



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: August 25, 2011
Subject: JFO #2512, #2513, #2514, #2515, #2516

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

JFO #2512 — Request from the Vermont Department of Labor to establish five limited service positions to increase the department's ability to re-employ unemployment claimants and reduce erroneous payments. These positions will be funded through an increase in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Labor.
[JFO received 7/18/11]

JFO #2513 — \$1,201,250 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to the Vermont Department of Labor. These funds will be used to employ 75 unemployed Vermonters in the running of a temporary relief program for victims of the April 2011 flooding.
[JFO received 7/22/11]

JFO #2515 — \$500,000 grant from Maidstone Rehold, LLC to the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. These funds will be used to conduct a GPS-based bear study to evaluate the impact of the Deerfield Wind Project on bear habitat.
[JFO received 7/25/11]

JFO #2516 — \$248,800 donation from Maidstone Rehold, LLC to the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. This amount represents the value of three parcels of land (3.14 acres) being donated.
[JFO received 7/25/11]

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: Annie Noonan, Commissioner
Patrick Berry, Commissioner



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: August 4, 2011
Subject: Grant Requests

Enclosed please find four (4) requests that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

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[JFO received 7/22/11]

JFO #2514 — Fee request from the Board of Medical Practice. The proposed fee would cover the cost of credit card processing related to online licensing of Vermont doctors. The Board of Medical Practice has worked with the Department of Information and Innovation and the Vermont Information Consortium to develop this system.

[JFO received 7/25/11]

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[JFO received 7/25/11]

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 August 18 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.

STATE OF VERMONT
GRANT ACCEPTANCE FORM

JFO 2516

GRANT SUMMARY:

Title: Land Donation from Maidstone Rehold

This is a request for approval of a donation of three parcels of land, the Maidstone Lake Access Area, Maidstone Lake Dam and Loon Island totaling 3.14 acres.

DATE:

July 21, 2011

DEPARTMENT:

Fish and Wildlife (ANR)

GRANT / DONATION:

Three parcels, the Maidstone Lake Access Area, Maidstone Lake Dam and Loon Island totaling 3.14 acres of land valued at \$248,800.00

FEDERAL CATALOG No.:

N/A

GRANTOR / DONOR:

Maidstone Rehold, LLC Parcels, Maidstone, VT

AMOUNT / VALUE:

\$248,800.00

POSITIONS REQUESTED:

None

GRANT PERIOD:

COMMENTS: See attachments. Additional information: The Town of Maidstone's select board supports this donation to the State. According to F&W, routine maintenance of the dam is expected to be less than \$300 per year. The dam was reconstructed in 2006. Closing costs, to be funded from the Motorboat Registration Fund, are expected to be \$3000.00.

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

(INITIAL)
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DATE:

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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: Maidstone Rehold, LLC Parcels, Maidstone, Vermont				
7. Grant Period:		From:		To:
8. Purpose of Grant: Donation of 3 parcels of land: the Maidstone Lake Access Area, Maidstone Lake dam and Loon Island for a total of 3.14 acres valued at \$248,800.				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: The access area lot has been leased and managed by the Department for over 30 years and is the only boat access to the lake. Loon Island has an undeveloped shoreline which provides excellent nesting habitat for the common loon. Any steps taken to protect nesting sites are viewed as critical to ensuring the species long term success.				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 2012	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$3,000	\$	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$3,000	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$248,800	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source)	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$251,800	\$	\$	
Appropriation No:	6120000000	Amount:	\$251,800	
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		\$
	Total	\$251,800

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

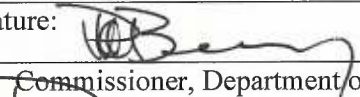
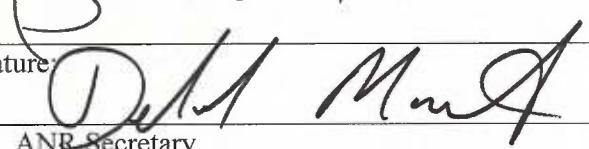
11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? Yes No
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.
 Appointing Authority Name: _____ Agreed by: _____ (initial)

12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
Total Positions		

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. 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: 	Date: 6/27/11
Title: Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife	
Signature: 	Date: 6-27-11
Title: ANR Secretary	

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

Approved: _____ (Secretary or designee signature) Date: 11/22/11

15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

Check One Box:
 Accepted
 Rejected

 (Governor's signature) Date: 7/27/11

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	

End Form AA-1

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Agency Of Natural Resources

MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Shumlin, Governor

THROUGH: Deb Markowitz, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources *DM*

FROM: Patrick Berry, Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife Department *PB*

DATE: May 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition Approval – 3.14 acres in Maidstone owned by
Maidstone Rehold, LLC

Your approval is requested pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4144 for the acceptance of the land acquisition referenced above.

This acquisition has been approved by the Fish and Wildlife Department. The proposal was also reviewed and approved by the Agency of Natural Resources Land Acquisition Review Committee.

Description

The acquisition consists of three parcels of land all owned Maidstone Rehold, LLC; the Maidstone Lake Access Area lot currently leased by the Fish and Wildlife Department, Maidstone Lake dam, and Loon Island.

The access area lot has been managed as a Fish and Wildlife Department access area for over 30 years and is the only boat access to the lake. The lot is 0.61 acres, can accommodate up to 12 vehicles with trailers, and contains a single lane concrete ramp, dock, and breakwater. The lot also contains a small riparian buffer along the shoreline and vegetative buffers on either side of the lot to protect against potential noise disturbances.

The current owners of the properties (Maidstone Rehold, LLC) acquired the land from the former Champion Timber Company, now International Paper, in an effort to ensure that the dam on Maidstone Lake was reconstructed. It was Maidstone Rehold's intent to divest all interests in the three parcels following reconstruction. The dilapidated dam was reconstructed in 2006 and passed inspections by the Department of Environmental Conservation dam safety engineers in August 2007. The dam lot is 2.05 acres.

Loon Island is a small island 0.48 acres in size and located in the southern part of the lake. It has an undeveloped shoreline, which provides excellent nesting habitat for the common loon. This species was designated as a species of greatest conservation need in the Vermont State Wildlife Action Plan.



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Therefore, any steps taken to protect nesting sites are viewed as critical to ensuring the species long-term success.

Ownership and Management

All three properties will be managed by the Fish and Wildlife Department. The access area is currently maintained by the Access Area Program and will incorporate the dam as part of its annual routine maintenance. The Wildlife Division currently funds the monitoring of loon nesting on Maidstone Lake and will continue to monitor nesting loons and conduct any additional required habitat work.

Budget and Funding

The 3.14 acres have an approximate value of \$248,800 according to the town lister's office. Maidstone Rehold, LLC will donate all land to the Department. Associated closing costs (legal costs, recording fees, etc.) are anticipated to be no more than \$3,000 and will be paid for by the Department. The funding for these costs will come from the State's Motorboat Registration Fund, which is derived from the registration of all motorboats in the state of Vermont.



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VERMONT FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
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APPROVAL FOR LAND ACQUISITION

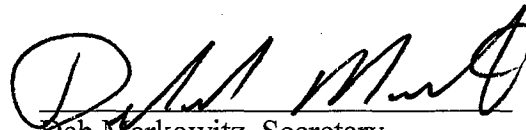
We, the undersigned, hereby approve the acquisition by the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Department, of 3.14 acres located in the town of Maidstone, from Maidstone Rehold, LLC.

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

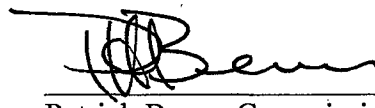
6/3/11
Date


Peter Shumlin, Governor
State of Vermont

5-26-11
Date


Deb Markowitz, Secretary
Agency of Natural Resources

5/25/11
Date


Patrick Berry, Commissioner
Fish and Wildlife Department



Town of Maidstone
P.O. Box 118
Guildhall, VT 05905

October 15, 2009

Dear Mr. Wichrowski,

After discussing the Fish and Wildlife Department's intent to acquire the Maidstone Lake Fishing Access Lot, dam and Loon Island at our Selectboard meeting on October 15, 2009, we are writing to offer our support of the acquisition. The Department's involvement in the acquisition of Maidstone Rehold LLC properties on Maidstone Lake in the town of Maidstone will fulfill the town's interest in preserving public access and future maintenance of said lands in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

Selectboard Chair

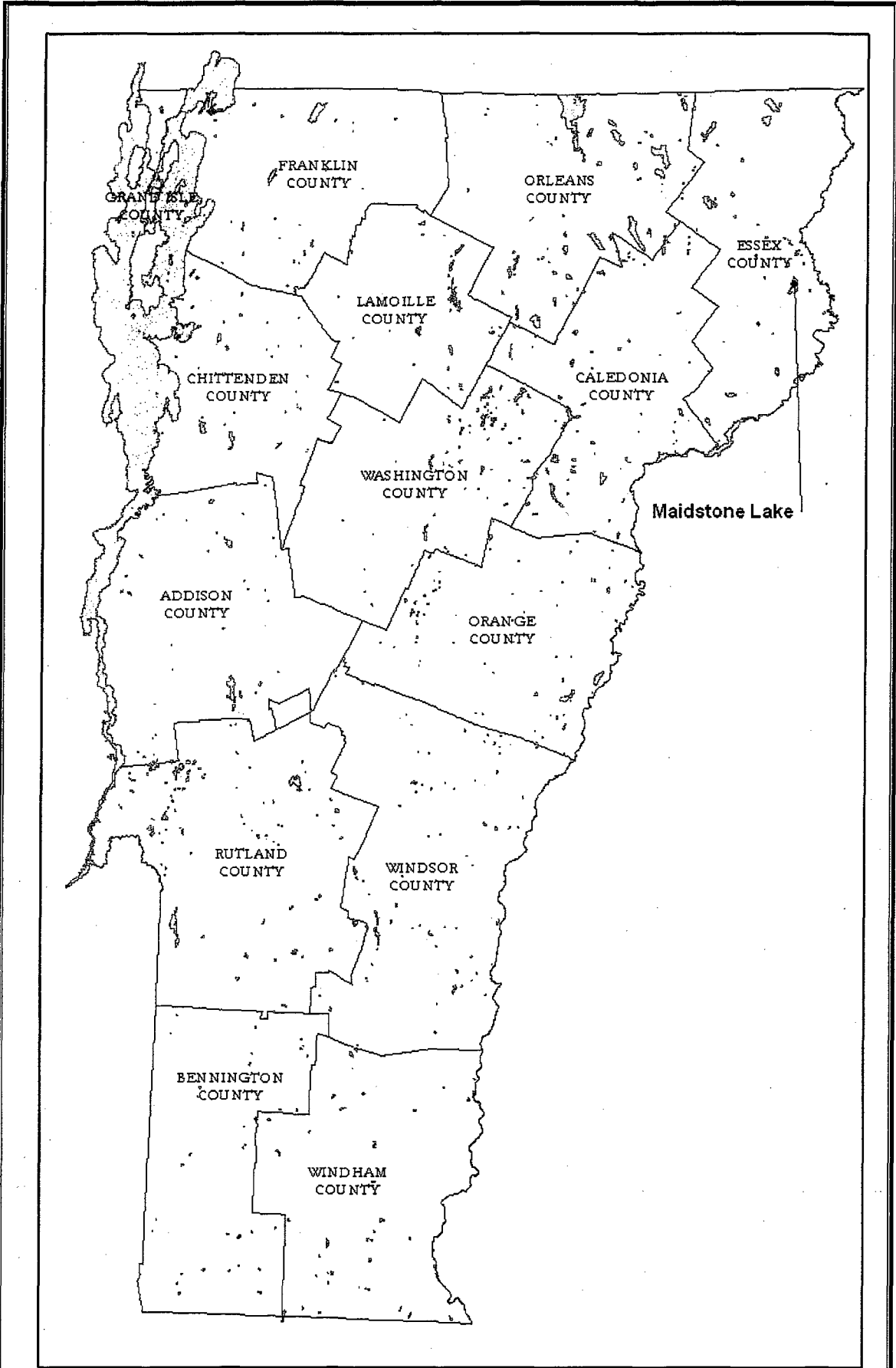
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Selectperson



David Hodson

Selectperson

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**Location of Maidstone Lake
Proposed Acquisition for
Fish & Wildlife Department Acquisition**

-  Lakes/Ponds
-  County Boundary





Maidstone Lake Dam

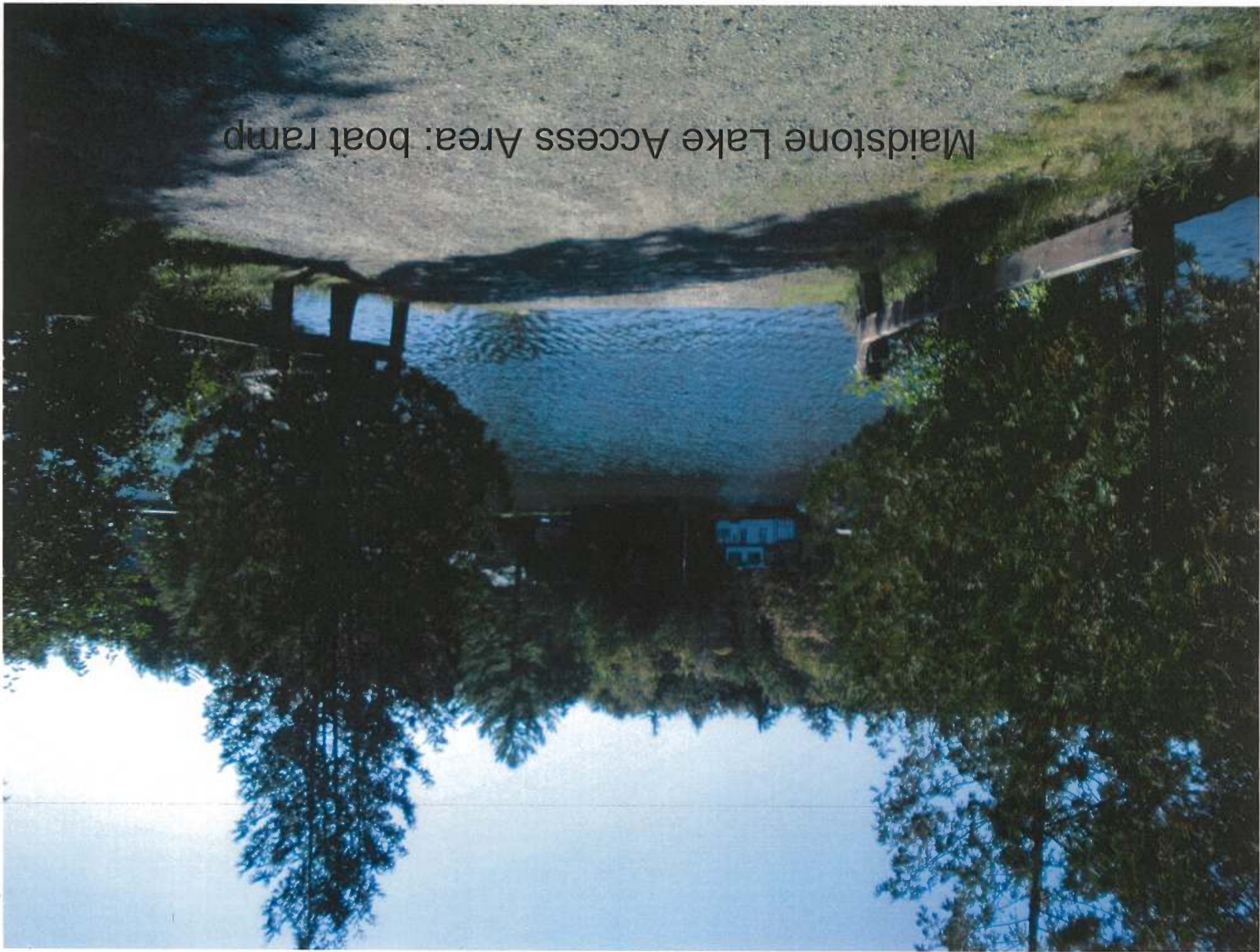
Maidstone Lake
Access Area

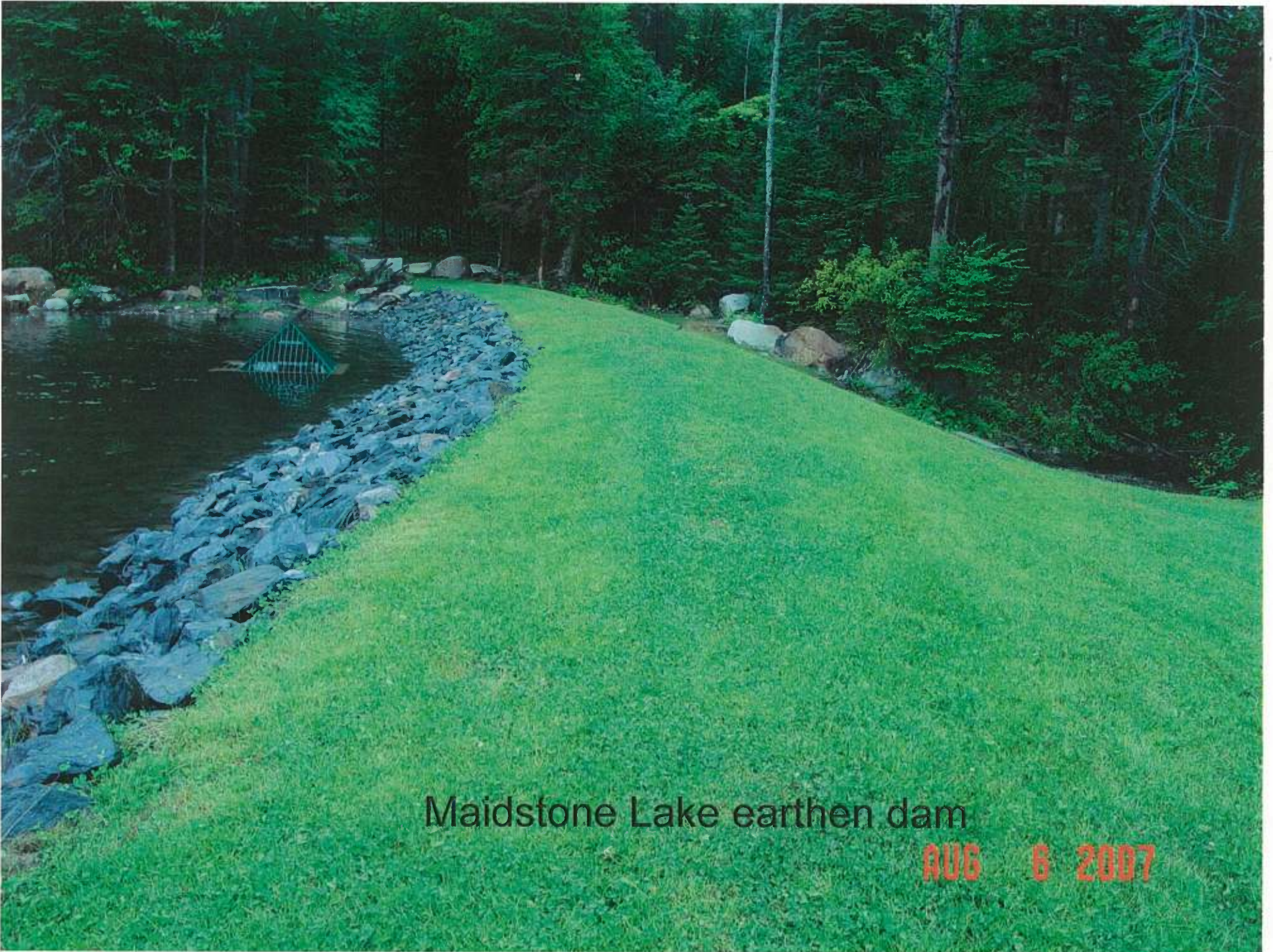
Loon Island

Parcel locations for
acquisition of Maidstone
Rehold, LLC properties

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Maidstone Lake Access Area: boat ramp

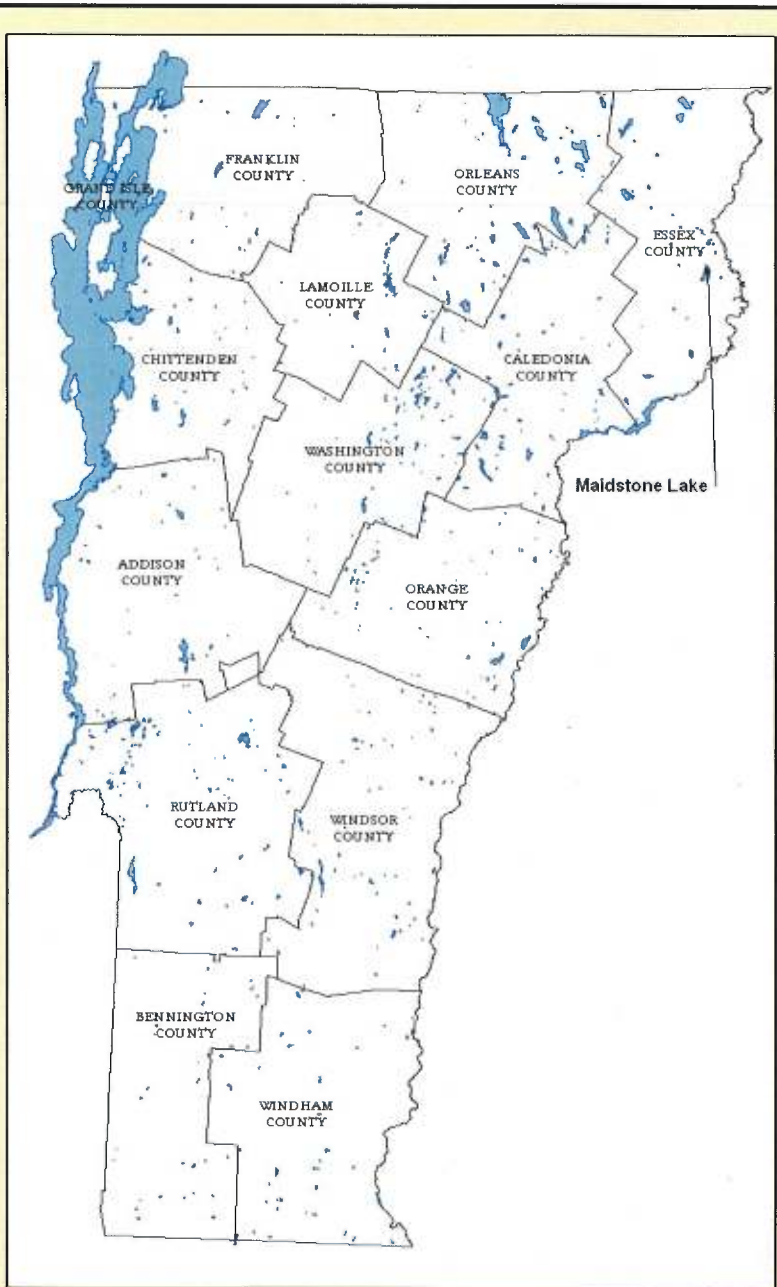






Maidstone Lake earthen dam

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Location of Maidstone Lake
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Business Office
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To: Jason Aronowitz, Budget Analyst
Finance & Management

From: Sherri A. Yacono, Business Manager 

Date: June 15, 2011

Subject: AA-1: Maidstone Land Donation and Bear Study Grant

Attached are two AA-1 packages. The first is a land donation from Maidstone Rehold, LLC of 3.14 acres in Maidstone, Vermont with a value of \$248,800. The second is a request to accept a grant from the Deerfield Wind Project to fund a GPS based bear study to evaluate the impact of this wind project on bear use of habitat adjacent to the facility.

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

Enclosure

cc: Mike Wichrowski
Forest Hammond

REC'D JUN 30 2011