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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management

**From:** Rebecca Buck, Staff Associate *RB*

**Date:** October 19, 2006

**Subject:** Status of Donation Requests

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

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[JFO received 09/19/06]

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[JFO received 09/19/06]

In accordance with 32 V.S.A. §5, the requisite 30 days having elapsed since these items were submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Governor's approval may now be considered final. We ask that you inform the Secretary of Administration and your staff of these actions.

cc: Linda Morse  
Canute Dalmasse  
Wayne Laroche

**From:** "Willard, Kate" <Kate.Willard@state.vt.us>  
**To:** "Michael Obuchowski" <obie@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Date:** 10/12/2006 10:26 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Response to JFO #2271 Questions  
**Attachments:** Obie.memo.doc

**CC:** "Rebecca Buck" <RBUCK@leg.state.vt.us>  
Well, because I messed up, attached is a memo with today's date to avoid future confusion. My apologies, Kate

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Obuchowski [mailto:obie@leg.state.vt.us]  
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 10:15 AM  
To: Willard, Kate  
Cc: Rebecca Buck  
Subject: Re: Response to JFO #2271 Questions

Thank you. Will review information when received.  
Why is the memo to me (attached) dated 10/19/05?

>>> "Willard, Kate" <Kate.Willard@state.vt.us> 10/12/2006 6:54 AM >>>  
Representative Obuchowski;

As the chairperson of the ANR Land Acquisition Review Committee (LARC) I am responding to your request for information on behalf of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Attached is a memo regarding the above referenced JFO request to accept a donation on the Welch parcel in the Town of Hinesburg. In addition, I have mailed to you the following LARC documents;

1. Letter of Support fro the Town of Hinesburg
2. LARC case report
3. Correspondence between Andrea Morgante, Hinesburg Land Trust, and LARC staff Rebecca Brown and Kate Willard
4. Location and parcel maps
5. Survey of the parcel

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information

Best Regards, Kate

Kate Willard

Forests, Parks and Recreation

103 South Main Street

Waterbury, VT 05671

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# Memorandum

**To:** Representative Michael Obuchowski  
**From:** Kate Willard LARC Chair  
**Date:** October 12, 2006  
**Re:** Joint Fiscal Request – Welch Acquisition by Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Tom Decker, Department of Fish and Wildlife, asked me to provide information to you regarding the LARC (Land Acquisition Review Committee) process in general and specific information regarding the proposed acquisition of 4.5 acres from the Hinesburg Land Trust in the Town of Hinesburg referred to as the Welch parcel. Below is a summary that will hopefully answer your questions. I also have sent information to you via mail that directly relates to LARC's review of this proposed acquisition. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

The ANR Land Acquisition Review Committee currently consists of 8 members from two agencies. The Agency of Natural Resources is represented by 2 members from each of the three Agency Departments, F&W, FPR and DEC. In past years a representative from the Agency Secretary's staff has participated, in which case 9 committee members were active, but that position has remained vacant since Secretary Torti was appointed. The Agency of Transportation is also represented by 2 members. Projects are presented to LARC from a variety of sources including ANR staff, landowners and various non-profit conservation organizations. In the case of this 4.5 acre parcel, the Hinesburg Land Trust was the sponsoring organization. They provided LARC with a written explanation of the proposal and maps of the parcel to be conveyed to Fish and Wildlife. As with all acquisition proposals being considered by LARC, this information is forwarded to field staff from Forests, Parks and Recreation and Fish and Wildlife for comment and recommendations to assist LARC. Recommendations from the field staff and guidance provided by the Agency's *Lands Conservation Plan*, adopted in October, 1999, are used to help LARC review proposals. Once LARC makes a recommendation regarding an acquisition it is forwarded to the Agency Secretary via the Commissioners for each of the three Agency Departments for a final decision. Typically, the Secretary concurs with LARCs' recommendations but not always.

In the case of the Welch property, Mike Snyder, County Forester, and Bill Crenshaw, Wildlife Biologist, were familiar with the property and provided input to LARC. Bill Crenshaw is also a member of LARC so he was able to contribute verbally to the discussion regarding this acquisition during the meeting on 9/16/2005. LARC's recommendation to acquire this 4.5 acre parcel was made because the parcel was adjacent

to land already owned by Fish and Wildlife, Lewis Creek Streambank, it was a high priority for the Hinesburg Land Trust and had good local support and, although small, it is a reasonably nice woodlot that added value to the adjoining state owned property. This acquisition was not considered a high priority but given that it was a donation and enhanced existing state land, it was recommended for acquisition contingent upon a site visit by ANR staff, marking the perimeter of the property and acceptable easement language. The Hinesburg Land Trust has taken responsibility for completing pre-closing tasks, such as drafting the deed, title search, survey etc. Secretary Torti approved the recommendation on 11/14/05. The surrounding state owned property is encumbered with a conservation easement which will be amended to include this 4.5 acre parcel with no easement language changes. Having consistent easement language on all the Lewis Creek Streambank parcels makes management of the property easier.

We do not as a matter of routine have an environmental assessment completed on property we purchase. Field staff visit potential acquisitions and look for evidence of hazardous materials which can sometimes lead to have an evaluation but typically they are not done. In the case of the Welch property, Andrea Morgante from the Hinesburg Land Trust has walked the entire property and did not find anything that would raise concerns.

**From:** "Decker, Tom" <Tom.Decker@state.vt.us>  
**To:** "Michael Obuchowski" <obie@leg.state.vt.us>, "Yacono, Sher" <sher.yacono...>  
**Date:** 10/6/2006 2:42 PM  
**Subject:** FW: FW: JFO #2271 questions.

-----Original Message-----

From: Willard, Kate  
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 11:00 AM  
To: Decker, Tom  
Subject: RE: FW: JFO #2271 questions.

Tom - I am working on this but need to leave at 12:00 today, I will be working in the office on Monday and will finish it up.

-----Original Message-----

From: Decker, Tom  
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 10:57 AM  
To: Willard, Kate; Fraysier, Mike; 'Michael Obuchowski'  
Cc: Yacono, Sher  
Subject: FW: FW: JFO #2271 questions.

Kate,

Can you please respond and send to Representative Obuchowski the written record on this parcel in Hinesburg regarding what LARC had as part of a written documentation, can you also send the letter from the Board of Selectman supporting this acquisition, and also provide the Representative with an overview of the process followed for land acquisition?

I have already provided explanation regarding how the value of the parcel was determined, and that we had support at the local level from the Board of Selectmen.

Thank you.

Tom

Thomas A. Decker  
Chief of Operations  
Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department  
103 South Main St.  
Waterbury, VT. 05671  
(Phone) 802-241-3247  
(Fax) 802-241-3732  
Email: Tom.decker@state.vt.us

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Obuchowski [mailto:obie@leg.state.vt.us]  
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 9:16 AM  
To: Decker, Tom  
Cc: Rebecca Buck

Subject: RE: FW: JFO #2271 questions.

Fine. A written presentation would be appreciated.

My interest is in what gets documented. I would also like to get my questions answered regarding this specific proposal. Thank you.

>>> "Decker, Tom" <Tom.Decker@state.vt.us> 10/6/2006 5:33 AM >>>

Representative Obuchowski,

I am going to ask Kate Willard who chairs the ANR Land Acquisition Review Committee explain to you the process by which a parcel of land becomes state property through reviews by staff and approval by Commissioners and ANR Secretary.

Tom Decker

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Obuchowski [mailto:obie@leg.state.vt.us]  
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 3:31 PM  
To: Decker, Tom  
Cc: Rebecca Buck  
Subject: RE: FW: JFO #2271 questions.

Isn't it normal operating procedure to do a written environmental assessment report to accompany the acceptance of donated land?  
Thank you.

>>> "Decker, Tom" <Tom.Decker@state.vt.us> 10/5/2006 1:19 PM >>>

We will work to get you whatever we have on file regarding written comments from staff on this acquisition.  
Tom Decker

Thomas A. Decker  
Chief of Operations  
Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department  
Waterbury Vermont

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Obuchowski [mailto:obie@leg.state.vt.us]  
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 3:57 PM  
To: Decker, Tom  
Cc: Rebecca Buck; Willard, Kate; Yacono, Sher  
Subject: RE: FW: JFO #2271 questions.

Continue to request copy of report. Thank you.

>>> "Decker, Tom" <Tom.Decker@state.vt.us> 10/5/2006 11:47 AM >>>  
Dear Representative Obuchowski,

I do not have a copy of whatever report would have come in to our Land Acquisition Review Committee (LARC) regarding this parcel.

In terms of liabilities the things I am referring to are junk cars, trash dumps, drums or barrels of liquids, tire dumps, excessive ATV use or other obvious conditions of abused land. I am not aware of any being described for this parcel.

By copy of this email I am asking Kate Willard to confirm whatever might have come into LARC per review of this parcel.

Tom Decker

Thomas A. Decker  
Chief of Operations  
Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department  
Waterbury Vermont

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Obuchowski [mailto:obie@leg.state.vt.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Decker, Tom  
Cc: Rebecca Buck  
Subject: Re: FW: JFO #2271 questions.

Question #2: Is there a written report of the ANR review. Please forward.

Lacking a report, did the review find any liabilities? How are they documented?

Thank you.

>>> "Decker, Tom" <Tom.Decker@state.vt.us> 10/3/2006 10:11 AM >>>

From: Decker, Tom  
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 1:10 PM  
To: 'rbuck@leg.state.vt.us'; 'obie@elg.state.vt.us'  
Cc: Yacono, Sher; Hill, Steve; Palmer, Eric  
Subject: JFO #2271 questions.

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I am writing regarding recent questions on a land acquisition of the Department of Fish and Wildlife



JFO #2271 (donation of 4.51 acre parcel to F & W):

- 1) How was the value of the parcel established?
- 2) Has any environmental assessment done on the land?
- 3) Is there any problem with local support? Do people in the locality support the donation? Do you have expressions of local support you can share or provide?

Please note the following information to the above questions:

- 1) The parcel had an appraisal to determine the fair market value of the entire parcel (8.0 acres). The section for the parcel (4.51 acres) that the Department acquired value was calculated as a portion (\$53,156) of the total value (\$94,500) for the entire eight acre parcel.
- 2) An environmental assessment is not required for acquiring this parcel. Some inventories of resources had been done on the land and a review is conducted by ANR field staff (wildlife biologists and/or foresters) as part of all acquisitions, in order to examine what features or natural resources may be on the property that are of interest to the Department, and identify if there appears to be liabilities associated with a tract of land.
- 3) We are not aware of local opposition to the Department acquiring this property, We did receive a letter of support from the Hinesburg Board of Selectman dated July, 24, 2006. I can provide this to you if you would like it.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance regarding the above information.

Tom Decker

Thomas A. Decker

Chief of Operations

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

Waterbury Vermont

**From:** "Papineau, Fonda" <fonda.papineau@state.vt.us>  
**To:** "Rebecca Buck" <RBUCK@leg.state.vt.us>  
**Date:** 10/2/2006 11:47 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Below Ive put together the correspondence with Sher regarding JFO #2271 (and JFO #2270)

Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Buck [mailto:RBUCK@leg.state.vt.us]  
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 10:51 AM  
To: Papineau, Fonda  
Cc: Steve Klein  
Subject: Below Ive put together the correspondence with Sher regarding JFO #2271 (and JFO #2270)

Hi Fonda: Items being processed for Joint Fiscal Committee approval are "time sensitive" and while the answers to JFO #2270 (donation of boat, trailer and motor) have been answered, the questions regarding JFO #2271 (donation of 4.51 acre parcel) are all still outstanding and I have no way of knowing to whom she may have referred those questions. Any help getting these last "land" questions answered in a timely manner on or before October 5 will be appreciated. The land questions that we need answers to are at the bottom of this e-mail. Hope this isn't too confusing the way I organized it. If you need to talk with me feel free to give me a call at 828-5969. Thanks--Becky

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Sent to Sher this morning (and got back an e-mail saying she was out of the office until Oct. 9 and referred to your name for assistance):

Thanks for keeping me posted. I've e-mailed both Steve Klein and Rep. Obuchowski to let them know we haven't forgotten them. --Becky

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Rec'd this from Sher on Sept. 28 at 11:42 am:

I'm still waiting to hear back from staff on the land questions!

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Buck [mailto:rbuck@leg.state.vt.us]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 1:39 PM  
To: Yacono, Sher  
Cc: Michael Obuchowski; Steve Klein  
Subject: Questions from Rep. Obuchowski re: JFO #2270, #2271

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Sept. 26 response from Sher to Rep. Obuchowski additional question re: JFO #2270:

USDA, Wildlife Services uses the boat as needed.

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Obuchowski [mailto:obie@leg.state.vt.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 8:53 AM  
To: Yacono, Sher  
Cc: Rebecca Buck  
Subject: RE: Questions from Rep. Obuchowski re: JFO #2270, #2271

Who is presently using the boat and motor?

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on Sept. 26 at 8:17 am I rec'd the following update from Sher:

I just received some clarification regarding the registration on the boat. Please see below. Sorry for the confusion!

-----Original Message-----

From: John.E.McConnell@aphis.usda.gov  
<John.E.McConnell@aphis.usda.gov>  
To: Regan, Ron <ron.regan@state.vt.us>  
Sent: Tue Sep 26 07:57:21 2006  
Subject: Re: FW: Questions from Rep. Obuchowski re: JFO #2270, #2271

Ron: Regarding Q. No. 2 the boat and trailer are technically not registered. As they are currently government property both have government plates; are self-insured and we do not register with the state. Both have titles/certificates of origin designating them as government property.

Thus, registered to federal government and not the state. Upon request, the titles will be signed over to VTFW. Hope this helps. Take care - John.

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603.520.8942 (Cell)

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On Sept. 26 at 7:37 am Sher sent the following in response to questions asked by Rep. Obuchowski:

Good Morning All,

Here are the answers regarding the boat (first 3 questions)...

1. It is in storage at the Sandbar WMA in Milton. But, not being used by us.
2. The boat and trailer are registered.
3. The boat, trailer, and motor are in working condition. They are to be used to augment cormorant control activities.

I will get back to you on the land questions.

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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 1:39 PM  
To: Yacono, Sher  
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Good afternoon Sherri:

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Please cc me on your response to Representative Obuchowski. Thanks.  
--Becky

**From:** Rebecca Buck  
**To:** Aronowitz, Jason  
**Date:** 10/5/2006 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: I haven't seen any follow-up to your additional questions on #2 (JFO #2271)  
**Attachments:** Re: I haven't seen any follow-up to your additional questions on #2 (JFO #2271)  
1)

**CC:** Decker, Tom; Fonda.Papineau@state.vt.us; Klein, Steve; Yacono, Sher  
Jason--The attached e-mail was sent to Representative Obuchowski this morning. Anything you can do help at your end to get these outstanding questions answered will be appreciated. I believe you thought Tom is now also out of the office so it's looking like we might not hear back from staff at the department until at least Monday, if that is the case can you let me know. Thanks. --Becky

**From:** Rebecca Buck  
**To:** Obuchowski, Michael  
**Date:** 10/5/2006 11:06 AM  
**Subject:** Re: I haven't seen any follow-up to your additional questions on #2 (JFO #2271)

**CC:** Klein, Steve

Obie: I am in the process of contacting administration staff to get this additional information on question #2 to you ASAP:

(Question #2 asked on September 25: "Has any environmental assessment done on the land?" Response from Tom Decker on October 3: "An environmental assessment is not required for acquiring this parcel. Some inventories of resources had been done on the land and a review is conducted by ANR field staff (wildlife biologists and/or foresters) as part of all acquisitions, in order to examine what features or natural resources may be on the property that are of interest to the Department, and identify if there appears to be liabilities associated with a tract of land."

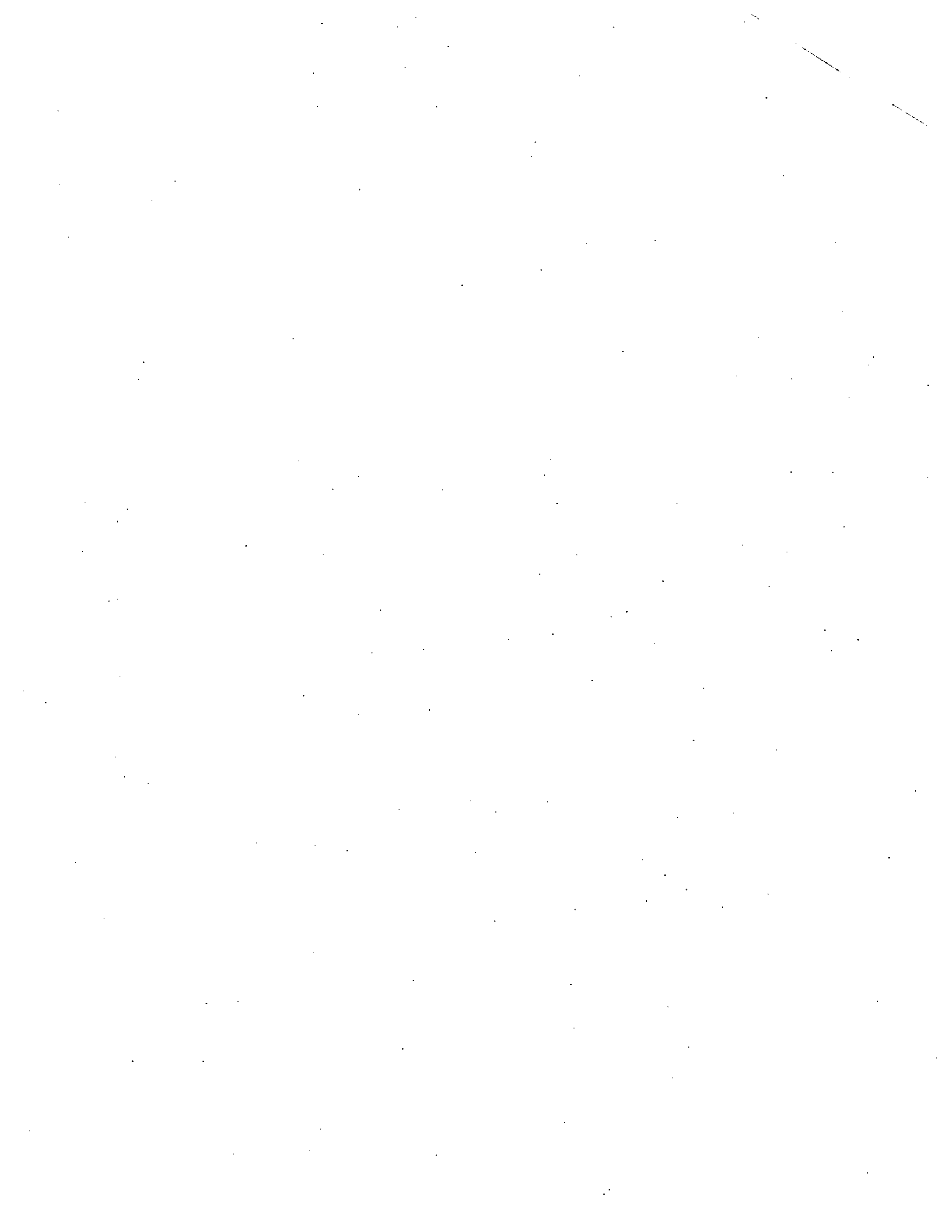
Your followup questions to Tom Decker on October 3, yet to be answered: "Is there a written report of the ANR review. Please forward. Lacking a report, did the review find any liabilities? How are they documented?"

Obviously this will extend the "request to hold" date for this item (JFO #2271), which happens to be today. I want you to have the information you requested in a timely manner and also know that after you receive the info you need time to read and evaluate it before you make any decisions as to whether or not this item should proceed. While responses to questions on this item are clearly running behind schedule, there is still plenty of time before we start to bump up against the 30 day mark.

In the meantime you did receive the department responses to all your questions regarding JFO #2270 (donation of boat, motor and trailer). Are you ok with this donation item? --Becky

>>> Michael Obuchowski 10/5/2006 8:38 AM >>>  
No.

>>> Rebecca Buck 10/5/2006 4:53 AM >>>  
Good morning Obie: In following up on your additional questions regarding an ANR review I haven't seen (or heard) any follow up from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to those questions. Did you hear back from Tom Decker? --Becky





**From:** Michael Obuchowski  
**To:** Tom Decker  
**Date:** 10/3/2006 2:28 PM  
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**CC:** rbuck@leg.state.vt.us  
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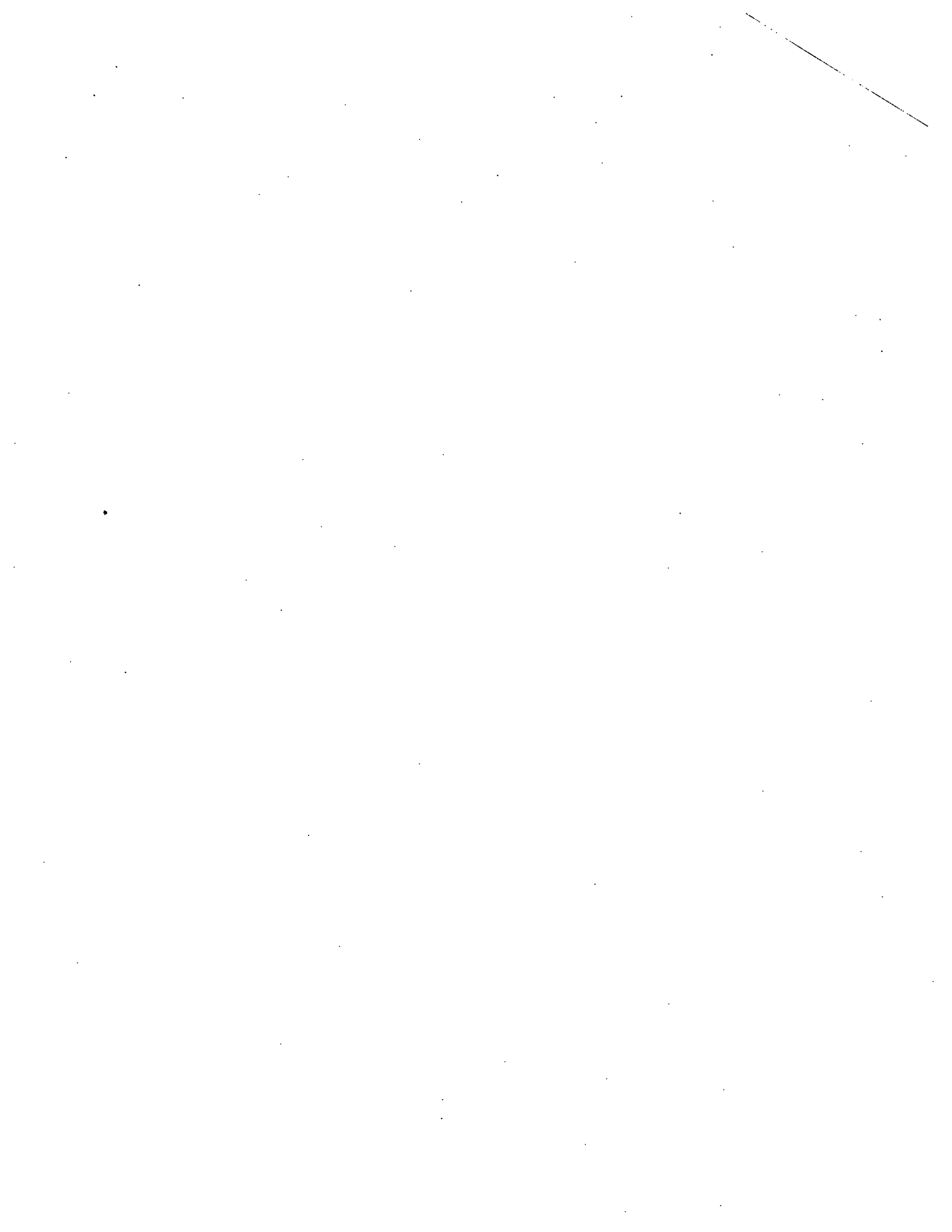
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Please cc me on your response to Representative Michael Obuchowski. Thanks.

**CC:** Klein, Steve; Obuchowski, Michael



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Joint Fiscal Committee Members

**From:** Rebecca Buck, Staff Associate *RB*

**Date:** September 21, 2006

**Subject:** Donation Requests

Enclosed please find two (2) requests which the Joint Fiscal Office recently received from the Administration:

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The Joint Fiscal Office has reviewed these submissions and determined that all appropriate forms bearing the necessary approvals are in order.

In accordance with the procedures for processing such requests, we ask you to review the enclosed and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Rebecca Buck at 802/828-5969; [rbuck@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:rbuck@leg.state.vt.us) or Stephen Klein at 802/828-5769; [sklein@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:sklein@leg.state.vt.us)) if you would like any item(s) held for Committee review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by October 5 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.

cc: James Reardon, Commissioner  
Linda Morse, Administrative Assistant  
Canute Dalmasse, Acting Secretary  
Wayne Laroche, Acting Commissioner

JFO #

2271

STATE OF VERMONT  
GRANT ACCEPTANCE FORM

GRANT SUMMARY: Title: Lewis Creek Streambank Land Donation  
This is a request for approval of a grant from the Hinesburg land trust.

DATE: August 23, 2006

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Wildlife (ANR)

GRANT / DONATION: 4.51 acres to protect lands in the vicinity of Lewis Creek.

FEDERAL CATALOG No.:

GRANTOR / DONOR: Hinesburg Land Trust

AMOUNT / VALUE: \$53,274.00

POSITIONS REQUESTED: None

GRANT PERIOD:

COMMENTS: See attachments.

A 8/23/06

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

(INITIAL) *[Signature]*  
(INITIAL) *MS* 8-29-06  
DATE: 9/14/06

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**STATE OF VERMONT  
REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE  
(use additional sheets as needed)**

**FORM AA-1  
(Rev. 9-90)**

1. **Agency:** Agency of Natural Resources  
 2. **Department:** Fish and Wildlife  
 3. **Program:** Land Acquisition  
 4. **Legal Title of Grant:** Lewis Creek Streambank Land Donation - 4.51 Acres in the town of Hinesburg  
 5. **Federal Catalog No.:**  
 6. **Grantor and Office Address:** Hinesburg Land Trust  
 Welch Property  
 56 Mechanicsville Road  
 Hinesburg, Vermont 05461

7. **Grant Period:** From: To:

8. **Purpose of Grant:** (attach additional sheets if needed)  
 Donation of 4.51 acres of land in the town of Hinesburg. The Hinesburg Land Trust acquired this property from Marion Welch as part of an effort with the Lewis Creek Association to protect lands in the vicinity of the Lewis Creek. The property will be added to 91.5 acres previously donated by the Hinesburg Land Trust purchased from the same landowner and added to the Lewis Creek Streambank parcels. The property has approximately 200 feet of frontage along Lewis Creek Road. Value of land is \$53,274.

9. **Impact on Existing Programs if Grant is not Accepted:**  
 This land would not be acquired.

10. **Budget Information:**

	(1st State FY) FY 2007	(2nd State FY)	(3rd State FY)
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**EXPENDITURES:**

Personal Services	\$		
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$
Value of the Land	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

**REVENUES:**

<u>State Funds:</u>			
Cash	\$	\$	\$
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$
<u>Federal Funds:</u>			
(Direct Costs)	\$		
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$
(Department Indirect)	\$	\$	\$
<u>Other Funds:</u>			
(source) Donation	\$ 53,274.00	\$	\$

<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 53,274.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Federal funds will be allocated to these appropriation expenditure accounts: in SFY' 03

<u>Appropriation Nos.</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
6120000000	\$
	\$
	\$

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11. Will grant monies be spent by one or more personal service contracts?

YES  NO

If YES, signature of appointing authority here indicates intent to follow current guidelines on bidding.

12a. Please list any requested Limited Service positions:

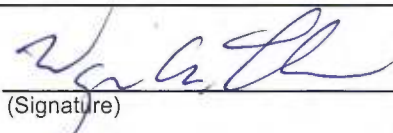
Titles	Number of Positions
None	
<b>TOTAL Positions</b>	0

12b. Equipment and space for these positions:

- Is presently available.
- Can be obtained with available funds.


13. Signature of Appointing Authority

I certify that no funds have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
 Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Title)

14. Action by Governor:

- Approved
- Rejected

 9/5/06  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

15. Secretary of Administration:

- Request to JFO
- Information to JFO

 8-29-06  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

16. Action by Joint Fiscal Committee:

(Dates)

- Request to be placed on JFC agenda
- Approved (not placed on agenda in 30 days)
- Approved by JFC
- Rejected by JFC
- Approved by Legislature

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 (Signature) (Date)

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Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation  
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Waterbury, VT 05671-0601  
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*Agency of Natural Resources*

**Project Name:** Lewis Creek Streambank – Hinesburg Land Trust, Welch Property

**Location:** Hinesburg, Chittenden County, Vermont

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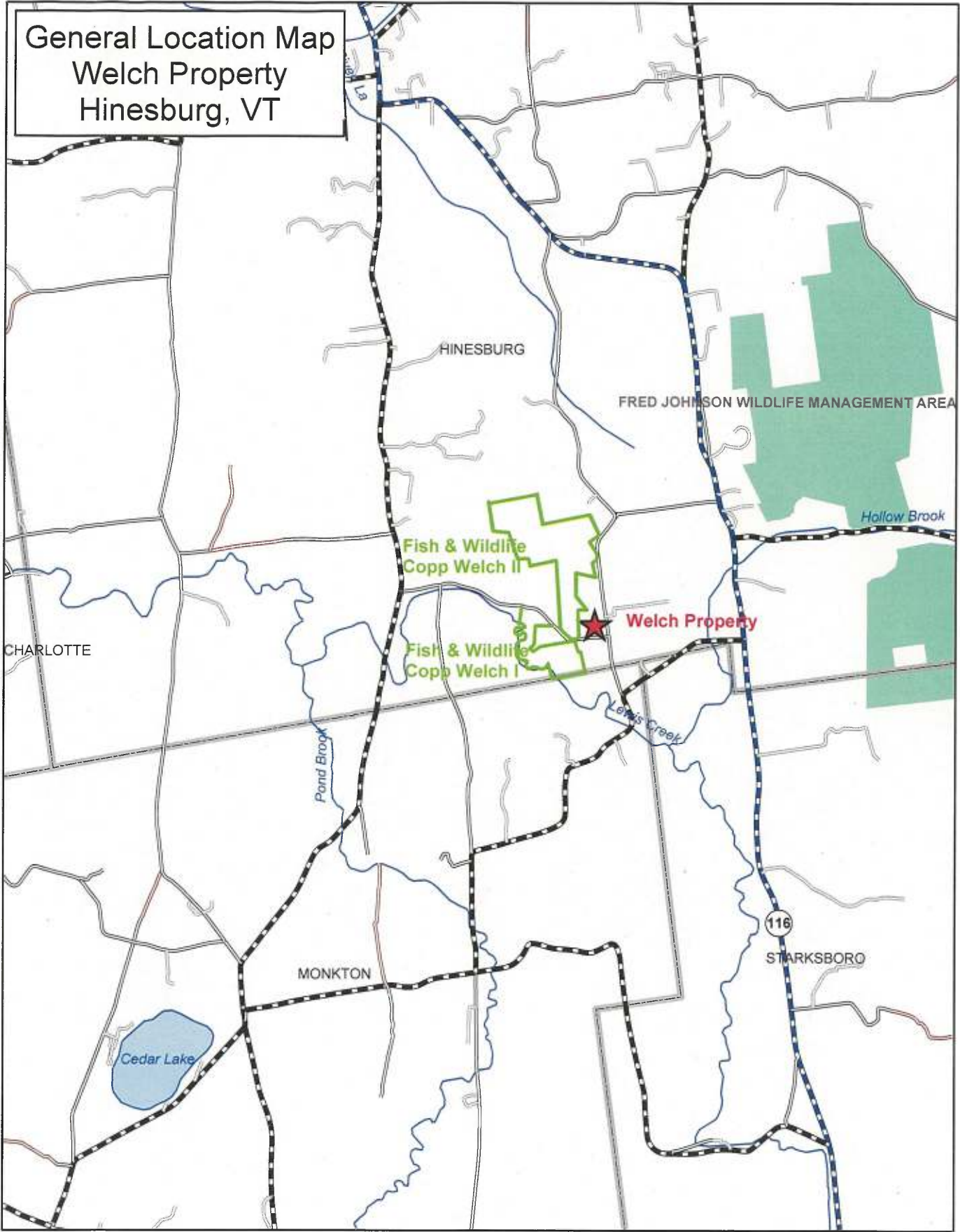
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General Location Map  
Welch Property  
Hinesburg, VT



This map is not based on a survey.  
Boundaries are approximate.



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

Attached are 15  
copies of a survey  
map to be forwarded  
with other materials  
to JOINT FISCAL  
OFFICE

**To:** Jason Aronowitz, Budget Analyst  
Finance & Management

**From:** Sherri A. Yacono, Business Manager

**Date:** July 27, 2006

**Subject:** AA-1: Land donation

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Please find attached the AA-1 package for the above subject. This land is being donated and there are no Fish and Wildlife funds involved in the acquisition.

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



Cc: Steve Chadwick

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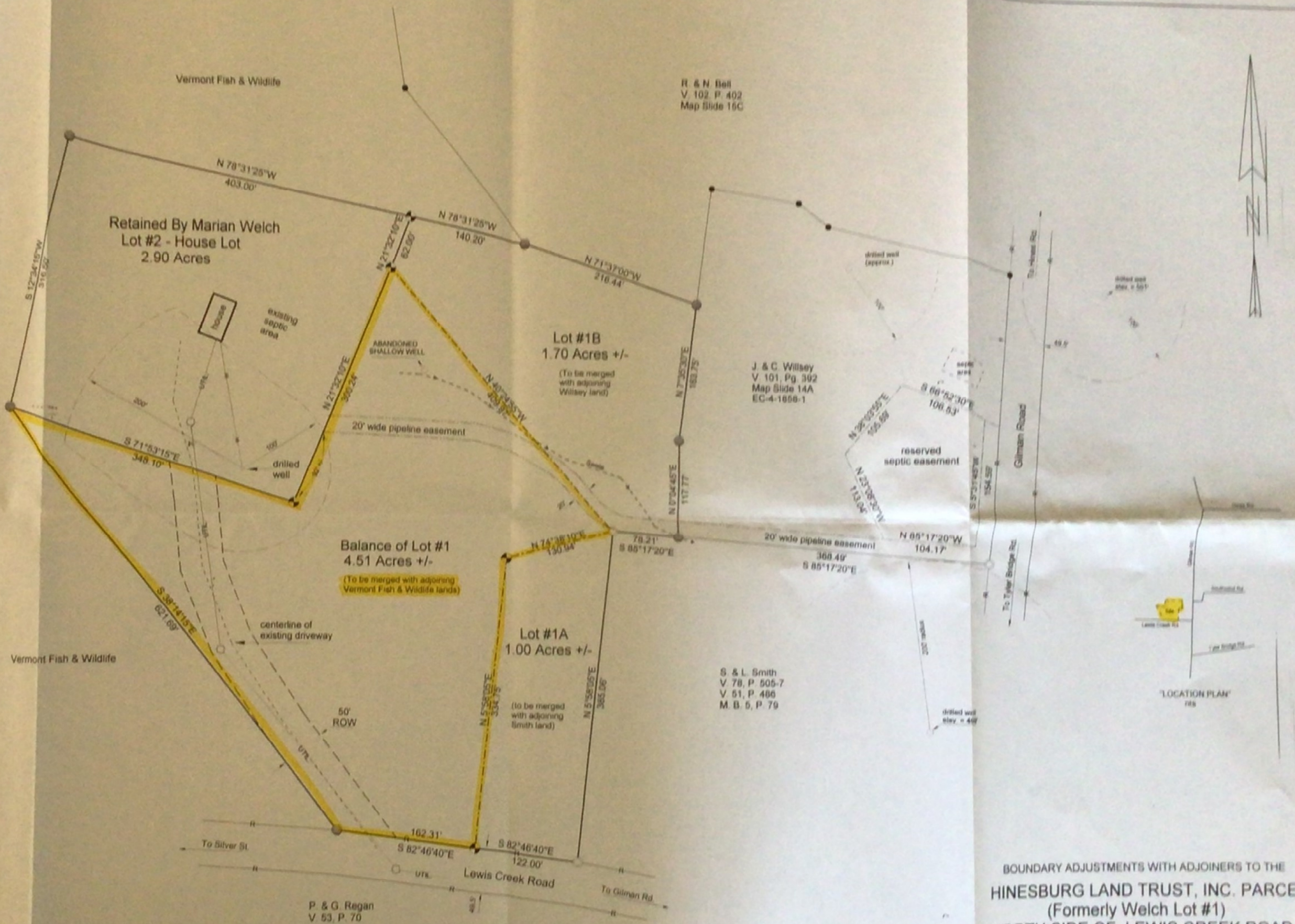
Bearings and distances are plotted from a total station survey  
All bearings are referenced to magnetic north.

Lot boundary information for the parcel of land shown as "House Parcel - 10.11 Acres" is plotted from a survey entitled "Balance Of Marian Welch Property, Hinesburg, Vermont" by G. E. Bedard, Inc. dated Dec. 8, 1998 and last revised on 12-10-98. This plan is recorded at Slide #28D of the Town of Hinesburg Land Records. Reference is also had to the recently filed plat entitled "Subdivision of the Marian Welch House Lot, 1115 Lewis Creek Road, Hinesburg, Vt." by G. E. Bedard, Inc. dated 9/21/05 and recorded at Map Slide #150D of the Town of Hinesburg Land Records.

Deed & Map References: Vol. 183, Page 236-238 Welch Lot #1  
Map Slide 150D  
Vol. 30, Page 137 Boukouris Farm  
Map Slide 28D

Total Acreage Shown is 7.21 Acres +/-

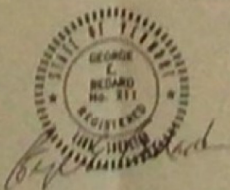
Special Note:  
Lot #1 has been acquired by the Hinesburg Land Trust by "transfer for conservation and forestry purposes" No development may occur on any portion of the transferred land without subdivision review by the Development Review Board.



LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- - - NEW LOT LINE
- OTHER BOUNDARY
- R — R HIGHWAY ROW LIMIT
- DRIVEWAY CENTERLINE
- - - ACCESS ROW LIMIT
- - - SEWER PIPELINE EASEMENT LIMIT
- IRON PIPE FOUND
- IRON PIN FOUND
- IRON PIN TO BE SET
- UTL UTILITY LINES
- UTILITY POLE
- W — W WATER LINE

"CERTIFICATION"  
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON IS BASED ON AN ACTUAL GROUND SURVEY AND THAT THE SURVEY DATA PRESENTED HAS BEEN COMPILED FROM PERTINENT DEEDS, OFFICIAL RECORDS, EXISTING FIELD EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE OWNER. THIS PLAN CONFORMS WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF 27 V.S.A. SEC. 1453.



BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS WITH ADJOINERS TO THE  
**HINESBURG LAND TRUST, INC. PARCEL**  
(Formerly Welch Lot #1)  
**NORTH SIDE OF LEWIS CREEK ROAD**  
**HINESBURG VERMONT**  
Scale - 1" = 60' January 19, 2006

BY G. E. BEDARD, INC. HINESBURG, VT.  
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