

**EAST MONTPELIER CONSERVATION FUND  
REQUEST FOR FUNDS**

**Owner's Name:** Fairmont Dairy

**Mailing Address:** 95 Lyle Young Rd, East Montpelier, VT 05651

**Phone:** 802-223-3868

**Applicant's Name (if different from owner):** Cross Vermont Trail Association (Greg Western, Executive Director)

**Applicant's Address:** PO BOX 116, Montpelier, VT 05601

**Phone:** 802-498-0079

**email:** greg@crossvermont.org

**Location of Land under consideration:** Lylehaven Lane, East Montpelier, VT. (See attached maps.)

**Zoning District:** Various, see attached letter from East Montpelier Planning Commission and discussion of zoning considerations in attached application to Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) grant.

**Size of parcel:** The trail easement will be 4,560 linear feet of corridor, amounting to 3.74 acres of area. This is a portion of a larger conservation project in conjunction with the Vermont Land Trust which will conserve 196 acres of the Lylehaven Lane parcel of Fairmont Dairy.

**Is it part of a larger parcel?** Yes, 6 acres, along Route 14, are not included in the farm conservation project.

**Please describe:** (See attached application to VHCB for full details on the larger farm conservation project).

**Outline your request, including dollar amounts and type of funding required, with reference to the criteria in the packet documents):**

We are requesting \$5,000 to leverage an additional \$20,000 in State funds in order to purchase a permanent public access and trail easement on the Lylehaven Lane parcel of Fairmont Dairy. The easement will allow the permanent establishment of nearly a mile of new trail, and will form a critical link in the Cross Vermont Trail and will significantly contribute to the town wide effort to complete a network of multi use non motorized paths connecting neighborhoods, schools and conserved natural areas

ATTACHED:

- trail project context map
- *draft* trail easement
- Appraisal of trail easement value
- letter from East Montpelier Planning Commission
- application to VHCB for both trail and farm conservation easement funding

**Benefit(s) of project to East Montpelier:**

- **Primary benefit:** The trail easement will directly enhance the network of multipurpose recreational trails and recreational access to lands and waters on conserved properties.
- **Related benefit:** The larger conservation project involving the Lylehaven Lane parcel will serve to maintain the rural, working, land-based character of East Montpelier through: conserving important agricultural lands

**Current use(s) of the land:** Dairy farm, VAST trails.

**Current restriction(s) on the land, if any:** None.

**What funding options have been explored? Indicate dollar amounts:** East Montpelier Conservation Fund grant of \$5,000 would leverage \$20,000 in State of Vermont funds through a Vermont Housing and Conservation Board grant.

**If agricultural land, has it been evaluated through available standard criteria:** Yes.

**Is this land mentioned in any other land study? Please describe:** Yes - "Conceptual Alignment Analysis for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities on the Cross Vermont Trail in East Montpelier, Vermont. STP Tech(1)S EMP-94-017; March 8, 1996, prepared by Pinkham Engineering"; and perhaps others.

**What will insure that the property will remain in the use proposed?** Permanent Easement.

**Signature of owner/official representative:**

**Date:** 9/14/2019



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**East Montpelier Conservation Fund Advisory Committee Actions:**

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