TRORC Culvert Inventory Project 2015



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Introduction

In 2011, Tropical Storm Irene damaged a significant portion of town infrastructure across the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee region. During the storm, countless undersized culverts were severely damaged or destroyed leading to many roads being washed out. Many towns require culvert inventories to be current in order to be eligible for state grants as well as playing an important role in highway budgeting. At the time, many TRORC's town culvert inventories were considered out of date according to the statewide Vermont Online Bridge and Culvert Inventory database (www.VTCulverts.org) in Figure 1.

TRORC identified this unmet need of addressing out of date town culvert inventories that have not been updated since Tropical Storm Irene. TRORC sought funds and was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Planning Grant to assist twelve towns impacted by Tropical Storm Irene with updating of culvert inventories over a two year period. These towns are clustered along the White River and Ottauquechee River watersheds. The twelve towns included (Figure 2):

- Town of Barnard
- Town of Bethel
- Town of Braintree
- Town of Granville
- Town of Hartford
- Town of Hartland
- Town of Pittsfield
- Town of Rochester
- Town of Sharon
- Town of Stockbridge
- Town of Tunbridge
- Town of Woodstock

The scope of work included updating GPS locations of culverts, updating culvert attributes (size, condition and material based on Vermont Agency of Transportation standards), and creating new maps. Culverts were assessed and prioritized based on condition and vulnerability to failure. These inventories will play an important role for towns applying to future grants in transportation, hazard mitigation, water quality and eligibility for FEMA reimbursements. TRORC is working with communities to update their Hazard Mitigation Plans, working with town highway departments to be compliant with 2013 Town Road and Bridge Standards (which includes the desired culvert inventory to flag poorly performing culverts and integrate into a capital improvement plan), and identify high risk road erosion areas for future projects. This grant opportunity will cover a

significant portion of our Region's member towns 12/30 (40%) and improve overall regional flood resiliency.

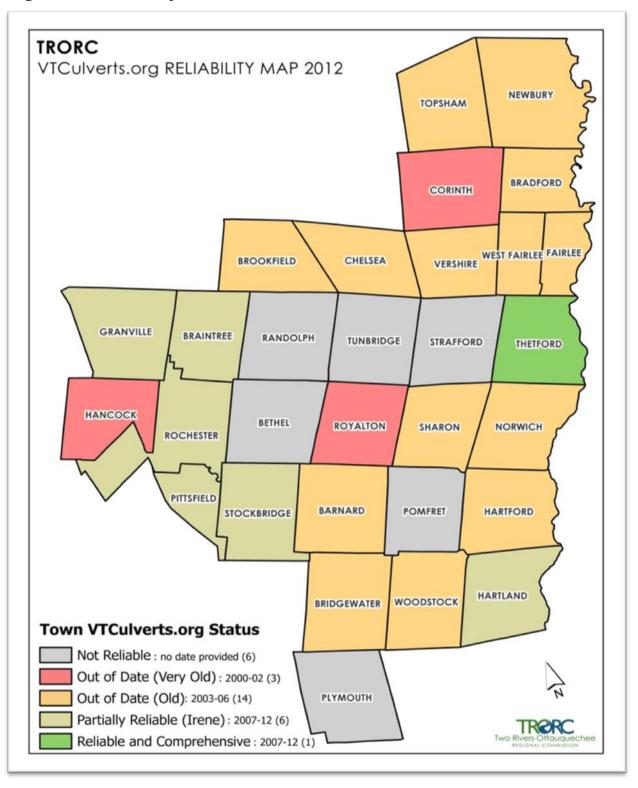


Figure 1: TRORC Culvert Status in 2012

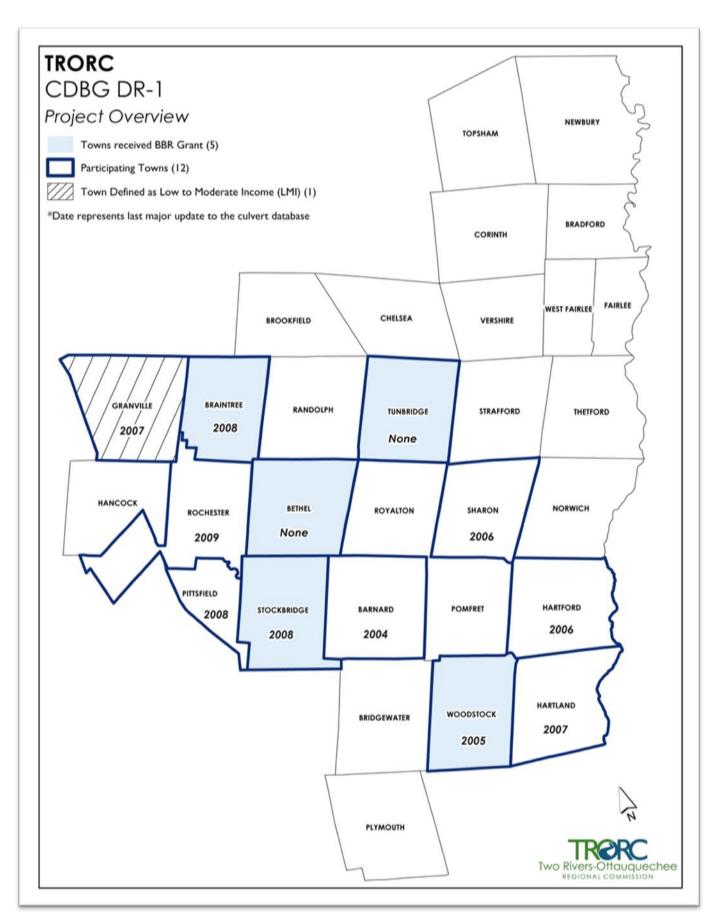


Figure 2: Participating Towns

Overall Project Summary

The twelve towns were split into 2 inventory years 2014 (Bethel, Braintree, Stockbridge, Tunbridge and Woodstock) and 2015 (Barnard, Granville, Hartford, Hartland, Pittsfield, Rochester and Sharon). In 2014, the towns of Bethel, Braintree, Stockbridge, Tunbridge and Woodstock also received Better Back Road Category A planning grants which supplemented funds towards this inventory project.

Total Road Miles Driven: 2500 miles

Total Town Staff Inventory Hours: 600 hours

Total Culvert Attributes Updated: 7876 culverts

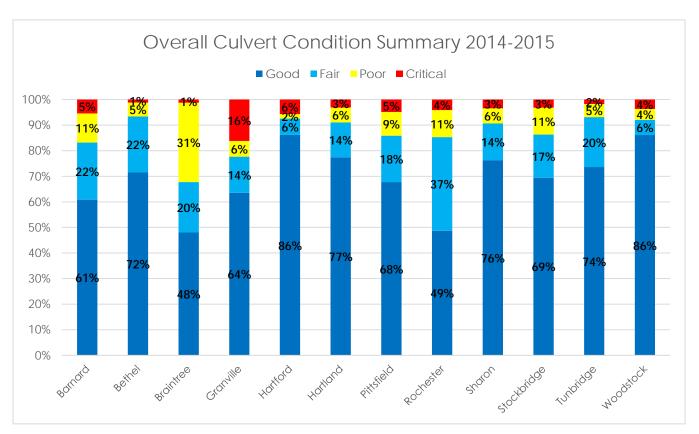


Figure 3: Overall Culvert Condition Summary

In general many of the town culverts are 80% in Good or Fair condition. Towns are actively replacing culverts to at least the 18" diameter minimum as per the 2013 Town Road and Bridge Standards.

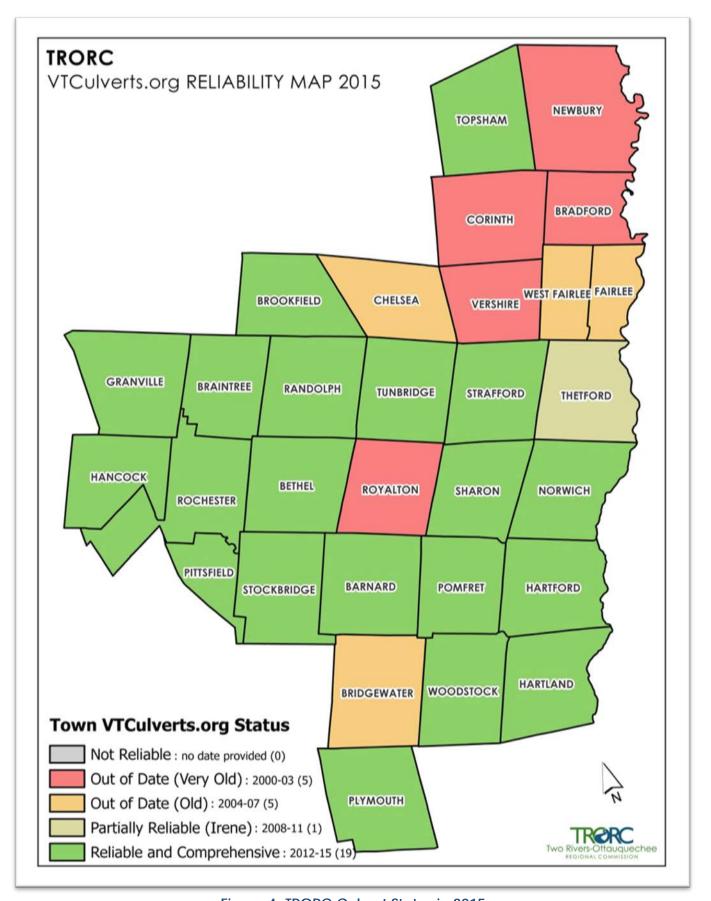


Figure 4: TRORC Culvert Status in 2015

In addition to collecting GPS data and updating culvert attributes, TRORC staff sorted culvert conditions and with the Road Foreman of each town, identified the top priority project sites for detailed recommended treatments and cost estimates. The finished product was a project proposal that was ready for future Better Back Road implementation grants, VTrans Structures grants or Hazard Mitigation grants.

Of the twelve towns, TRORC and Road Foreman identified 70 priority projects of specific roads for structure replacements totaling \$2.3 million. Figure 5 summarizes these projects by town.

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	8	Strafford Rd	Replace 3 undersized culverts	\$4,791
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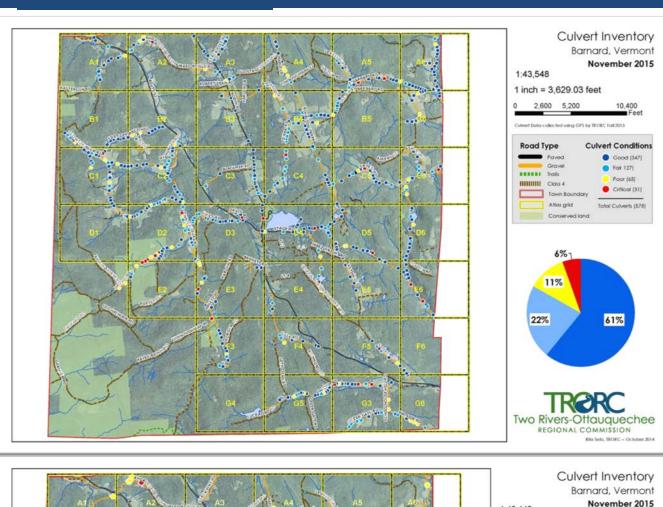
Figure 5: TRORC Regional Priority Projects

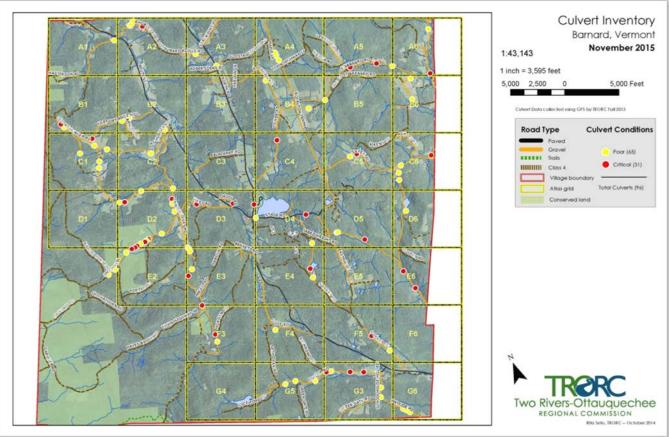
Each Town received the following in the final package:

- ❖ A 24" x 36" town-wide map of all culverts showing condition
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 - A town-wide map of all culverts showing condition
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 - An atlas of individual roads and culverts
 - A printed spreadsheet of all culvert attributes
 - A set of identified priority projects with details on recommended replacements and cost estimates
 - A USB flash drive of these digital files
- Culvert data uploaded into <u>www.VTCulverts.org</u> and training on the website

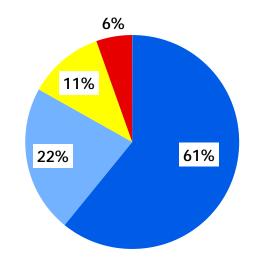
The following pages summarize the inventory by Town.

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Overall culvert condition in Barnard



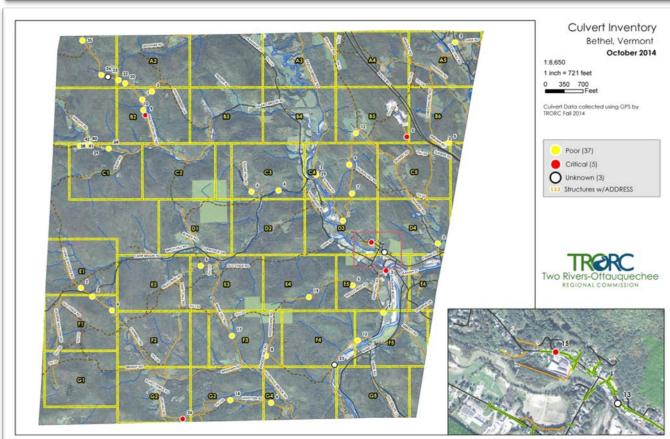
A concrete box culvert on East Barnard Road. *Photo by Pete Fellows, TRORC*

Barnard Priority Projects

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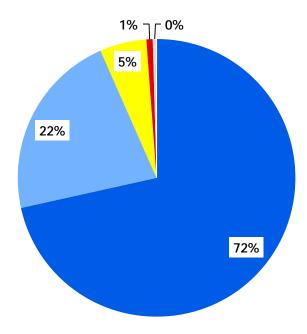
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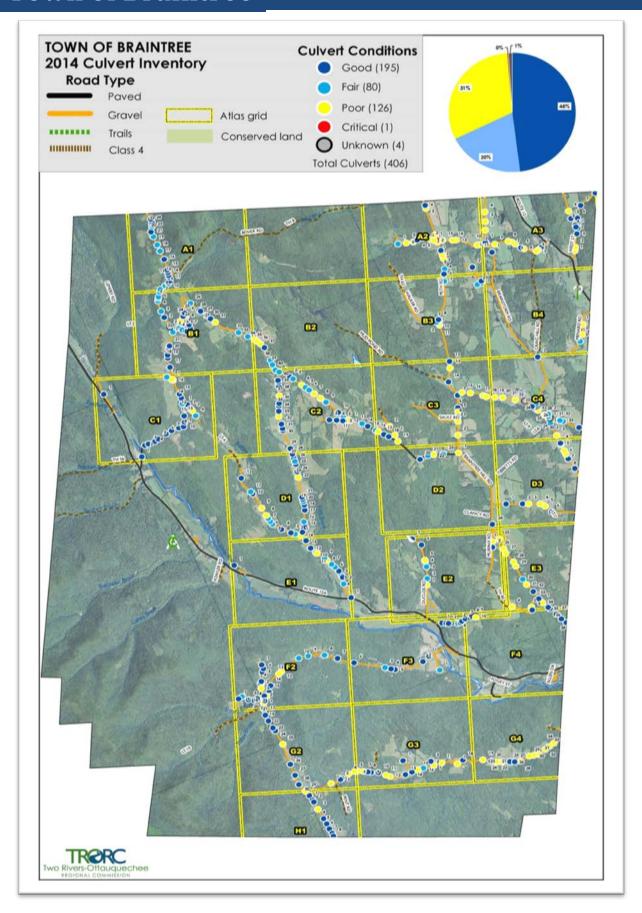


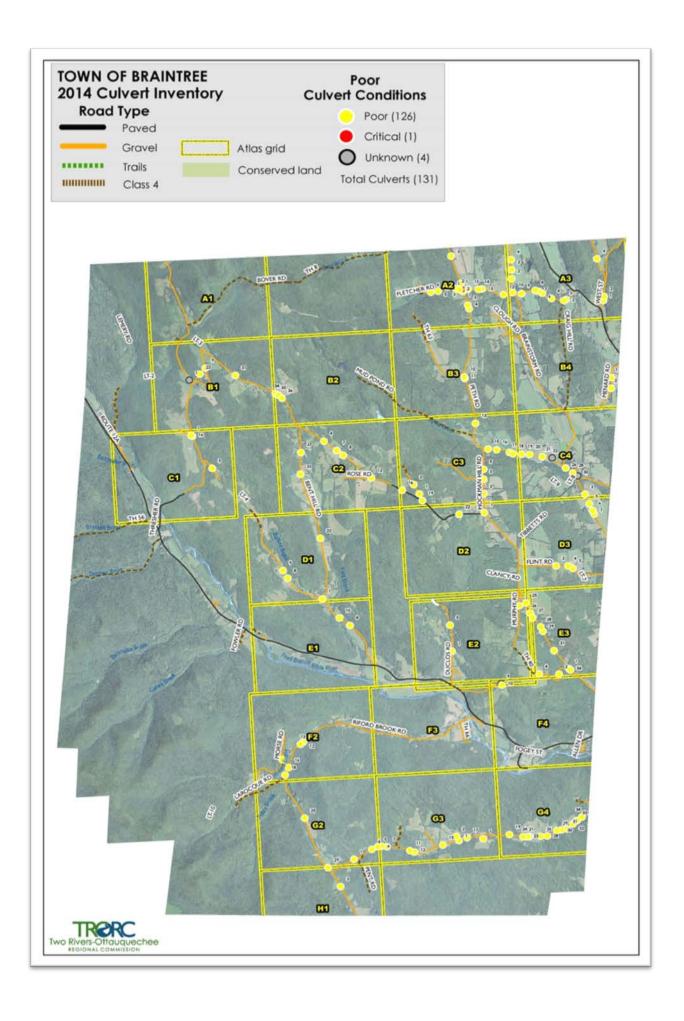
Bethel Road Foreman Robert Hyde measuring a squash culvert. *Photo by Rita Seto, TRORC*

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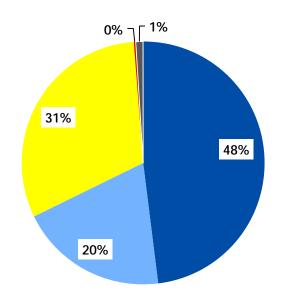
Town of Braintree







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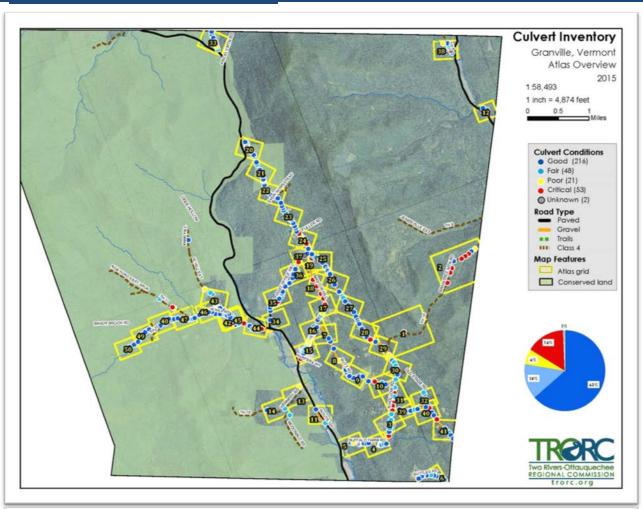


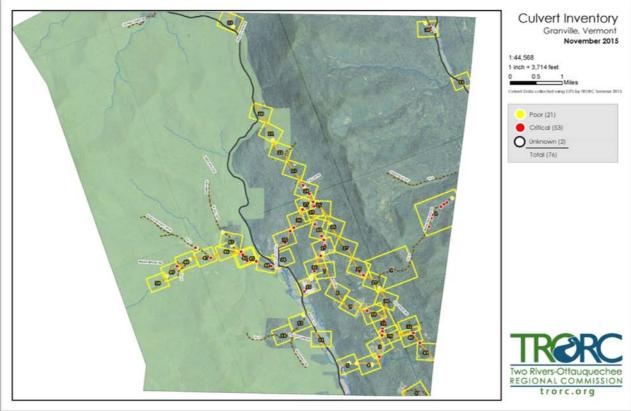
Riford Brook culvert. Photo by Rita Seto, TRORC

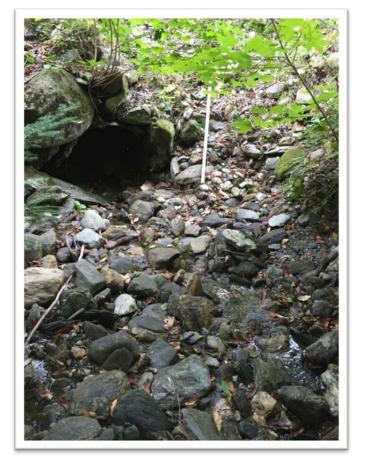
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1	Connecticut Corners Road	Improving ditching	\$29,627
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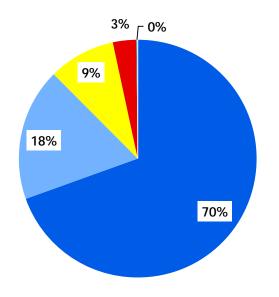
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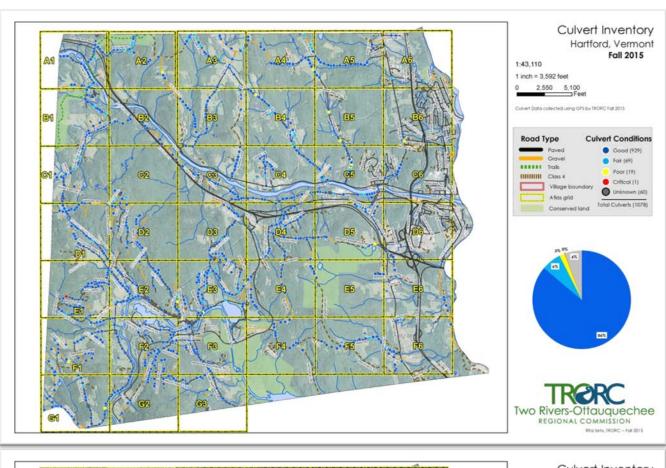


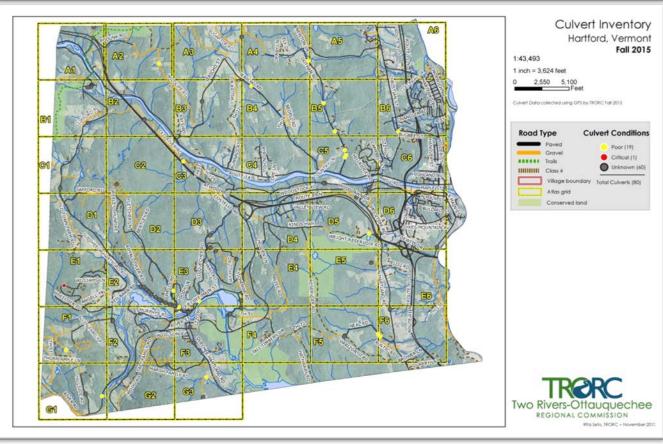
Maston Hill culvert. Photo by Pete Fellows, TRORC

Granville Priority Projects

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1	West Hill Road	Upgrade undersized culvert	\$3,261
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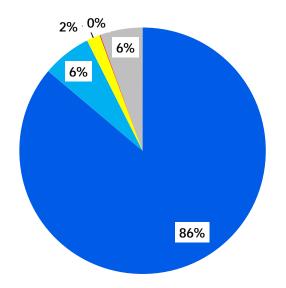
Town of Hartford





Overall culvert condition in Hartford



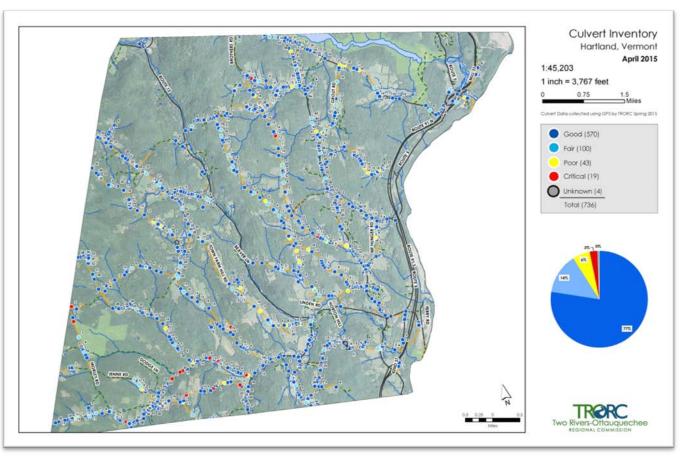


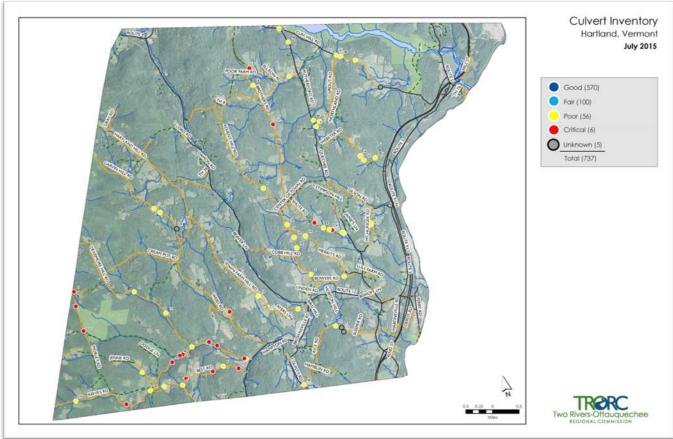
Draining culvert. Photo by Rita Seto, TRORC

Hartford Priority Projects

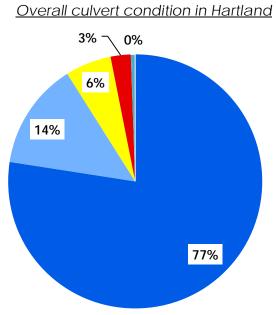
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Town of Hartland







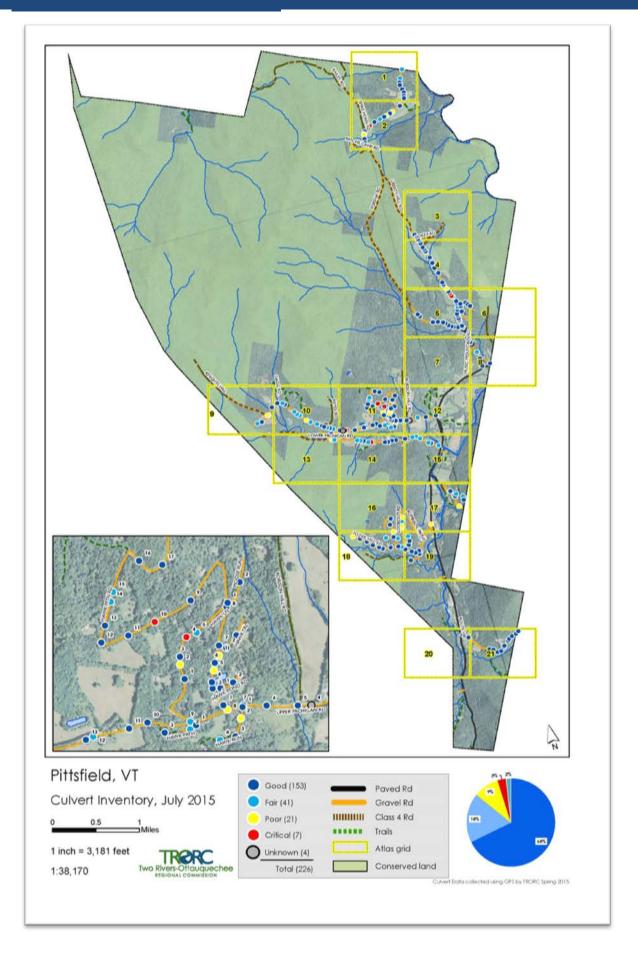


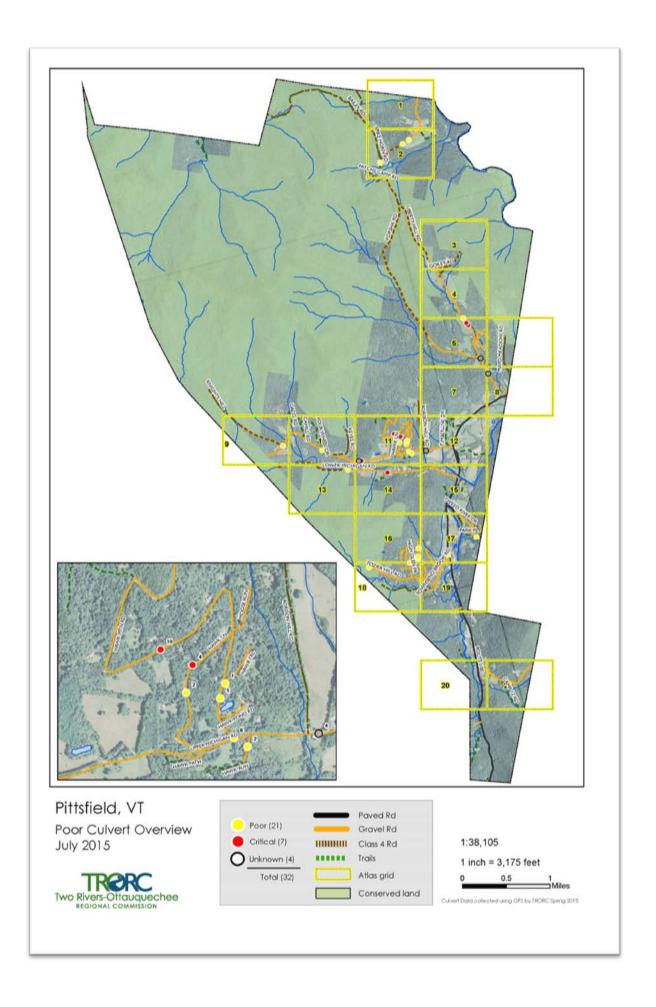
Old stone culvert on Brothers Road. *Photo by Britta McOmber, TRORC*

Hartland Priority Projects

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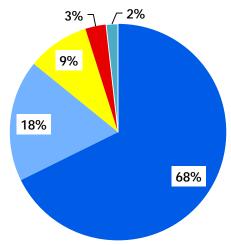
Town of Pittsfield







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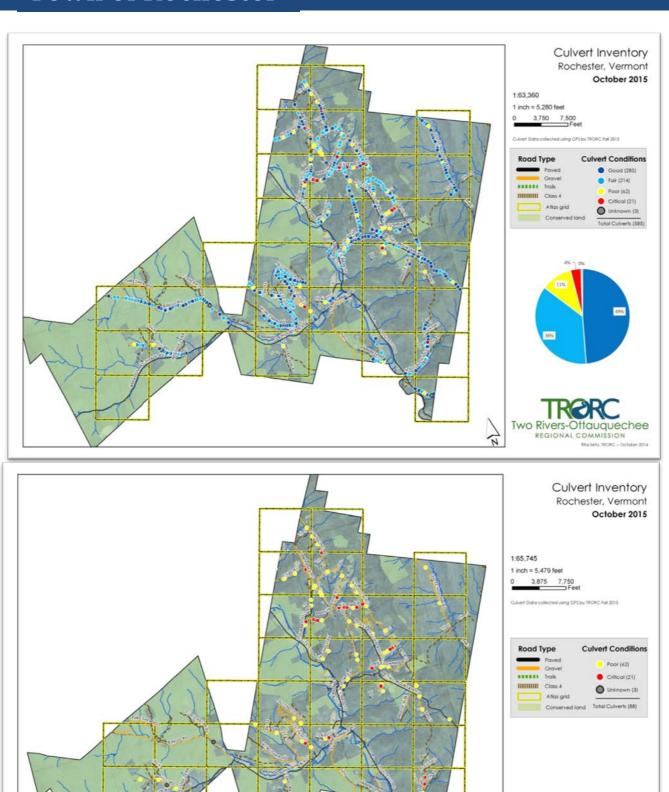


Rusted culvert on Lookout Road. *Photo by Britta McOmber, TRORC*

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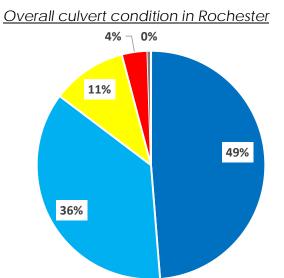
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Town of Rochester



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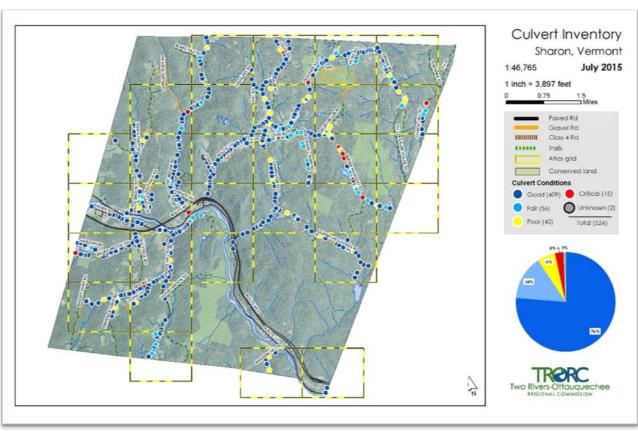


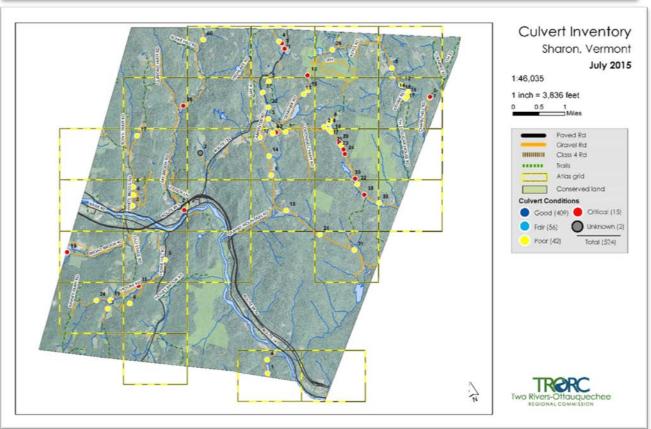
Perched culvert outlet on River Brook Drive Photo by Rita Seto, TRORC

Rochester Priority Projects

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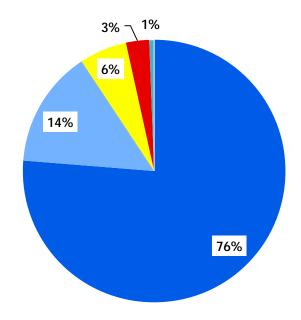
Town of Sharon







Overall Culvert Condition in Sharon

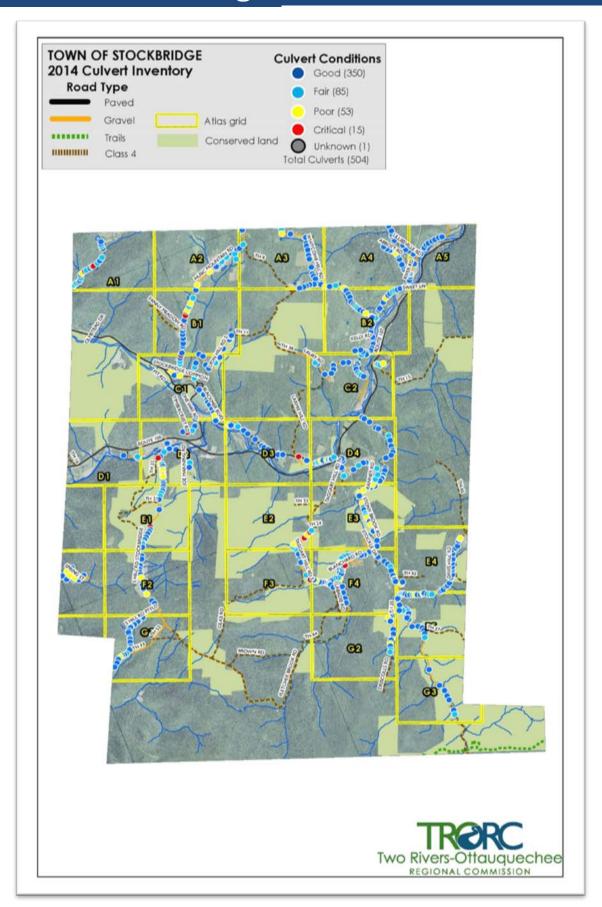


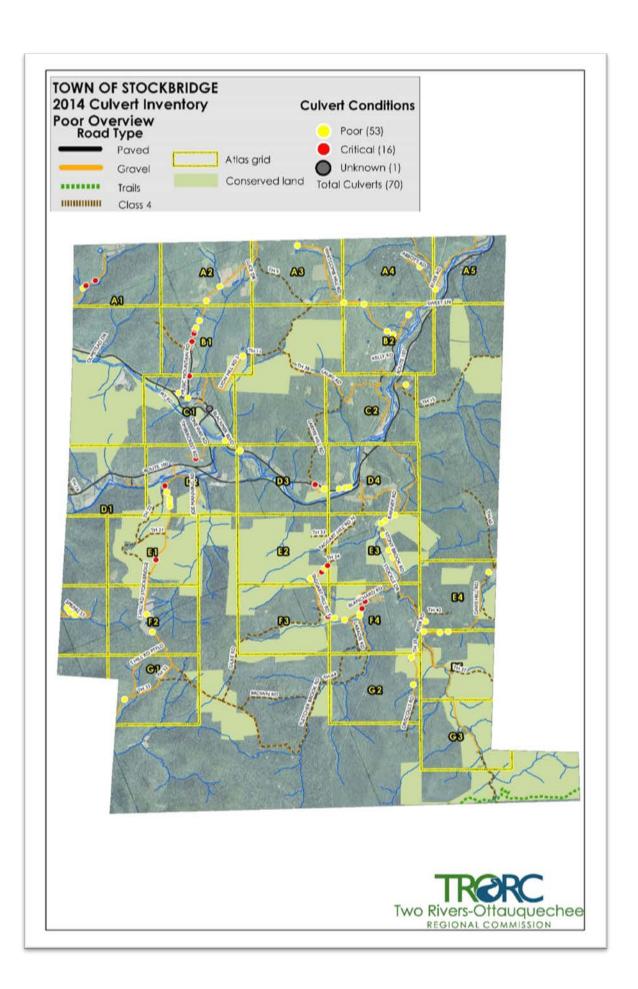
An eroded outlet on Carpenter Road *Photo by Rita Seto, TRORC*

Sharon Priority Projects

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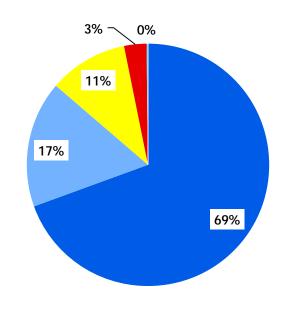
Town of Stockbridge





Overall Culvert Condition in Stockbridge



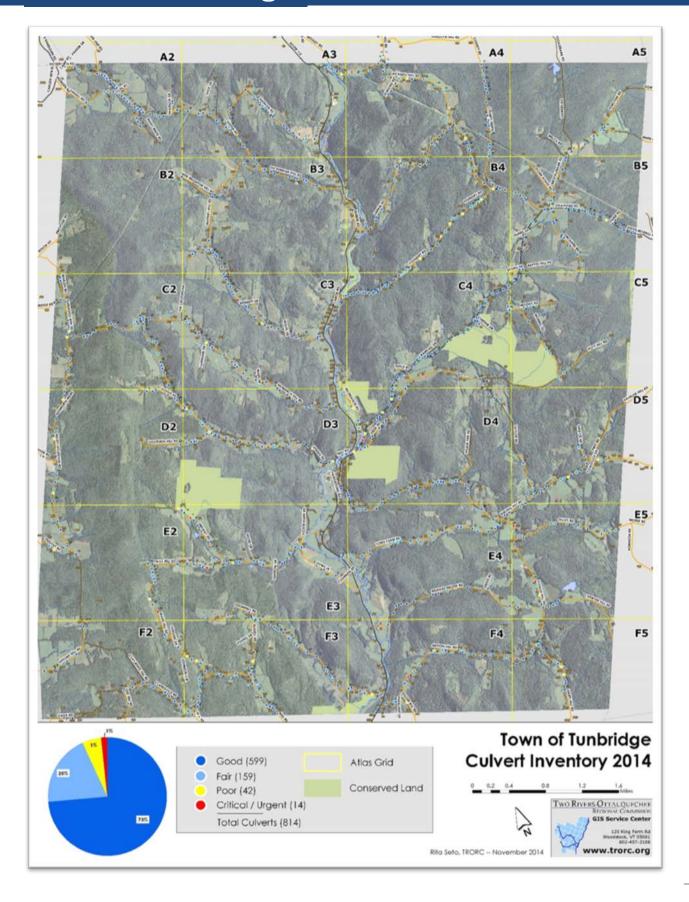


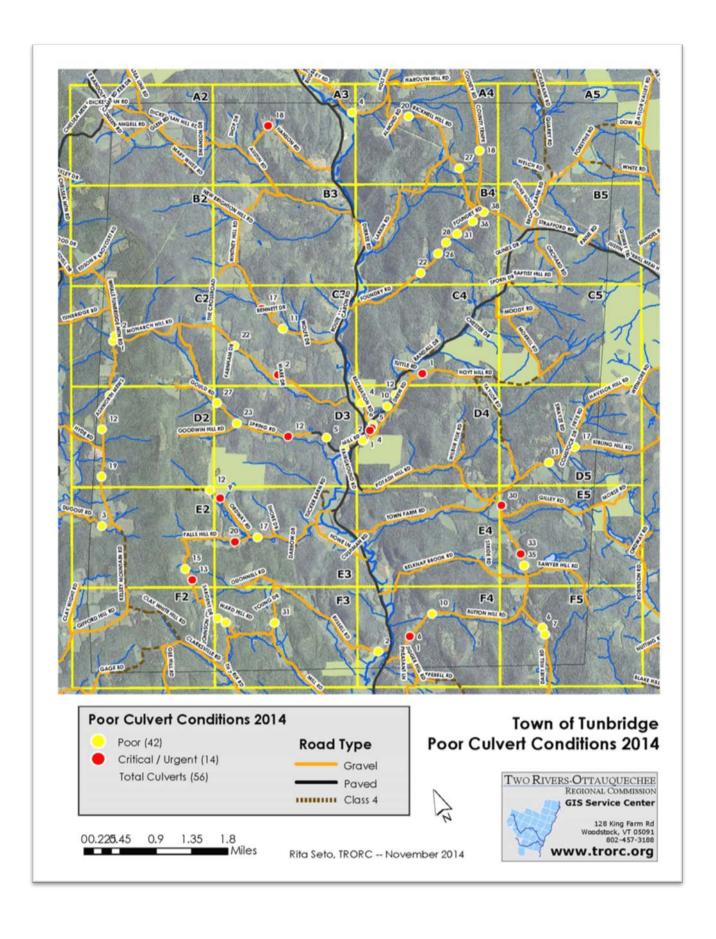
Spring thaw going through a culvert on Stony Brook Road. *Photo by Pete Fellows, TRORC*

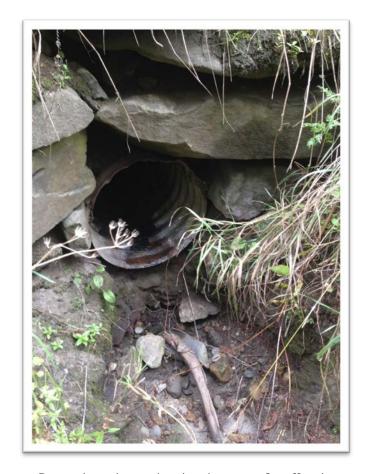
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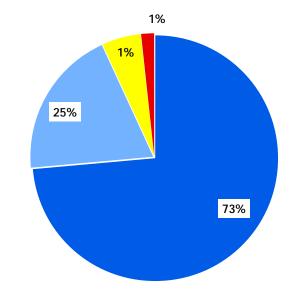
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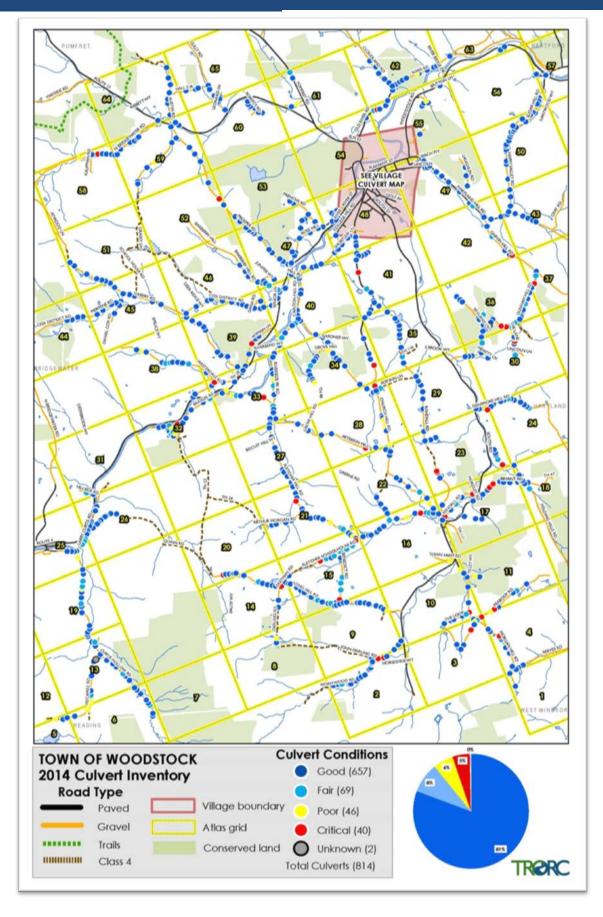


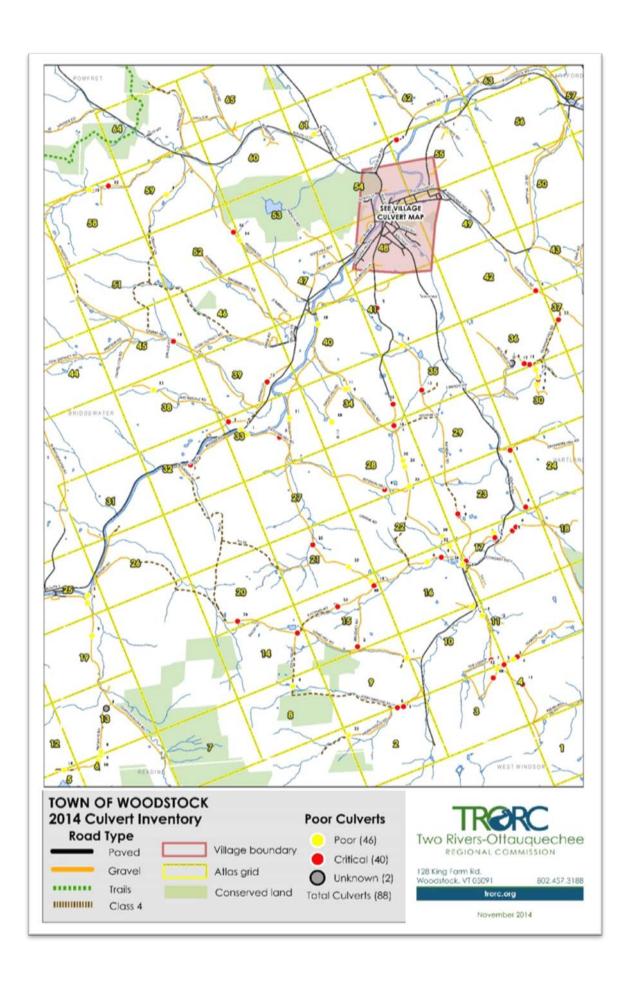
Rusted and perched culvert on Strafford Road. *Photo by Rita Seto, TRORC*

Tunbridge Priority Projects

Site	Location	Description	Cost
1	Button Hill Rd	Replace undersized culvert	\$1,754
2	Whitney Hill Rd	Replace undersized culvert	\$2,020
3	Potash Hill Rd	Replace undersized culvert	\$1,248
4	Ward Hill Rd	Replace undersized culvert	\$1,248
5	Falls Hill Rd	Replace undersized culvert	\$1,248
6	Ordway Rd	Replace undersized culvert	\$1,248
7	Hoyt Hill Rd	Replace undersized culvert	\$1,248
8	Strafford Rd	Replace 3 undersized culverts	\$4,791
Total Project Costs			

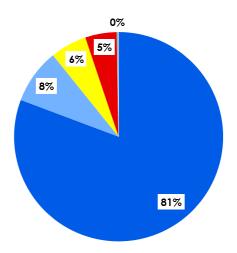
Town of Woodstock







Overall Culvert Condition in the Town of Woodstock

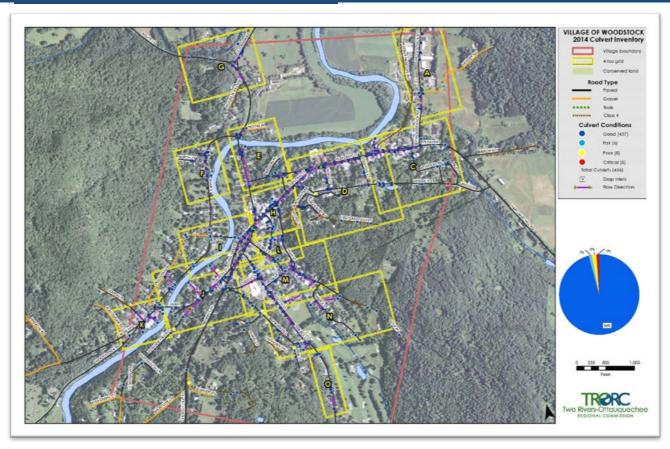


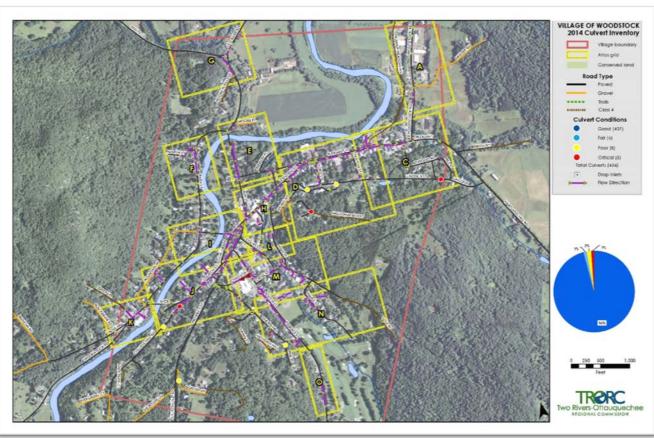
A rusted and crushed culvert on Happy Valley Road *Photo by Rita Seto, TRORC*

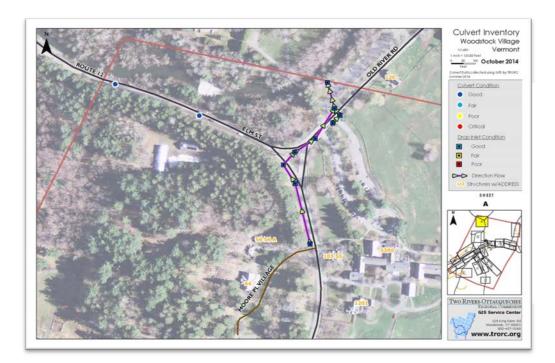
Town of Woodstock Priority Projects

Site	Location	Description	Cost
1	Churchill Road	Replace undersized culvert	\$4,688
2	Cox District Road	Replace undersized culvert	\$20,996
3	Darling Road	Replace undersized culvert	\$4,149
4	Happy Valley Road Replace 6 undersized culverts		\$36,895
	\$66,729		

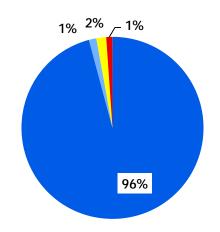
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Overall Culvert Condition in the Village of Woodstock



Showing the DI network in the Village of Woodstock

Village of Woodstock Priority Projects

Culvert				
No.	ROAD NAME	TYPE	MATERIAL	CONDITION
5	Charles Street	DI	STEEL	Poor
1	College Hill Road	CULVERT	PLASTIC	Critical
3	College Hill Road	CULVERT	PVC PIPE	Poor
1	Highland Ave Ext	CULVERT	STEEL	Critical
3	Lincoln Street	CULVERT	PVC PIPE	Critical
3	Slayton Terrace	CULVERT	STEEL	Poor
1	School Street	DI	PVC PIPE	Critical
2	School Street	DI	STEEL	Critical
2	Swain Street	DI	STEEL	Poor
2	Border Lane	CULVERT	PLASTIC	Poor
15	Golf Avenue	DI	STEEL	Poor
1	Pine Street	CULVERT	STEEL	Poor
1	Slayton Terrace	CULVERT	STEEL	Poor