
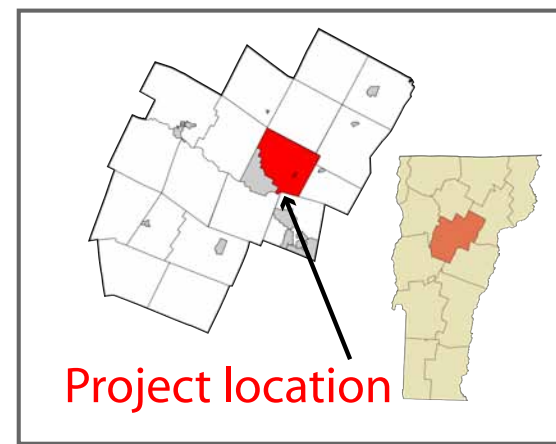
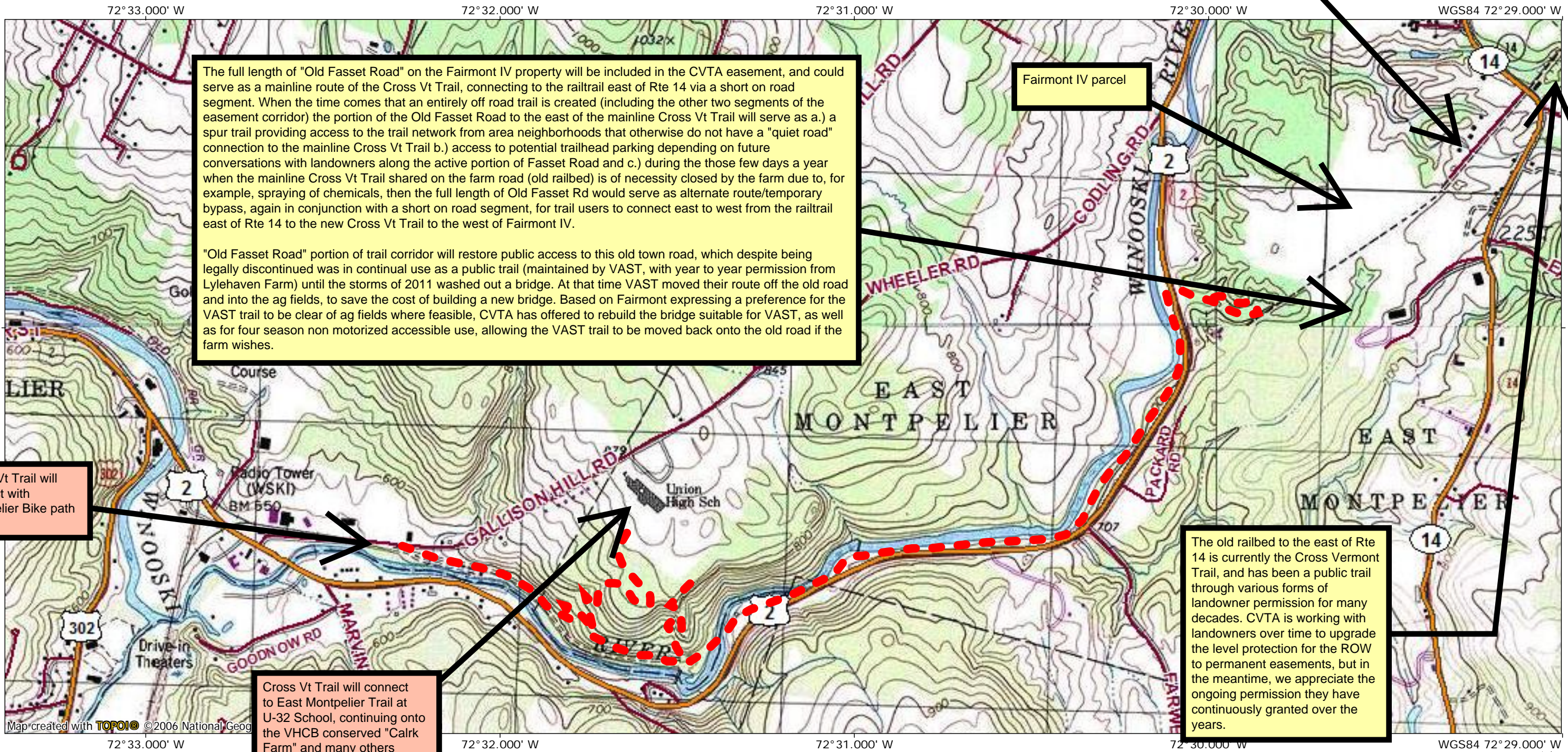


# Cross Vermont Trail LOCATION MAP

 = alignment of trail route, showing location of project area  
 Showing current trail project to connect between Fairmont IV property and Montpelier Bike Path at Gallison Hill Rd.



Between Fairmont IV parcel and Rte 14 the old railbed is a private road, ownership is by various smaller abutters. In the past, the fact that farm was not available for trail meant that these smaller landowners questioned the value of spending time considering allowing trail on their property. Now that farm has agreed to a ROW, look forward to talking with these owners. The trail could possibly be on the railbed, or another possibility is that there could be a newly constructed path generally parallel to the railbed. In any case, we are excited to now be at the point where this conversation can be meaningfully had with all concerned.



The full length of "Old Fasset Road" on the Fairmont IV property will be included in the CVTA easement, and could serve as a mainline route of the Cross Vt Trail, connecting to the railtrail east of Rte 14 via a short on road segment. When the time comes that an entirely off road trail is created (including the other two segments of the easement corridor) the portion of the Old Fasset Road to the east of the mainline Cross Vt Trail will serve as a.) a spur trail providing access to the trail network from area neighborhoods that otherwise do not have a "quiet road" connection to the mainline Cross Vt Trail b.) access to potential trailhead parking depending on future conversations with landowners along the active portion of Fasset Road and c.) during the those few days a year when the mainline Cross Vt Trail shared on the farm road (old railbed) is of necessity closed by the farm due to, for example, spraying of chemicals, then the full length of Old Fasset Rd would serve as alternate route/temporary bypass, again in conjunction with a short on road segment, for trail users to connect east to west from the railtrail east of Rte 14 to the new Cross Vt Trail to the west of Fairmont IV.

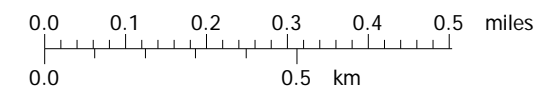
"Old Fasset Road" portion of trail corridor will restore public access to this old town road, which despite being legally discontinued was in continual use as a public trail (maintained by VAST, with year to year permission from Lylehaven Farm) until the storms of 2011 washed out a bridge. At that time VAST moved their route off the old road and into the ag fields, to save the cost of building a new bridge. Based on Fairmont expressing a preference for the VAST trail to be clear of ag fields where feasible, CVTA has offered to rebuild the bridge suitable for VAST, as well as for four season non motorized accessible use, allowing the VAST trail to be moved back onto the old road if the farm wishes.

Fairmont IV parcel

Cross Vt Trail will connect with Montpelier Bike path here.

Cross Vt Trail will connect to East Montpelier Trail at U-32 School, continuing onto the VHCB conserved "Calrk Farm" and many others throughout town.

The old railbed to the east of Rte 14 is currently the Cross Vermont Trail, and has been a public trail through various forms of landowner permission for many decades. CVTA is working with landowners over time to upgrade the level protection for the ROW to permanent easements, but in the meantime, we appreciate the ongoing permission they have continuously granted over the years.





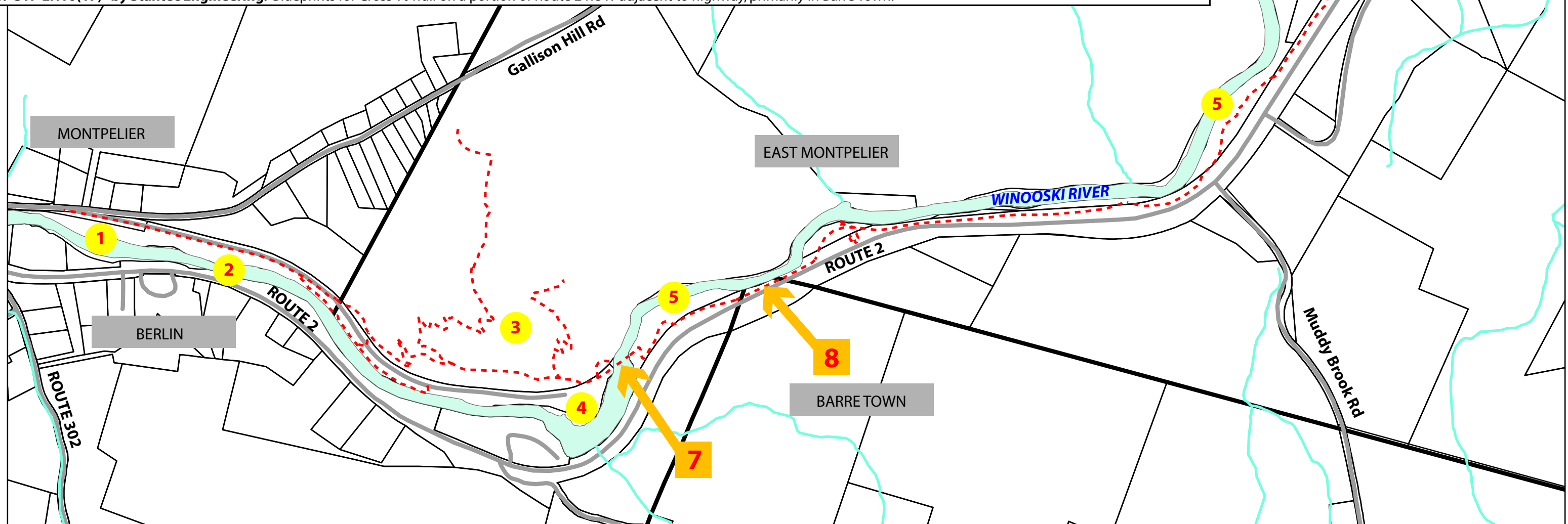
PROPERTIES INCLUDED IN PROJECT AREA AND KEY TO ATTACHED DETAIL PLAN SETS

**Sketch plans of details for work on each of the parcels the trail project crosses:**

- 1. City of Montpelier.** Cross Vt Trail route and parking area located on portion of former railroad bed (now "Powerplant Rd") owned by City of Montpelier. Detail for proposed work, including connection with future Montpelier Bike Path at intersection with Gallison Hill Rd, shown on attached sketch plans for City parcel.
- 2. Green Mountain Power.** Cross Vt Trail route on portion of former railroad bed (now "Powerplant Rd") owned by GMP. "Penstock Trail" hiking trail for river access on adjacent parcel also owned by GMP. Details shown on attached sketch plans for GMP parcel and also on attached blueprint for "Stantec Engineers CVRT(2)".
- 3. U-32 School.** Cross Vt Trail to be constructed west to east across the property, and other trails to be constructed to connect to School, and to form a loop with existing school trail network. Details shown on attached sketch plans for U-32 parcel and also on attached blueprint for "Stantec Engineers CVRT(2)".
- 4. Winooski Hydroelectric Co.** Cross Vt Trail, including Winooski River bridge, to be constructed on WHC property, and various smaller trails for portaging and river access to be expanded and improved. Details as shown on attached recreation plan for WHC and also on attached blueprint for "Stantec Engineers CVRT(2)".
- 5. State of Vermont.** Cross Vt Trail, including Winooski River bridge, small parking area, and river access/fishing platform, to be constructed for some distance on State owned land located between Rte 2 and the Winooski River - alternating between lands administered by Vt Dept of Fish and Wildlife and land within the VTrans administered Rte 2 ROW. Details shown on attached sketch plan for State parcels, as well as two sets of blueprints by Stantec Engineers, for "CVRT(2)" and for "EH10(17)".
- 6. Town of East Montpelier.** Cross Vt Trail route, and additional trail to form a loop, on Town of East Montpelier property, and a small amount on neighboring private (Habitat for Humanity) property. Detail shown on attached sketch plan for Town parcel.

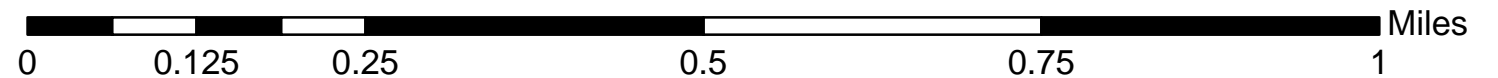
**And additional engineered blueprints showing project details:**

- 7. "STP CVRT(2)/EH06(3)" by Stantec Engineering.** Blueprints for Cross Vt Trail construction on a portion of property of GMP, U-32, WHC, and State, including bridge over Winooski River.
- 8. "STP EH10(17)" by Stantec Engineering.** Blueprints for Cross Vt Trail on a portion of Route 2 ROW adjacent to highway, primarily in Barre Town.



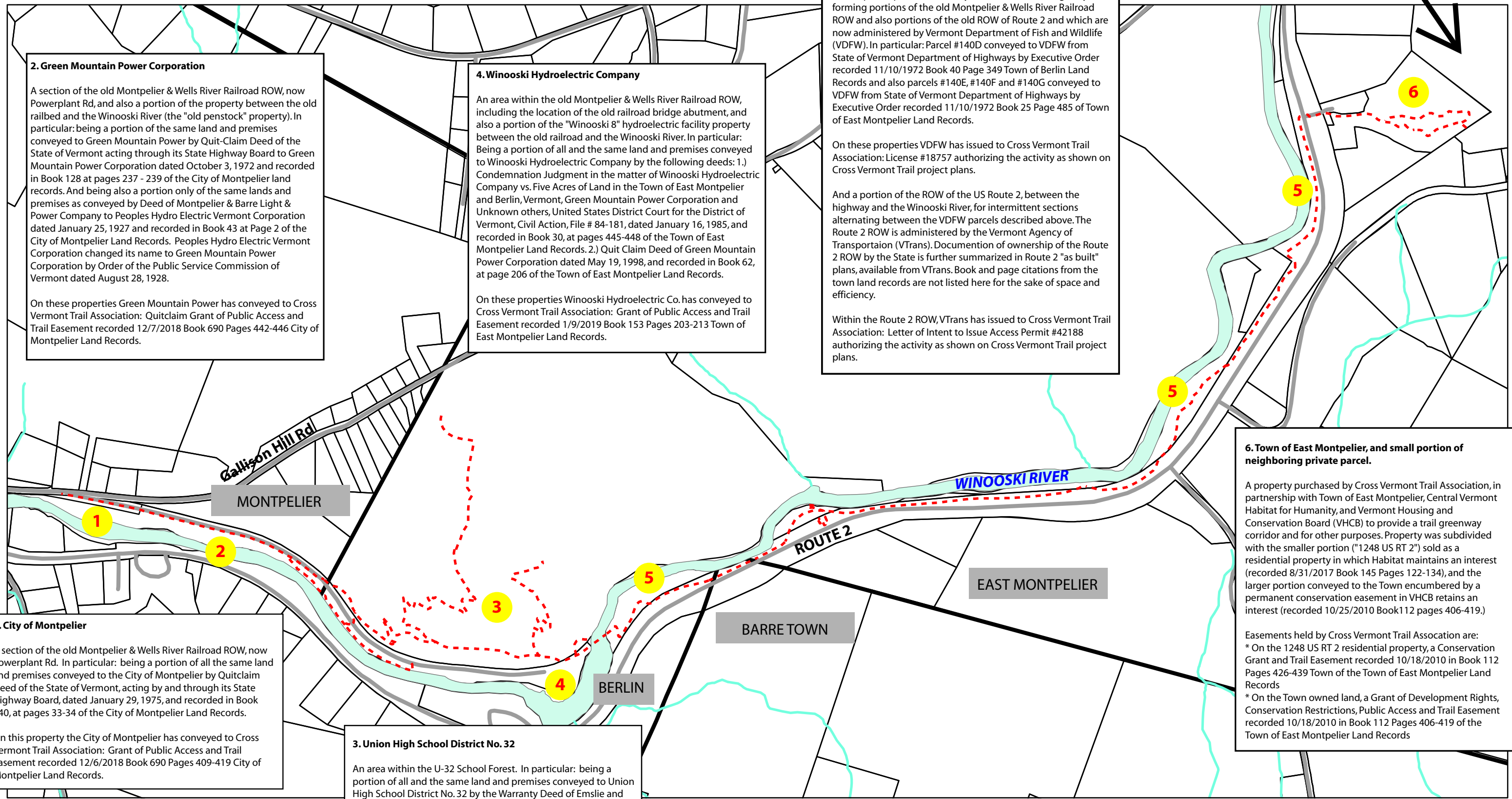
Cross Vermont Trail PROJECT AREA

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# Cross Vermont Trail RIGHT-OF-WAY SUMMARY

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**2. Green Mountain Power Corporation**

A section of the old Montpelier & Wells River Railroad ROW, now Powerplant Rd, and also a portion of the property between the old railbed and the Winooski River (the "old penstock" property). In particular: being a portion of the same land and premises conveyed to Green Mountain Power by Quit-Claim Deed of the State of Vermont acting through its State Highway Board to Green Mountain Power Corporation dated October 3, 1972 and recorded in Book 128 at pages 237 - 239 of the City of Montpelier land records. And being also a portion only of the same lands and premises as conveyed by Deed of Montpelier & Barre Light & Power Company to Peoples Hydro Electric Vermont Corporation dated January 25, 1927 and recorded in Book 43 at Page 2 of the City of Montpelier Land Records. Peoples Hydro Electric Vermont Corporation changed its name to Green Mountain Power Corporation by Order of the Public Service Commission of Vermont dated August 28, 1928.

On these properties Green Mountain Power has conveyed to Cross Vermont Trail Association: Quitclaim Grant of Public Access and Trail Easement recorded 12/7/2018 Book 690 Pages 442-446 City of Montpelier Land Records.

**4. Winooski Hydroelectric Company**

An area within the old Montpelier & Wells River Railroad ROW, including the location of the old railroad bridge abutment, and also a portion of the "Winooski 8" hydroelectric facility property between the old railroad and the Winooski River. In particular: Being a portion of all and the same land and premises conveyed to Winooski Hydroelectric Company by the following deeds: 1.) Condemnation Judgment in the matter of Winooski Hydroelectric Company vs. Five Acres of Land in the Town of East Montpelier and Berlin, Vermont, Green Mountain Power Corporation and Unknown others, United States District Court for the District of Vermont, Civil Action, File # 84-181, dated January 16, 1985, and recorded in Book 30, at pages 445-448 of the Town of East Montpelier Land Records. 2.) Quit Claim Deed of Green Mountain Power Corporation dated May 19, 1998, and recorded in Book 62, at page 206 of the Town of East Montpelier Land Records.

On these properties Winooski Hydroelectric Co. has conveyed to Cross Vermont Trail Association: Grant of Public Access and Trail Easement recorded 1/9/2019 Book 153 Pages 203-213 Town of East Montpelier Land Records.

**5. State of Vermont**

Four separate parcels owned by State of Vermont, originally forming portions of the old Montpelier & Wells River Railroad ROW and also portions of the old ROW of Route 2 and which are now administered by Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife (VDFW). In particular: Parcel #140D conveyed to VDFW from State of Vermont Department of Highways by Executive Order recorded 11/10/1972 Book 40 Page 349 Town of Berlin Land Records and also parcels #140E, #140F and #140G conveyed to VDFW from State of Vermont Department of Highways by Executive Order recorded 11/10/1972 Book 25 Page 485 of Town of East Montpelier Land Records.

On these properties VDFW has issued to Cross Vermont Trail Association: License #18757 authorizing the activity as shown on Cross Vermont Trail project plans.

And a portion of the ROW of the US Route 2, between the highway and the Winooski River, for intermittent sections alternating between the VDFW parcels described above. The Route 2 ROW is administered by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans). Documentation of ownership of the Route 2 ROW by the State is further summarized in Route 2 "as built" plans, available from VTrans. Book and page citations from the town land records are not listed here for the sake of space and efficiency.

Within the Route 2 ROW, VTrans has issued to Cross Vermont Trail Association: Letter of Intent to Issue Access Permit #42188 authorizing the activity as shown on Cross Vermont Trail project plans.

Fairmont IV property

**1. City of Montpelier**

A section of the old Montpelier & Wells River Railroad ROW, now Powerplant Rd. In particular: being a portion of all the same land and premises conveyed to the City of Montpelier by Quitclaim Deed of the State of Vermont, acting by and through its State Highway Board, dated January 29, 1975, and recorded in Book 140, at pages 33-34 of the City of Montpelier Land Records.

On this property the City of Montpelier has conveyed to Cross Vermont Trail Association: Grant of Public Access and Trail Easement recorded 12/6/2018 Book 690 Pages 409-419 City of Montpelier Land Records.

**3. Union High School District No. 32**

An area within the U-32 School Forest. In particular: being a portion of all and the same land and premises conveyed to Union High School District No. 32 by the Warranty Deed of Emslie and Company, Inc. dated February 9, 1970 and recorded in Book 25, at page 51 of the Town of East Montpelier Land Records.

U-32 School property is encumbered by Land Use Permit 500003.

On this property U-32 has conveyed to Cross Vermont Trail Association: Grant of Public Access and Trail Easement recorded 11/19/2018 Book 152 Pages 164-174 Town of East Montpelier Land Records.

**6. Town of East Montpelier, and small portion of neighboring private parcel.**

A property purchased by Cross Vermont Trail Association, in partnership with Town of East Montpelier, Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity, and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) to provide a trail greenway corridor and for other purposes. Property was subdivided with the smaller portion ("1248 US RT 2") sold as a residential property in which Habitat maintains an interest (recorded 8/31/2017 Book 145 Pages 122-134), and the larger portion conveyed to the Town encumbered by a permanent conservation easement in VHCB retains an interest (recorded 10/25/2010 Book 112 pages 406-419.)

Easements held by Cross Vermont Trail Association are:

- \* On the 1248 US RT 2 residential property, a Conservation Grant and Trail Easement recorded 10/18/2010 in Book 112 Pages 426-439 Town of the Town of East Montpelier Land Records
- \* On the Town owned land, a Grant of Development Rights, Conservation Restrictions, Public Access and Trail Easement recorded 10/18/2010 in Book 112 Pages 406-419 of the Town of East Montpelier Land Records

