

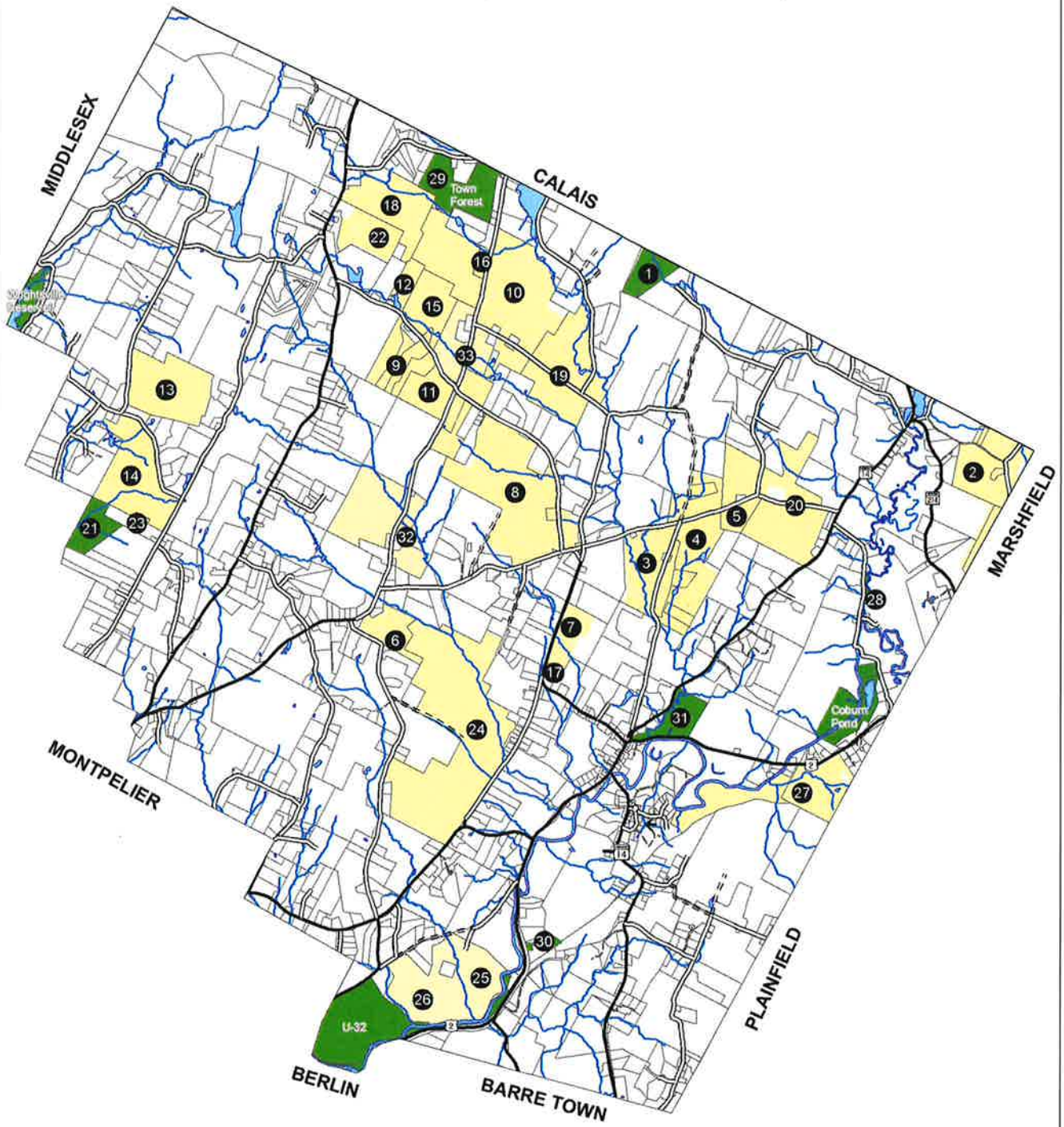
## **Land Conservation Fund**

### **Conservation Fund Advisory Committee's 2016 Draft Goals For Use of the East Montpelier Conservation Fund**

The East Montpelier Conservation Fund, through its Advisory Committee and with the approval of the Select Board, will work with willing landowners, private non-profit land trusts, and government (local, state, and federal) to leverage money for conservation of land and interests in land in the town, with the following goals:

1. Maintain the rural, working, land-based character of East Montpelier through:
  - (a) conservation of important agricultural lands integral to active and sustainable farming.
  - (b) conservation of important productive, actively-managed, and sustainable forest lands.
2. Enhance the network of interconnected, multipurpose recreational trails on conserved properties (in consultation with East Montpelier Trails, Inc.).
3. Preserve wildlife habitat of high public value (e.g., bear travel corridors, deer yards, etc.).
4. Protect sites of rare, threatened, or endangered species/natural communities.
5. Insure that conserved lands and their values complement – not conflict with – future development patterns (in consultation with the East Montpelier Planning Commission).

# Public and Protected Lands



1 Chickering Bog (RHC)	41.5 acres	11 Chapell	28.0 acres	21 Bard Parcel	48.2 acres	31 Town Winston/Siberberg	49.0 acres
2 Smith	111.0 acres	12 Chapell	103.6 acres	22 Cate	60.9 acres	32 Ormsbee	169 acres
3 Fairmont Farms	130.3 acres	13 Berhault	143.0 acres	23 Sparrow/Antonovouch	2.5 acres	33 Blackwell	79 acres
4 Gardner	145.6 acres	14 Chase	159.4 acres	24 Pratt (Malloy Brook)	481.0 acres		
5 Barburn	22.0 acres	15 Hill	73.0 acres	25 Clark (Coding Rd)	72.0 acres		
6 Houghton	55.9 acres	16 Hill	8.2 acres	26 Clark 2 (Coding Rd)	134.7 acres		
7 Fairmont Farms	53.6 acres	17 Fairmont Farms	7.6 acres	27 Fairmont II (Rt 2)	159.0 acres		
8 Fairmont Farms	283.0 acres	18 Fairmont Farms	117.0 acres	28 Caroe Access	4.0 acres		
9 Holden	78.3 acres	19 Soley	185.0 acres	29 Town Forest	100.0 acres		
10 Barr	341.3 acres	20 Christmanen	233.0 acres	30 Berton Parcel	10.0 acres		

**Total = 3668.6 acres**

- Legend**
- ▭ Parcels
  - VT State and Municipal**
  - Public Lands
  - VT Land Trust**
  - Conservation Easements
  - Town Roads**
  - Pavement
  - Gravel
  - Class 4/ Legal Traf
  - Private
  - 🌊 Rivers, Lakes, and Ponds
  - Streams



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Source:  
 Public Lands - Conserved Lands Database: 2013  
 VT Land Trust - vLIT, 2013  
 Parcels: 2015 East Montpelier

Date is only as accurate as its original source  
 This map is for planning purposes only  
 This map may contain errors and omissions

**EAST MONTPELIER CONSERVATION FUND  
APPLICATION PACKET**

Dear Applicant,

Attached you will find the following documents:

- Policy and Procedures to request funds from the East Montpelier Conservation Fund.
- Application form that must be completed in order to receive funding.

Please read these documents carefully and make sure to reference the guidelines as you complete the application. In addition to the information provided on the application, please submit a map of the property which locates the site within the Town and its relation to surrounding properties. The Conservation Fund Advisory Committee will make arrangements to meet with you and/or other knowledgeable parties to discuss your application and answer any questions you may have regarding this process. We will also likely request to schedule a site walk if necessary.

Questions about this process may be directed to the current Chairperson of the committee, Brian Lusignan.

Contact number and/or email address: 802-229-5441, [blusig1997@aol.com](mailto:blusig1997@aol.com)

EAST MONTPELIER CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Brian Lusignan  
Charles Johnson  
Michael Dworkin

## **EAST MONTPELIER CONSERVATION FUND POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Fund is to conserve East Montpelier land and waters for agricultural, forest, wildlife, scenic, recreational, or natural area use.

### **When and how the Fund will be used:**

The Fund will be used only when absolutely necessary, when other funds and means are not available or sufficient in a given situation. When the Fund is used, it will be used where feasible to leverage other public and/or private funds.

Uses of the Fund may include, but are not limited to purchase or assistance in the purchase of rights of first refusal, options to purchase, long term leases, conservation restrictions (development rights), land through a bargain sale, and land in fee. Funds may be used for site work, appraisals, and surveys with the understanding that such funds will be reimbursable to the Fund if conservation is not achieved.

### **Eligibility:**

Any East Montpelier landowner or official landowner representative is eligible to submit an application. Funds (when available) will be granted to proposals which meet purposes and guidelines described in this document.

### **Guidelines:**

A primary requirement for the expenditure of monies from the Fund is that such expenditure must yield a clear benefit to the Town and must result from a voluntary agreement between the Town and the owner.

When determining whether the Fund should be used on a particular parcel of land or water, a number of items should be considered. Since each possible use of the Fund is different, the guidelines listed below are general and are meant to bring up broad issues which would be applicable to any proposed use of the Fund. Consideration will be given to the following issues:

- Relative importance of the proposal for agriculture, forest, wildlife, scenic, recreational or natural area use according to available evaluation systems, e.g. LESA for agricultural land.
- Effect of project on adjacent land and other land in the area.
- Project's ability to pay for itself; including the possibility of private participation in conservation effort.
- Effectiveness of the project to meet conservation goals.
- Opportunities presented by the project to offer significant recreational or scenic benefits to East Montpelier citizens the loss of which would detract from the quality of life in East Montpelier.
- Preservation of important natural areas in the community.
- Threat due to conversion to other uses.
- Cost of the proposal relative to the funds available in the Conservation Fund.

**Benefits:**

Use of the Fund must result in one of the following benefits to the Town:

- Protection of agricultural land that will help ensure the continuing viability of existing farms and agricultural enterprises in the Town.
- Support of the traditional family farm as an economically viable unit of agricultural production and provision of opportunities for young people to enter farming.
- Protection of the Town's rural character and scenic open space.
- Prevention of excessive increases in public service costs.
- Provision of opportunities for public outdoor recreation for the people of East Montpelier.
- Preservation of natural habitats for plants and animals.

**Administration:**

Ultimate responsibility for the disposition of monies from the Fund rests with the East Montpelier Select Board. The Conservation Fund advisory Committee will evaluate requests and make recommendations to the Select Board.

Proposals for use of the Fund shall be submitted on the "Request for Funds" application form to the Conservation Fund Advisory Committee through its chair or through the Town Clerk.

Technical assistance is available from such organizations and agencies as the Vermont Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Lands, the Central Vermont regional Planning Commission, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the UVM Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service.

The Town and other groups such as the Vermont Land Trust may find it beneficial to work together on some projects.

**Operating procedures:**

- Appointments shall be made by the Select Board for a three year term.
- Meetings as held as needed on the second Thursday of the month.
- Minutes of the meetings shall be distributed to the Select Board via the Town Clerk.
- A quorum is needed to vote for a decision on an application.

**REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM THE  
EAST MONTPELIER CONSERVATION FUND**

Owner's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name(if different from owner) \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of Land under consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of parcel: \_\_\_\_\_ Is it part of a larger parcel? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Outline your request including dollar amounts and type of funding required with direct reference to the Policy and Procedures guidelines:\*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Benefits offered to East Montpelier (refer to Policy and Procedure guidelines): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the current use of land: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current restrictions on land (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

What funding options have been explored? Indicate dollar amounts: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

If agricultural land, has this land been evaluated through the LESA program? If so, list score: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this land mentioned in any other land study? Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What will insure that the land will remain in the use proposed? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of owner/applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Feel free to attach additional pages for a more complete description of your application.

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COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Action taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SELECTBOARD ACTIONS

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Action taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_