



About EMC

The Environmental Mediation Center's (EMC) mission is to help parties resolve environmental, land use, and agricultural disputes through the effective use of mediation. The Environmental Mediation Center (EMC) designs and administers environmental and agricultural dispute resolution programs. The EMC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to environmental and agricultural dispute resolution. [Learn More](#)

Agricultural Mediation

Vermont

Vermont Agricultural Mediation Program

VTAMP is a USDA certified program that provides free mediation services to the agricultural community in Vermont.

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New Hampshire

New Hampshire Agricultural Mediation Program

NHAMP is a USDA certified program that provides free mediation services to the agricultural community in New Hampshire.

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Hawaii

Hawaii Agricultural Mediation Program

HIAMP is a USDA certified program that provides free mediation services to the agricultural community in Hawaii.

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Environmental

Mediation Screening and Program Administration

Mediation Screening is an effective tool to determine whether or not it would be constructive for parties in a particular dispute to engage in mediation.

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VTAMP (Vermont Agricultural Mediation Program)

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About VTAMP

The Vermont Agricultural Mediation Program (VTAMP) is the official United States Department of Agriculture certified agricultural mediation program for Vermont. VTAMP provides free mediation services to the agricultural community to help resolve disputes before they end up in court. For background information about mediation, [click here](#).

“VTAMP is a valued and trusted resource that helps the agricultural community in Vermont resolve disputes. Over the past several years VTAMP has helped hundreds of farmers, lenders, and others in the agricultural community reach agreements and get back to work. I urge you to contact them if you need assistance concerning a dispute.” - **Chuck Ross**, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture

What Kinds of Agricultural Disputes Can Be Mediated?

- Adverse Decisions from USDA agencies
- Compliance Issues with USDA Farm and Conservation Programs
- Farm and Rural Development Loans
- Wetlands Determinations
- Crop Insurance
- Pesticide Issues
- Other Agricultural Disputes

How Much Does Mediation Cost?

VTAMP provides free mediation services to the agricultural community in Vermont on the issues listed above. For other agricultural issues, VTAMP will provide the mediation services free of charge when other funding sources are available. In some cases, VTAMP may ask parties to pay based on a sliding scale.

Steps In Requesting Mediation

1. Fill out a Request for Mediation form. To fill out and submit a Request for Mediation form [click here](#). If you have any trouble or would like us to send you a form, please contact VTAMP.
2. VTAMP staff will confirm that the other party (or parties) is willing to participate in the mediation.



Case Studies

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Wetland Determination

A farmer disputed a determination by NRCS that a particular field was a wetland. The field was designated as a wetland on soil maps but due to past activities on the field, it was difficult, if not impossible, to conduct a new wetland determination. The farmer wanted to plant the field as soon as possible but risked a penalty and his ability to participate in USDA programs if he planted in a wetland. The parties were stuck and the farmer was concerned that the window for planting would soon pass.

The above case studies are either compilations of cases with similar facts or include changes to minor details to protect the confidentiality of the mediation process and the privacy of the parties. Photos of farms and or farmers are used for decorative purposes. These farms and farmers were not involved in the above case studies.

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NHAMP (New Hampshire Agricultural Mediation Program)

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“The New Hampshire Agricultural Mediation Program offers producers, lenders and others in the agricultural community the opportunity to resolve disputes in a non-adversarial manner, which may also save the parties time and money. The mediation program’s services are free of charge. Contact Matt Strassberg to learn more about how the program can assist with resolving a wide range of agricultural conflicts or disputes.” - **Lorraine Merrill**, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food

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How Much Does Mediation Cost?

Mediation is a free service of NHAMP. NHAMP is funded through a grant from the USDA to provide mediation services to the agricultural community in New Hampshire.

Steps In Requesting Mediation

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2. NHAMP staff will confirm that the other party (or parties) is willing to participate in the mediation.
3. NHAMP staff will conduct brief confidential interviews to learn background information about the dispute.

NHAMP Promotional Video Coming Soon!

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