



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: June 24, 2011
Subject: JFO #2505, #2506, #2507, #2508, #2509

No Joint Fiscal Committee member has requested that the following items be held for review:

JFO #2505 — \$30,000 grant from the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation to the Vermont Department of Liquor Control. These funds will be used to study alternative protocols for underage alcohol compliance checks.

[JFO received 5/16/11]

JFO #2506 — \$10,000 grant from the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association to the Vermont Department of Liquor Control. These funds will be used to design, produce, and purchase community outreach and educational materials.

[JFO received 5/16/11]

JFO #2507 — \$11,000 grant from the Franklin County Community Development Corporation to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. These funds will be used to implement the Farm to School Communications plan and provide professional development for Farm to School practitioners.

[JFO received 5/16/11]

JFO #2508 — \$15,000 donation from Ross and Gail Anderson to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This donation represents the difference between the appraised value of the property (207.8 acres in Addison) being sold to the State of Vermont and the purchase price of the parcel. Because the state is not paying the full appraised value, the difference is considered a donation to the state of Vermont.

[JFO received 6/7/11]

JFO #2509 — \$56,800 donation from Batten Kill Watershed Alliance to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This donation represents the estimated town assessed value of the property (two parcels totaling 3.2 acres in Arlington) being donated to the State of Vermont.

[JFO received 6/7/11]

The Governor's approval may now be considered final. We ask that you inform the Secretary of Administration and your staff of this action.

cc: Michael Hogan, Commissioner
Chuck Ross, Secretary
Patrick Berry, Commissioner



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: June 15, 2011
Subject: Grant Requests

Enclosed please find three (3) grants/donations that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration. Eight limited service positions are associated with these items.

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[JFO received 6/7/11]

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[JFO received 6/7/11]

JFO #2510 — \$17,963,059 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. These funds will be used to provide people living in nursing facilities the opportunity to live in the community with needed services and supports. The grant supports the "Money Follows the Person" program for Medicaid beneficiaries. Eight (8) limited service position requests are associated with this item.

[JFO received 6/7/11]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Nathan Lavery at (802) 828-1488; nlavery@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like an item held for legislative review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by June 24 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.

JFO 2509

STATE OF VERMONT
GRANT ACCEPTANCE FORM

GRANT SUMMARY: Title: Donation from the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance

This is a request for approval of a donation of two parcels of land. Eastern parcel is 0.6 acres and the Western parcel is 1.6 acres.

DATE: May 23, 2011

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Wildlife (ANR)

GRANT / DONATION: 2.2 acres of land with a town-assessed value of \$56,800.00

FEDERAL CATALOG No.: N/A

GRANTOR / DONOR: Batten Kill Watershed Alliance

AMOUNT / VALUE: \$56,800.00

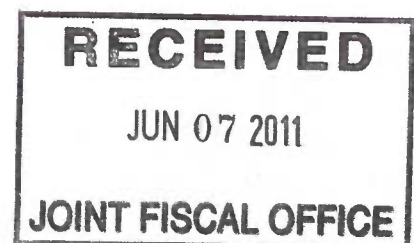
POSITIONS REQUESTED: None

GRANT PERIOD:

COMMENTS: See attachments.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT:
SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION
SENT TO JOINT FISCAL OFFICE:

(INITIAL) *[Signature]*
(INITIAL) *[Signature]*
DATE: *05/24/11*
6/1/11



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Agency Of Natural Resources

TO: Joint Fiscal Office (JFO)

FROM: Kimberly Royar, Director of Special Projects
Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife

DATE: June 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Justification for immediate action regarding:
Anderson Parcel, Addison, Vermont and
Batten Kill Streambank parcels, Arlington, Vermont

The following represents a justification for immediate action regarding the approval to close on the two parcels listed below. Written requests for approval were submitted to Finance and Management on April 1, 2011 but approvals were delayed due to a series of required corrections. We therefore, respectfully request urgent action. The Department appreciates any assistance you can provide to help us move these two projects forward in a timely manner.

Anderson Parcel

This land adjoins the Whitney/Hospital Creek Wildlife Management Area and has been a high land acquisition priority for 15 years. In December the Fish and Wildlife Department signed a Purchase and Sales Agreement which expires June 30th. The Department has devoted significant time and effort into negotiating the potential purchase and we do not want to lose the opportunity to acquire this important piece of property.

Batten Kill Streambank parcels

The present owner of these parcels (Batten Kill Watershed Alliance) is a very small non-profit land steward organization that purchased the property with the intent of turning it over to a conservation organization immediately after acquisition. As the property owner, they have been in the unanticipated position of having to pay the taxes on the property. Like many small organizations, they do not have the resources to pay any taxes this year, as it was expected that they would have divested themselves of these properties before now. If the Department is unable to complete this transaction in a timely manner, it may compromise the good relationship that has been established with this organization and hurt potential future activities that would benefit the state.

Thank you for your immediate attention to these two parcels.

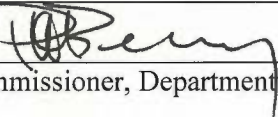
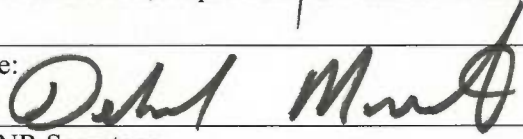
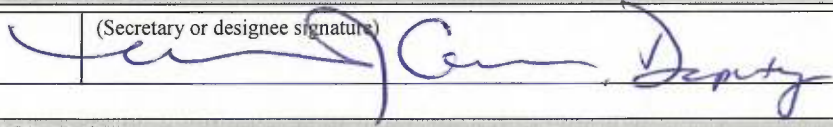
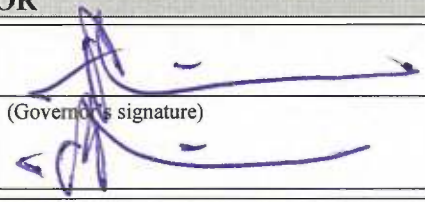
cc: Sher Yacono, Financial Manager
William Crenshaw, Wildlife Biologist
Michael Wichrowski, Access Areas

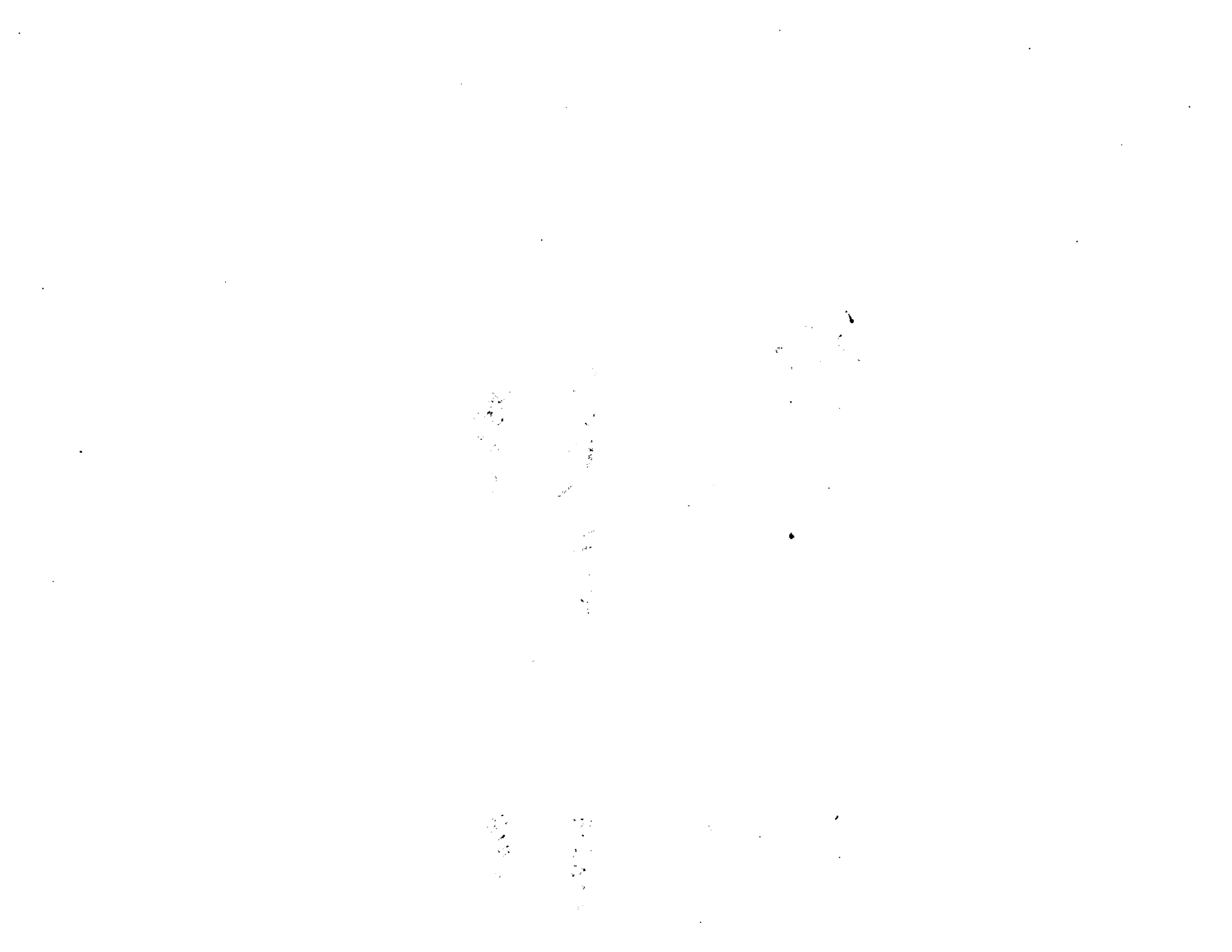


STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:	Natural Resources			
2. Department:	Fish and Wildlife			
3. Program:	Land Donation			
4. Legal Title of Grant:				
5. Federal Catalog #:				
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: The Batten Kill Watershed Alliance				
7. Grant Period:	From:		To:	
8. Purpose of Grant: The Batten Kill Watershed Alliance would like to donate to the department two parcels of land; Eastern parcel is .6 acres and the Western parcel is 1.6 acres.				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: This land will provide public access to the Batten Kill river and will provide more opportunities for habitat protection and restoration work.				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2011	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$1,500	\$	\$	
Grants	\$56,800	\$	\$	
Total	\$58,300	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$1,500	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$56,800	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source)	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$58,300	\$	\$	
Appropriation No:	61200000000	Amount:	\$58,300	
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			\$	
			\$	
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			\$	

STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

	Total \$58,300
PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION	
11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy. Appointing Authority Name: _____ Agreed by: _____ (initial)	
12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions
	Title
Total Positions	
12a. Equipment and space for these positions:	<input type="checkbox"/> Is presently available. <input type="checkbox"/> Can be obtained with available funds.
13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	
I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):	Signature:  Title: Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife
	Signature:  Title: ANR Secretary
	Date: 4/14/11
	Date: 4-27-11
14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature)  Deputy Date: 05/24/11
15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted	(Governor's signature)  Date: 5/31/11
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	
16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	
Required GRANT Documentation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
End Form AA-1	



**Department of Fish and Wildlife
Business Office
103 South Main Street
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Waterbury, VT 05671-0501
802-241-3704**

To: Jason Aronowitz, Budget Analyst
Finance & Management

From: Sherri A. Yacono, Business Manager

Date: March 11, 2011 *sy*

Subject: AA-1: Donation from the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance (BKWS)

Please find attached the AA-1 package for the above subject. The BKWS would like to donate to parcels of land to the Department valued at \$56,800. This land will provide public access to the river and more opportunities for habitat protection and restoration work.

The only cost to the Department will be approximately \$1,500 for closing costs, which will be funded from the sale of fishing licenses and motor boat registration fees.

If there are any questions, please call me at 241-3704. Thanks for your assistance.

Cc: Mike Wichrowski
Tom Decker

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Agency Of Natural Resources

MEMORANDUM

To: Susanne Young, General Counsel, Governor's Office

From: Thomas Decker, Chief of Operations

Date: December 15, 2010

RE: Governor's Approval for Fee Purchase of 2.1 +/- acres
in the Town of Arlington

Enclosed is an approval to be signed by Governor Douglas for land acquisition by the State of Vermont. The land will be purchased in fee and managed by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. The acquisition is in the Town of Arlington and owned by the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance. It will be a donation and the associated closing costs for the acquisition will come from fishing license or motorboat registration dollars.


Included with the Governor's approval memo are maps of the property and the surrounding area and letters of support from the town of Arlington.


If you have any questions regarding these acquisitions, please contact Mike Wichrowski at 241-3447 or Ken Cox at 885-8828, thank you.



MEMORANDUM

TO: James Douglas, Governor

THROUGH: Jonathan Wood, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources 

FROM: Wayne Laroche, Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife Department 

DATE: December 15, 2010

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition Approval 2.1 acres in Arlington

Your approval is requested pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 103, Section 4144, VSA, for the land acquisition referenced above. This acquisition has been reviewed and approved by the Agency of Natural Resources, Land Acquisition Review Committee on October 22, 2007. Joint fiscal approval is required for this acquisition because the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance (BKWA) is donating land to the Fish and Wildlife Department (Department) that is valued at more than \$15,000.

Description of Property

This acquisition consists of two distinct parcels referred to as the Stoneham properties. Both are triangular strips of land between a town road and the Batten Kill. There is an Eastern (0.6 acres) and Western (1.6 acres) parcel.

At present there is no guaranteed public access to the 1.5 miles of river situated between the West Arlington covered bridge (0.4 miles downstream) and the Benedict Crossing bridge (1.1 miles upstream). The land, particularly the Eastern parcel, would provide public pedestrian access to the river for anglers. The Western parcel will also provide public access, however, it contains a steep bank, which makes it less accessible.

This portion of the Batten Kill has been the focus of riparian habitat protection and enhancement projects. In-stream habitat improvements have been ongoing since 2006 and have shown continued growth of the native trout population. Habitat work on the Kill has received strong financial support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, The Orvis Company, and the U.S. Forest Service. Additional project cooperators include the above parties as well as the BKWA, the Bennington County Conservation District, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Trout Unlimited, and the Department. This donation will provide more opportunities for habitat protection and restoration work.

Ownership and Management

These parcels will be owned by the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Department. The parcels will be managed by the Access Area Program and the Fisheries Management Section to provide public angling opportunities and improve riparian habitat along the Batten Kill

Purchase Price

This acquisition is a donation from the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance, therefore, the Department will only incur associated closing costs. The values for these lands have not been determined as an appraisal has not been completed. However, the Eastern parcel has an estimated town assessed value of \$31,200 and the Western parcel has an estimated town assessed value of \$25,600. It is likely that the actual market value for both of these fragments is less than the estimates provided by the town assessor as the Western parcel 0.6 acres and is not a buildable lot due to the steep banks. Similarly, the Eastern parcel has limited potential for development.

Budget and Funding

Funds for the purchase of the properties will come from funds generated from the sale of fishing licenses and the Vermont Motor Boat Registration Fund. The only expenditure for the acquisition will be for closing costs, which are estimated to be approximately \$1,500 for legal costs and recording fees.

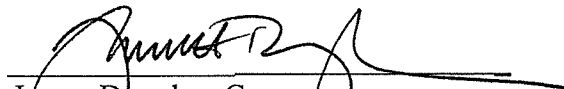
VERMONT FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
103 South Main Street, 10 South
Waterbury, Vermont 05671

APPROVAL FOR LAND ACQUISITION


We, the undersigned, hereby approve the acquisition by the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Department, of 2.1 +/- acres located in the Town of Arlington.

This approval is pursuant to Title 10, Section 4144 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.


12/29/10
Date


James Douglas, Governor
State of Vermont

12/20/2010
Date


Jonathan Wood, Secretary
Agency of Natural Resources

12/17/2010
Date


Wayne Laroche, Commissioner
Fish and Wildlife Department

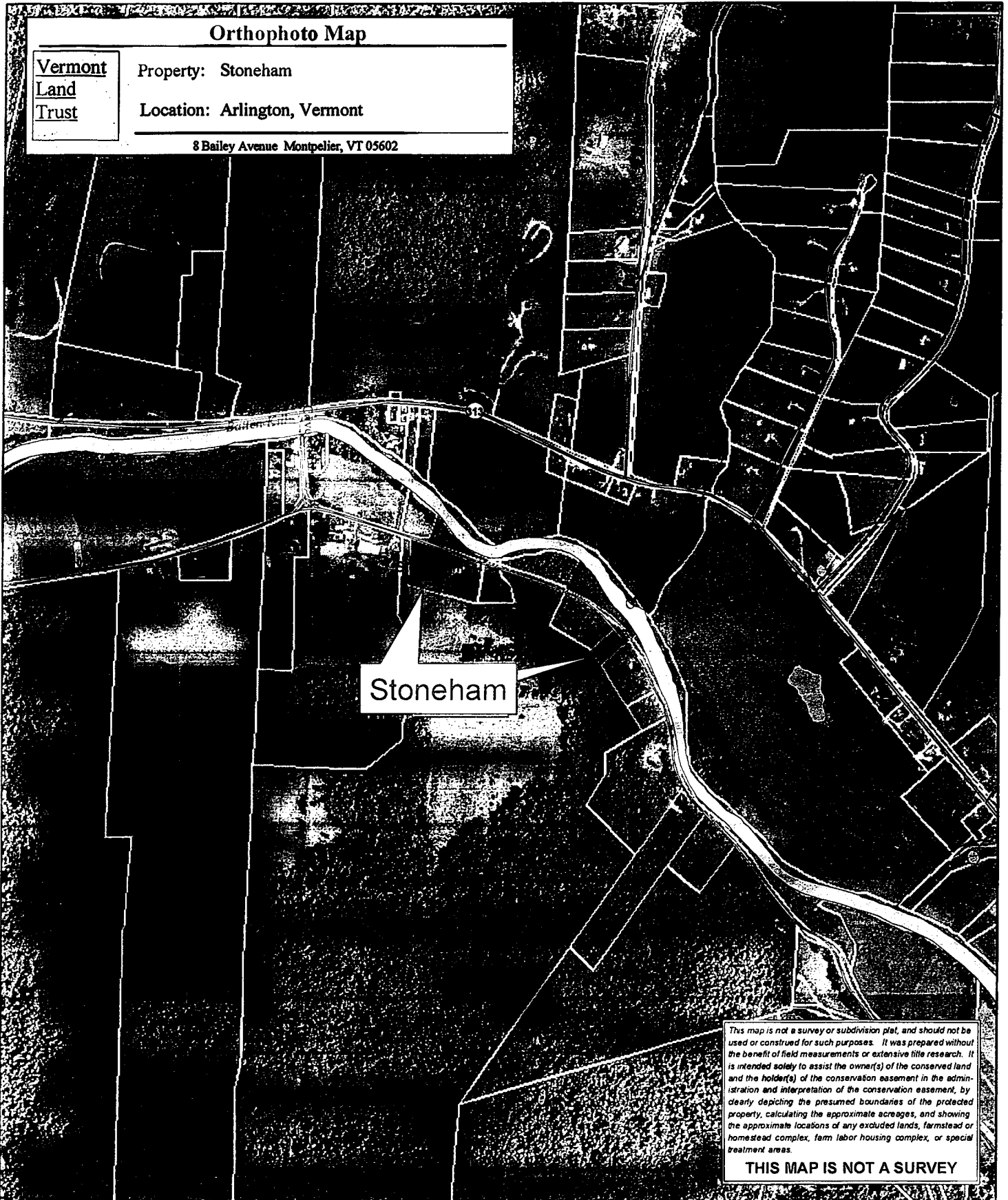
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Vermont
Land
Trust

Property: Stoneham




Location: Arlington, Vermont

8 Bailey Avenue Montpelier, VT 05602



This map is not a survey or subdivision plat, and should not be used or construed for such purposes. It was prepared without the benefit of field measurements or extensive title research. It is intended solely to assist the owner(s) of the conserved land and the holder(s) of the conservation easement in the administration and interpretation of the conservation easement, by clearly depicting the presumed boundaries of the protected property, calculating the approximate acreages, and showing the approximate locations of any excluded lands, farmstead or homestead complex, farm labor housing complex, or special treatment areas.

THIS MAP IS NOT A SURVEY

 Conserved by VLT	Arlington Tax Map data	0 80 160 320 480 640 Meters	
 Subject properties	Scale: 1:9,666	0 270 540 1,080 1,620 2,160 Feet	

Orthophoto Map

Vermont
Land
Trust

Property: BKWA - Stoneham parcels

Location: Arlington, Vermont

8 Bailey Avenue Montpelier, VT 05602



Subject

Arlington Tax Map data

0 60 120 240 360 480
Meters

Retained parcels

Scale: 1:7,000

0 200 400 800 1,200 1,600
Feet



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TO: Mike Wichrowski
Department of Fish & Wildlife
103 South Main St., Bldg 10 Sout
Waterbury, VT 05671

Dear Mr. Wichrowski:


The Arlington Selectboard has been notified that the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department (VFWD) is interested in taking donation – from the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance - of two (2) parcels of riverfront land on the Batten Kill in West Arlington. These parcels will be called the Stoneham Easterly Riverfront Section and the Stoneham Westerly Riverfront Section. We have reviewed a report on the proposed donation prepared by Cynthia Browning of both the Alliance and the Selectboard.

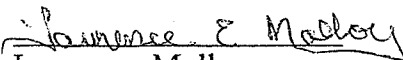
After discussion of this matter, the Selectboard voted to offer our support for the donation of these small parcels of land to the VFWD by the Alliance. It is the understanding of the Board members that this land will be managed as riparian land for habitat restoration and low-impact public access. It is also our understanding that VFWD and the Alliance will work with the Town regarding any issues related to the integrity of the embankment for River Road as habitat restoration plans are developed. And, finally, it is our understanding that the Town will receive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on these two (2) small parcels, although the exact amounts will depend on the State's appraisal of their value.

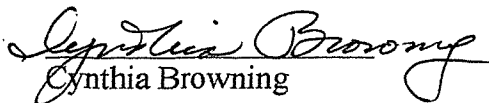
The Selectboard would like to request that VFWD consult and inform the Board about future management decisions related to access, signage, and parking near the areas so that we have a chance to weigh in with advice or concerns.

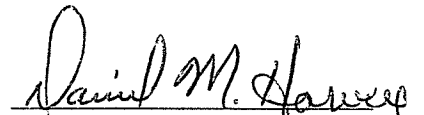
Thank you for working with us to protect the Batten Kill and ensure public access.

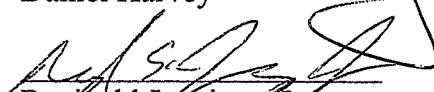
Sincerely:


Keith Squires, Chairman


Lawrence Molloy


Cynthia Browning


Daniel Harvey


Reginald Jennings, Jr.

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cc: files

5-17-10
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To: Jason Aronowitz, Budget Analyst
Finance & Management

From: Sherri A. Yacono, Business Manager

SYA

Date: May 2, 2011

Subject: AA-1: Donation from the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance (BKWS) - *Revised*

Per your request please find attached the Revised AA-1 form for the above subject. We have added more detail to the budget section of the form as you requested.

If there are any questions, please call me at 241-3704. Thanks for your assistance.

Enclosure

cc: Mike Wichrowski
Tom Decker

REC'D MAY 05 2011



Figure 1. A view of the Batten Kill from the Eastern Stoneham parcel.