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February 20, 2017

Rob White, Right of Way Chief  
VTrans Project Delivery Bureau  
One National Life Drive  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5001

Re: Ownership of East Montpelier Coburn Road Wetlands Mitigation Site Property

Dear Mr. White:

The purpose of this letter is to convey notice of the Town of East Montpelier's willingness to work with VTrans and Friends of Coburn Pond towards eventual transfer of the property surrounding Coburn Pond to the town in the interest of protecting public access for recreation in perpetuity.

We hope to assist, in concert with all relevant agencies and stakeholders, in the development of a management agreement in line with Act 250, Corps of Engineers, federal funding, and other regulatory dictates. The intent of the plan will be to ensure conservation protections for the constructed wetlands, deeryard, and river corridor areas as well as providing for the desired public recreational access, including on-site parking.

We understand that there are other state agencies, in particular the Agency of Natural Resources, that may have interest in certain aspects of the property. We also understand that VTrans will not necessarily seek immediate resolution to the ownership issue when the mandated five year constructed wetlands monitoring period ends later this year. We are, however, asking to be included in the conversation along with Friends of Coburn Pond as VTrans works to determine the ultimate disposition of the property.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on a viable plan for the parcel that meets the needs of both the state and the community.

Sincerely,

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Chair, East Montpelier Selectboard

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