

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:

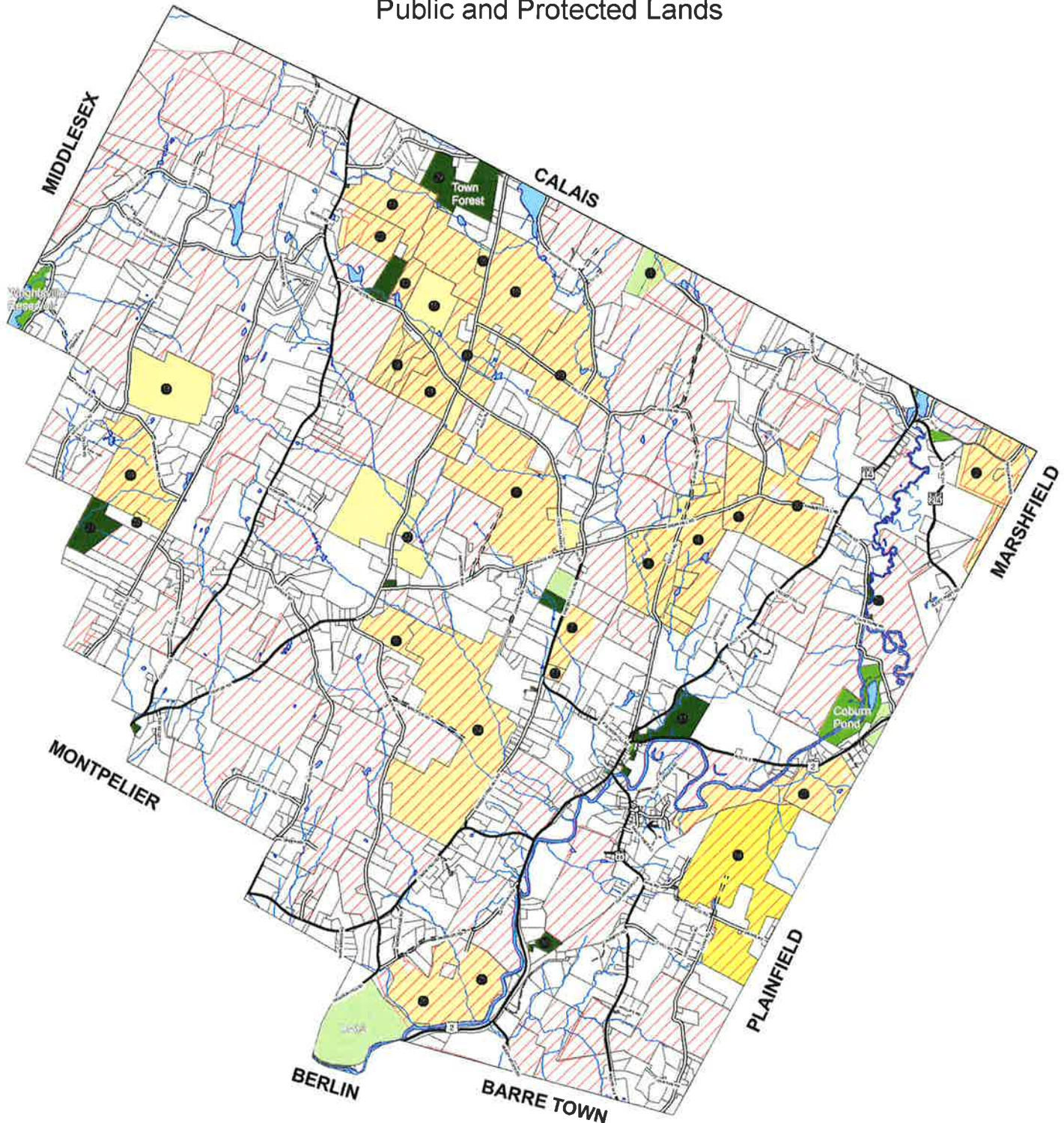
1. Maintain the rural, working, land-based character of East Montpelier through:
 - (a) conservation of important agricultural lands integral to active and sustainable farming.
 - (b) conservation of important productive, actively-managed, and sustainable forest lands.
2. Enhance the network of interconnected, 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).

Land Conservation Fund Summary

Conservation Projects Utilizing Town Funds to Leverage State/Non-profit Funds

Date	Project	Town Funds	Total Amount	Acres
12/07/1990	Cleaves Farm	\$ 32,000	\$ 301,968	285
05/14/1993	Bair/Chapell	\$ 4,000	\$ 264,030	479
10/13/1994	Sparrow Farm	\$ 31,000	\$ 307,975	163
06/28/1996	Frihauff/VLT	\$ 5,000	\$ 106,470	167
10/24/1996	Sibley Farm	\$ 10,000	\$ 229,895	172
06/16/1999	Christiansen Farm	\$ 14,795	\$ 150,000	237
10/12/2004	Mallory Brook/Pratt	\$ 15,000	\$ 400,000	481
06/15/2006	Clark Farm, Phase 1	\$ 5,000	\$ 177,500	72
02/05/2007	Fairmont Farm	\$ 10,000	\$ 316,093	159
06/19/2008	Benton Project	\$ 12,000	\$ 120,000	11.5
03/05/2012	Soule (Coburn Rd)	\$ 2,100	\$ 21,000	5.0
01/15/2014	Clark Farm, Phase 2	\$ 4,685	\$ 136,385	134.7
11/02/2015	Ormsbee Farm	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	171.5
		**** Pending ****		
2016	Fairmont Dairy	\$ 6,000	\$ 470,000	361.0
Totals		\$ 166,580	\$ 3,016,315	2,898.7

Public and Protected Lands



- Legend**
- Parcels
 - Parcel Enrolled in Current Use as of April 2016
 - Public Lands by Owner**
 - Town of East Montpelier
 - State of Vermont
 - Other Public
 - VT Land Trust**
 - Conservation Easements
 - Pending Conservation Easements
 - Town Roads**
 - Pavement
 - Gravel
 - Class 4/ Legal Trail
 - Private
 - Rivers, Lakes, and Ponds
 - Streams

1 Chickering Bog (NIC)	41.5 acres	11 Chapel	28.0 acres	21 Burd Parcel	46.2 acres	31 Town Loppets Farm	40.0 acres
2 Smith	111.0 acres	12 Chapel	103.6 acres	22 Cary	50.9 acres	32 Orndorfe	149.3 acres
3 Fairmont Farms	130.3 acres	13 Benbaum	143.0 acres	23 Sparrow/Astlenozsch	2.5 acres	33 Blackwell	79 acres
4 G. Arden	145.6 acres	14 Chase	153.4 acres	24 Pratt (Mallery Block)	481.0 acres	34 Fairmont Dairy	361 acres
5 Barham	22.0 acres	15 Hill	73.0 acres	25 Clark (Coding Rd)	73.0 acres		
6 Houghton	55.9 acres	16 Hill	8.0 acres	26 Clark 2 (Coding Rd)	134.7 acres		
7 Fairmont Farms	53.8 acres	17 Fairmont Farms	7.5 acres	27 Fairmont II (Pr. 2)	159.0 acres		
8 Fairmont Farms	283.0 acres	18 Fairmont Farms	117.0 acres	28 Canoe Access	4.0 acres		
9 Hillier	78.3 acres	19 Sibley	165.0 acres	29 Town Forest	1000.0 acres		
10 Bar	341.3 acres	20 Chasinassen	233.0 acres	30 Benton Parcel	10.0 acres		
							Total = 4029.6 acres



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Source:
 Public Lands - Conserved Lands Database, and Town of East Montpelier 2016
 VT Land Trust - VLT, 2016
 Parcels - 2015 East Montpelier

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



Public and Protected Lands Map
Properties with Conserved Development Rights
Listed with Current (2016) Property Owner

1. Chickering Bog		
Chickering, Susan	17.0 acres	Chickering Road
Nature Conservancy	24.5 acres	Chickering Road
2. Smith, William	111.0 acres	Taylor Farm Road
3. Fairmont Farm	130.3 acres	Snow Hill Road
4. Gardner, Seth	145.6 acres	Snow Hill Road
5. Bruce, Abigail	22.0 acres	Snow Hill Road
6. McCollister, Kevin	55.9 acres	Center Road
7. Fairmont Farm	53.6 acres	Vincent Flats Road
8. Fairmont Farm	283.0 acres	Lyle Young Road
9. Holden Family Trust		
Carter, Elizabeth	17.9 acres	Templeton Road
Carter, Norman	21.7 acres	Templeton Road
MacLeod, Janet	12.9 acres	Templeton Road
MacLeod, Janet	25.8 acres	Templeton Road
10. Bair, Roy	341.3 acres	Center Road
11. Chapell, Bruce	103.9 acres	Center Road
12. Chapell, Bruce	28.0 acres	Templeton Road
13. Birnbaum, Lester	143.0 acres	Jacobs Road
14. Etnier, Carl	159.4 acres	Sparrow Farm Road
15. Hill, Doug	73.0 acres	Templeton Road
16. Bair, Joanne	8.2 acres	Center Road
17. Fairmont Farm	7.6 acres	Vincent Flats Road
18. Fairmont Farm	117.0 acres	County Road
19. Sibley, George	165.0 acres	Sibley Road
20. Christiansen, Andrew	233.0 acres	Hammett Hill Road
21. Town of East Montpelier	45.7 acres	Off North Street
22. Cate, Paul	60.9 acres	County Road
23. Antonovich, David	2.5 acres	Off North Street
24. Pratt, Chris	489.1 acres	Cherry Tree Hill Road
25. Seth Gardner	71.7 acres	US Rte. 2
26. Seth Gardner	134.7 acres	US Rte. 2
27. Fairmont Farm	164.2 acres	US Rte. 2
28. Town of East Montpelier	5.0 acres	Coburn Road
29. Town of East Montpelier	96.4 acres	Haggett Road
30. Town of East Montpelier	10.4 acres	US Rte. 2
31. Town of East Montpelier	48.5 acres	US Rte. 2 (not conserved)
32. Fairmont Farm	171.5 acres	Center Road
33. Blackwell, Ed	79.0 acres	Center Road
34. Fairmont Dairy	361.0 acres	Drake Road (project pending)

3,992.1 acres (not including #31)

**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

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: * _____

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

Describe the current use of land: _____

Current restrictions on land (if any): _____

What funding options have been explored? Indicate dollar amounts: _____

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? _____

Signature of owner/applicant: _____ Date: _____

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

COMMITTEE ACTIONS:	SELECTBOARD ACTIONS
Date received: _____	Date received: _____
Action taken _____ Date: _____	Action taken: _____ Date: _____