the most impacted communities for guidance on how to shape a future, rooted in reverence for the earth and dignity for all.

I’ve been proud to serve on this Board for the last six years, and today I invite you to join me in supporting Rural Vermont’s mission to organize, educate and advocate in collaboration with local and global movements to strengthen the social, ecological and economic health of the agrarian communities - the social mycelium - that connects us all.

See where Rural Vermont has been and what we’ve done in our 2023 Photo Gallery, and learn more about our priorities and plans for the coming year in our 2024 Course of Action.

If our work excites and inspires you too, then please make your recurring or single gift today. Thank you. ❤️

Sincerely,
Cat Buxton
outgoing Rural Vermont Board Member

P.S. Help us build our Sustaining Member community! Sign up for recurring monthly or annual giving by 12/31 and you could win a $250 gift card to your favorite Vermont co-op or farm! All Sustainers receive a stash of Rural Vermont stickers and maintain membership status in perpetuity.