



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: June 11, 2013
Subject: Grant Requests

Enclosed please find three (3) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

JFO #2625 – Request to establish a \$5 fee per online child support payment to allow non-custodial parents and employers to submit electronic credit card payments via the internet. Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this fee request is required in accordance with 22 V.S.A. § 953 (c)(2).
[JFO received 06/06/13]

JFO #2626 – \$25,000 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Central Office. These funds will support the development of a work plan for the climate change policy position approved in the FY2014 budget, complete an analysis of existing state goals, programs and partnerships related to climate change, and develop scenarios for achieving the goals of the 2011 Comprehensive Energy Plan. This grant will support the hiring of a temporary employee or consultant to meet the goals of the grant.
[JFO received 06/06/13]

JFO #2627 – Donation of \$50,500 from Pat and Ray Mainer to the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife. The value of this donation represents the difference between the appraised value (\$130,500) of 68 acres of land in the Lewis Creek watershed (Monkton) and the price to be paid by the State of Vermont (\$80,000) for this acquisition.
[JFO received 06/06/13]

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

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Agency of Administration

JFO 2627

**STATE OF VERMONT
 FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM**

Grant Summary:		Donation of difference between \$130,500 appraised value and \$80,000 purchase price for a 5 acre parcel and a 68 acre parcel to create a new access area along Lewis Creek in Monkton, VT.			
Date:		5/16/2013			
Department:		ANR- Fish & Wildlife			
Legal Title of Grant:		Mainer Land Donation			
Federal Catalog #:		N/A			
Grant/Donor Name and Address:		Pat and Ray Mainer, 319 Fletcher Farm Road, Hinesburg VT 05461			
Grant Period:		From:	To:		
Grant/Donation		\$50,500			
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$50,500	\$	\$	\$50,500	
Position Information:		# Positions	Explanation/Comments		
		0			
Additional Comments:					
Department of Finance & Management		J 5/16/13		(Initial)	
Secretary of Administration		MC 05/17/13		(Initial)	
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office		6/3/13		Date 6/3/13	

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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: Pat and Ray Mainer 319 Fletcher Farm Road Hinesburg, VT 05461				
7. Grant Period:		From:		To:
8. Purpose of Grant: The Mainers will sell a 5-acre and 68-acre parcel to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to create a new access area and provide permanent protection of public access for hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, etc. The appraised value of the parcels are \$130,500 and the sale price will be \$80,000 which represents a \$50,500 donation.				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: The Department will not be able to add a new access area or conserve 68 acres of habitat for public access for hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing.				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 13	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$5,000	\$	\$	Appraisal Contract Value of Land
Operating Expenses	\$130,500	\$	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$135,500	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:				} REVISSED 5/16/13 AS PER FEW - JA
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$50,500	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$35,000	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:				
Grant (source DEC Ecosystem Restoration Grant)	\$50,000	\$	\$	
Total	\$135,500	\$	\$	
Appropriation No:		Amount:	\$	
			\$	
			\$	

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Department of Fish and Wildlife
Commissioner's Office
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TO: Peter Shumlin, Governor

THROUGH: Deb Markowitz, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

FROM: Patrick Berry, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Department, Fee Acquisition, Ray and Pat Mainer's Property, Monkton, VT

Recommendation Approval of the acquisition of the Mainer's 65-acre property by the Fish and Wildlife Department (FWD) to protect public access, habitat for the state-endangered Indiana bat and riparian habitat along Lewis Creek.

Description of Project

The Lewis Creek watershed is a conservation priority for a number of regional and statewide organizations, including the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation Rivers Program, The Nature Conservancy and the Lewis Creek Watershed Association. Lewis Creek is recognized as a significant aquatic resource in the state. In 1998, the Vermont Biodiversity Project prepared a report entitled "A Classification of the Aquatic Communities of Vermont." A group of scientists worked together on this report, which examined several years' worth of data that had been collected in rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds throughout Vermont. The scientists studied plants, invertebrates, and fish, and developed a classification of waters based on those three groups. The diversity found in Lewis Creek led the entire watershed to be identified as the watershed with the best potential for being most representative of all assemblage types in the entire state. In addition to conserving habitat for fish such as, brook trout and slimy sculpin, Lewis Creek provides excellent habitat for a diversity of mussels including the Eastern pearlshell.

The Mainer property is largely forested which also provides tremendous opportunity to conserve the forested and wetland communities associated with the Creek. Of the utmost importance to the FWD is the habitat which it provides for the federally endangered Indiana bat. During the summer of 2008, biologists trapped two reproductive Indiana bats on Lewis Creek Road, just north of the FWD's ownership. These bats were then tracked to a large dead elm next to the road. When biologists revisited this tree at dusk and watched the bats leaving their maternity roost, they counted over 300 Indiana bats! That makes this maternity roost tree the largest known Indiana bat maternity colony ever found in Vermont. As such, the FWD began to conduct outreach to the landowners in the area and the Mainer property was identified as a conservation priority.

The purchase of the Mainer property will protect the entire reach of Lewis Creek from Lewis Creek Road to Tyler Bridge Road (See Exhibit 1 for a map of the project area). The Mainer property is bisected by the Creek. The 5-acre parcel located near the bridge on Tyler Bridge Road is already used informally by many for access to the Creek for anglers. This opportunity will allow us to formalize the access area as well as better manage the property for the diverse natural resource values it also contains, including significant wetland habitat along Lewis Creek.

The 60-acre Mainer parcel on the opposite side of the Creek will be conserved and added to our Lewis Creek Streambank. In addition to protecting significant Indiana bat habitat, public access and the river corridor, this parcel has significant wetland resources including a state-significant Hemlock Swamp and multiple vernal pools. There are only a few high quality examples of Hemlock Swamps known in the state, with only one swamp known on public land. This site is therefore a tremendous opportunity to protect a number of significant resources.

Need and Cost

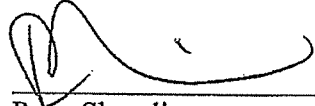
The Fish and Wildlife Department is acquiring the 65-acre Mainer property to provide permanent protection of public access for hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, other wildlife dependent activities and conservation of significant wildlife habitat including the Indiana bat habitat. The estimate set for the total project costs across the property is \$85,000 which will cover the purchase of the two parcels and the associated costs. Funding for this acquisition will come from the state's Ecosystem Restoration Program (\$50,000) and federal funding from the Dingle-Johnson program (\$35,000).

Your approval of this acquisition is required by 10 V.S.A. §4144, which states in part "the secretary, with approval of the governor, may exchange, sell or lease lands under the secretary's jurisdiction when, in his or her judgment, it is advantageous to the state to do so ..." This project has already been reviewed and approved by the Agency's Land Acquisition Review Committee at their meeting in 3/8/12 and by the ANR Secretary on 6/6/12 (See Exhibit 3). In addition, Department staff met with the town of Monkton on February 25, 2013. As documented in Exhibit 4, the town of Monkton supports the Department purchasing this property.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF LAND

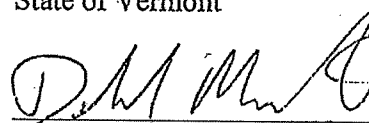
We the undersigned, hereby approve the purchase of land by the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect public access and the natural resources on the 65 acres belonging to the Ray and Pat Mainer in Monkton, VT. This approval is required by 10 V.S.A. §4144 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

4/12/13
Date



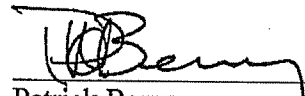
Peter Shumlin
Governor
State of Vermont

4-10-13
Date



Deb Markowitz
Secretary
Agency of Natural Resources

4/10/13
Date



Patrick Berry
Commissioner
Fish and Wildlife Department