

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members

From: Sorsha Anderson, Senior Staff Associate

Date: December 14, 2022

Subject: Grant Request – JFO #3135

Enclosed please find one (1) item, which is being held for the Joint Fiscal Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

JFO #3135: A land acquisition of 448 acres from the Mount Holly Conservation Trust to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife to create a new Wildlife Management Area in the towns of Mount Holly and Weston. The MHCT is offering the parcels to the State at a significantly discounted price amounting to a land donation worth \$360,000.00. [Received 12/12/2022]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Sorsha Anderson: sanderson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions. A representative from the Department of Fish and Wildlife will be available to answer questions at the JFC meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

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STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

1. Agency:	Agency	y of Natural Resources	
2. Department:	FISH an	d Wildlife Department	
3. Program:	Lands	and Habitat	
4. Legal Title of Grant:	n/a		
5. Federal Catalog #:	n/a		
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If the Department does not accept this acquisition at a discounted purchase price it would not be able to provide permanent protection of a significant wildlife corridor and public access for hunting, angling, trapping and other wildlife-based recreation.

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Expenditures:	FY 23	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$670,000	\$	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$670,000	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$310,000	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
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(*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).



State of Vermont

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	STATE OF VERMONT FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM							
Grant Summary:		create a	To accept a bargain sale on two properties in Mount Holly and Weston, VT to create a new Wildlife Management Area. The property has been appraised for \$660,000 and the purchase price is \$300,000.					
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Grant/Donation		\$360.00	\$360,000					
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Fish & Wildlife Department 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2 Montpelier, Vermont 05620 www.vtfishandwildlife.com Agency of Natural Resources

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nick Kramer, Budget Analyst

FROM: Elizabeth Stratton, Financial Manager

SUBJECT: Grant Acceptance Request

DATE: December 5, 2022

Enclosed is a Request for Grant Acceptance (Form AA-1) for a property acquisition which will be purchased for \$360,000 below fair market value to be processed for approval. This acquisition will create a new Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Weston and Mount Holly, VT. The appraised fair market value of the land parcel is \$660,000, the Department plans to acquire the property for \$300,000 and expend \$10,000 in associated closing costs. The Department has sufficient revenue to cover maintenance and taxes into the future from its U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Grant and will be able to absorb the cost within the SFY23 budget, no need for an excess receipt.

The Department is requested an expedited review of this grant in order to seek Joint Fiscal Committee review at its December 14, 2022, meeting

Please let me know if you need any further information.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Jaye Pershing Johnson, Governor's Legal Counsel

From: Will Duane, Land Acquisition Coordinator

Date: November 2, 2022

RE: Governor's Approval Needed for a 448-acre Acquisition in Mount Holly and Weston, VT

Enclosed is an approval to be signed by Governor Scott for the acquisition of two parcels totaling 448 acres in the towns of Mount Holly and Weston. This acquisition would create a new Wildlife Management Area (WMA) spanning both towns with the primary purpose of preserving high-value black bear habitat. These parcels have been known to ANR staff for over a decade and have been identified for their contribution to a significant bear travel corridor that connects Okemo State Forest with Coolidge State Forest. This new WMA would create public access for a suite of wildlife-based activities including hunting, fishing, hiking, among other forms of compatible, dispersed outdoor recreation. Total costs for this project are approximately \$310,000 for acquisition and associated costs.

These two parcels were purchased earlier this year by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT), a non-profit land trust, after they were briefly listed for sale. MHCT has agreed to sell both parcels to the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife (VDFW) at a significant discount and has completed several pieces of the due diligence for this acquisition at no cost to the Department.

Funding for this acquisition is from the VDFW's bear habitat mitigation fund established from the Iberdrola Deerfield Wind stipulated PUC settlement in 2016. Included with the Governor's approval memo are maps of the property, a review and approval memo signed by ANR Secretary Moore, and letters of support from the Weston and Mount Holly Selectboards. Future management costs associated with VFWD owning this property will be supported by a federal Pittman Robertson grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Please review and respond within two weeks from receiving the documents if possible. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me directly at 802-522-7633 or at will.duane@vermont.gov

Thank you.

cc: Christopher Herrick, Commissioner Mark Scott, Wildlife Division Director



Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Office 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2 Building Montpelier VT 05620-3208 802-828-1454

MEMORANDUM

TO: Philip B. Scott, Governor

THROUGH: Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

FROM: Christopher Herrick, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

RE: Acquisition of 448 acres in Weston and Mount Holly, Vermont

DATE: November 2, 2022

Recommendation: Approve the acquisition of 238 acres in Mount Holly and 210 acres in

Weston to create a new Wildlife Management Area.

Description

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (VDFW) is working with the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) to acquire 448 acres in the towns of Mount Holly and Weston to create a new Wildlife Management Area. These properties have been known to ANR staff for over a decade because of their significant contribution to the Okemo wildlife corridor. The parcels were previously approved for acquisition by former-Secretary Markowitz and though the Mount Holly parcel was appraised, and plans were made for acquisition, the project did not move forward because of a lack of available funding.

The parcels were briefly listed for sale in 2021, for a combined total of \$720,000. Recognizing the conservation value of the land and the substantial development pressure, MHCT engaged the landowners to discuss the potential purchase of both parcels. To help fund its purchase, MHCT secured a significant financial commitment from a private funder. VDFW, The Department of Forests Parks and Recreation (VFPR), and the Vermont Land Trust provided guidance and formulated a plan for a subsequent bargain sale to ANR after MHCT's acquisition of both parcels. MHCT has agreed to sell the parcels to VDFW for \$300,000 for the creation of a new Wildlife Management Area (WMA). MHCT purchased the parcels earlier in 2022 and has since completed several due diligence steps including an updated appraisal, a Phase I ESA, and title review at no expense to ANR

Funding for this acquisition will come from VDFW's bear habitat mitigation fund from the Deerfield Wind Public Utility Commission stipulated permit agreement in 2016, which provide close to \$1,000,000 for bear habitat research and land acquisition. The Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) was a party to that stipulated agreement and has approved VDFW's use of these funds for this acquisition. The \$300,000 used in this acquisition represents one half of the balance remaining in the mitigation fund. Forest Legacy Program funds from VFPR will

be used to cover closing costs such as attorney's fees; this arrangement will designate the parcel as a "match tract" of the Forest Legacy Program.

Background and Significance:

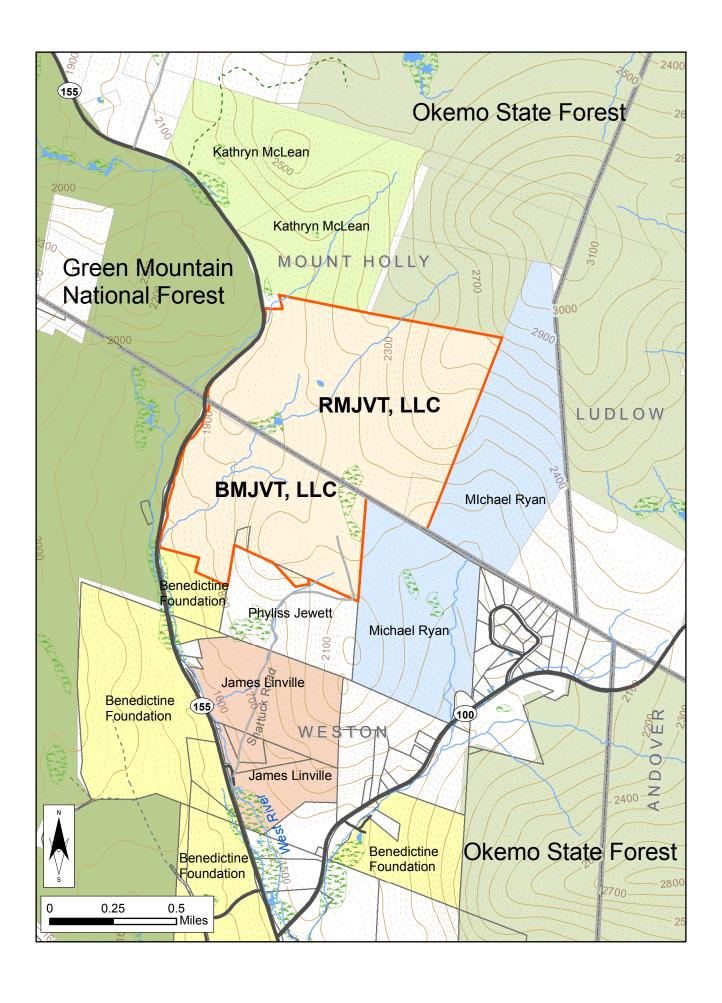
Access to the land is provided off Vermont Route 100; the 210-acre Weston parcel has approximately 670 feet of frontage on the roadway, and affords access to the 238-acre, landlocked Mount Holly parcel via a woods road. A state-owned and maintained concrete box culvert beneath this stretch of roadway also facilitates wildlife travel in the area. A headwater stream of the West River runs through the parcel and this culvert and is identified by Vermont Conservation Design as a Highest Priority Riparian Area, having Riparian Wildlife Connectivity, and as a significant Terrestrial and Riparian Wildlife Road Crossing where it crosses under Route 100.

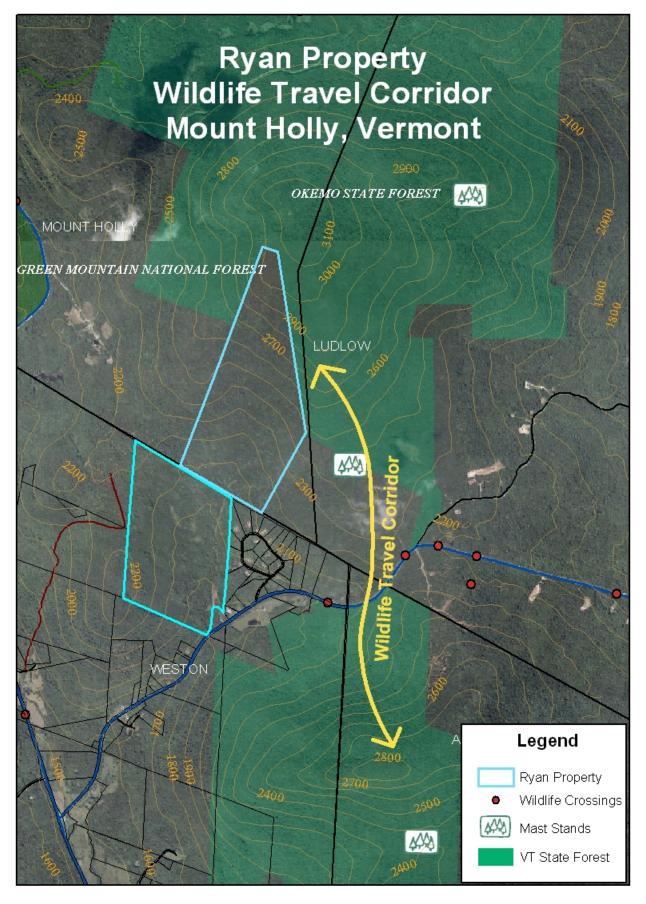
Vermont Conservation Design also identifies the land as part of a Priority Interior Forest Block and a Highest Priority Connectivity Block. Through its past planning to protect the wildlife corridor between Route 155 and Route 4, ANR identified these parcels as high priority parcels for protection. VDFW staff conducted a site visit to the property in 2021 and confirmed the presence of bear-scarred beech and bear sign. The forested property rises toward South Mountain, which sits just north of the property at 3,215 feet in elevation. The Mount Holly parcel borders Okemo State Forest along its northern boundaries, while the Weston parcel provides connectivity across Route 100 and the "Pace" block of Okemo State Forest to the south. Both properties contain large beech stands which produce significant quantities of mast food for black bear and other wildlife species in the area.

In addition to their significant ecological values, these parcels will provide public access for hunting, angling, trapping and wildlife viewing as well as dispersed non-motorized, non-mechanized, activities like hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. The selectboards in both towns voted to approve these sales to ANR and their letters of support are attached. Acquisition of these properties will create a significant block of permanently conserved, high-quality bear habitat and landscape connectivity and represents exactly the type of property that the mitigation fund was established to conserve. Funds for the continued maintenance of the WMA will come from VDFW's annual land management budget.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF LAND

We the undersigned, hereby approve the acquisition the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fi	1 1 7 7
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V.S.A. §4144 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated. 12/8/22 Date	Philip B. Scott Governor State of Vermont
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Date	Christopher Herrick
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

THROUGH: Christopher Herrick, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

FROM: Will Duane, Land Acquisition Coordinator

SUBJECT: Acquisition of 448 acres in Weston and Mount Holly to create a new

Wildlife Management Area.

DATE: August 11, 2022

Recommendation: Approve the acquisition of 238 acres in Mount Holly and 210 acres in Weston as a new Wildlife Management Area.

Landowner: Mount Holly Conservation Trust

Location: Mount Holly and Weston

Acreage: 448 LAP Number: 2043

Type of Acquisition: Fee Acquisition

Partner: Mount Holly Conservation Trust, **Recommended Funding:** VDFW Bear Habitat Mitigation Fund

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$300,000 for acquisition; \$6,000 for closing costs

Background and Significance:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (VDFW) is working with the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) to acquire 448 acres in the towns of Mount Holly and Weston to create a new Wildlife Management Area. These properties have been known to ANR staff for several decades and are known as the "Ryan parcels," of the Okemo wildlife corridor. The Agency last considered the acquisition of these parcels in 2015 (LAP #1854). At the time, the parcels were identified for their contribution to the significant bear corridor in the area, were slated for acquisition with FPR's Okemo Bear Habitat Mitigation Fund (FPR utilized the remainder of this fund on the 2020 "McLean" acquisition) and were approved for acquisition by the Land Acquisition Review Committee and then-Secretary Markowitz. Though FPR had the Mount Holly parcel appraised in 2015, the conservation project never moved forward.

The parcels were briefly listed for sale in 2021, for a combined total of \$720,000. Recognizing the conservation value of the land and the substantial development pressure, the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) engaged the landowners to discuss the potential purchase of both parcels. To help fund its purchase, MHCT secured a significant financial commitment from a private funder. VDFW, FPR, and the Vermont Land Trust provided guidance and formulated a plan for a subsequent bargain sale to ANR after MHCT's acquisition of both parcels. MHCT has agreed to sell the parcels to VDFW for \$300,000. MHCT has since purchased the parcels and is conducting further due diligence including an updated appraisal, a Phase I ESA, and title review. Though forested with no structures, MHCT identified the presence of old mechanical equipment, vehicles and storage tanks on the property which have since been removed.

Access to the land is provided off Vermont Route 100; the 210-acre Weston parcel has approximately 670 feet of frontage on the roadway, and affords access to the 238-acre, landlocked Mount Holly parcel via a woods road. A state-owned and maintained concrete box culvert beneath this stretch of roadway could facilitate wildlife travel in the area. A 2017 inspection found the culvert to be "in fair to poor condition," which creates an opportunity for the structure to be replaced with a wildlife friendly design in the future. A headwater stream of the West River runs through this culvert and is identified by Vermont Conservation Design as a Highest Priority Riparian Area, having Riparian Wildlife Connectivity, and as a significant Terrestrial and Riparian Wildlife Road Crossing where it crosses under Route 100.

Vermont Conservation Design also identifies the land as part of a Priority Interior Forest Block and a Highest Priority Connectivity Block. Through its past planning to protect the wildlife corridor between Route 155 and Route 4, ANR identified these parcels as high priority parcels for protection. VDFW staff conducted a site visit to the property in 2021 and confirmed the presence of bear-scarred beech and bear sign. The forested property rises toward South Mountain, which sits just north of the property at 3,215 feet in elevation. The Mount Holly parcel borders Okemo State Forest along its northern boundaries, while the Weston parcel provides connectivity across Route 100 and the "Pace" block of Okemo State Forest to the south.

Funding for this acquisition will come from VDFW's bear habitat mitigation fund from the Deerfield Wind Public Utility Commission stipulated agreement. VNRC was a party to that stipulated agreement and has approved VDFW's use of these funds for this acquisition. The \$300,000 used in this acquisition represents one half of the balance of the mitigation fund. Forest Legacy Program funds from FPR will be used to cover closing costs such as attorney's fees; this arrangement will designate the parcel as a "match tract" of the Forest Legacy Program. Acquisition of this land by ANR would build off the Agency's efforts to protect the area's wildlife corridor, as well as the recent "McLean" acquisition, through which, FPR added 345 acres to Okemo State Forest, with funding from the federal Forest Legacy Program and VDFW. VDFW and FPR acquisition staff brought this project to the Springfield DST seeking input on whether the property would best serve as a WMA or an addition to state forests. It was determined, partly because the bulk of the funding will come from VDFW, that this project would make most sense as a new WMA. The Mount Holly and Weston Selectboards have voted to approve VDFW's acquisition of these parcels from the MHCT.

Approval for Development of a Conservation Project

I hereby approve the development of a land acquisition project for the 'Ryan parcels' located in Weston and Mount Holly, Vermont. This approval authorizes Department staff to pursue the development of this project and does not supersede other requirements, statutory, regulatory, procedural or policy, for the State of Vermont to accept interest in real property (e.g., Governor Approval).

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Date	Julie Moore, Secretary
	Agency of Natural Resources

Town of Mount Holly PO Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758 (802) 259-2391



OFFICE HOURS 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday Closed Fridays

16 June, 2022

Dear Mr. Duane,

After reviewing your proposal summarizing the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife's (VDFW) proposed acquisition and discussing the project further with Department staff at our Selectboard meeting on June 14, 2022, we are writing to affirm our support of the VDFW's acquisition of a 238-acre parcel in Mount Holly for the creation of a new Wildlife Management Area.

Thank you for meeting with us.

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Sincerely,

Diana Garrow

Mount Holly Select Board

Selectboard
Town of Weston
P.O. Box 98
Weston, VT. 05161

September 27th, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Weston Selectboard supports The Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) in their planned transfer of ownership of the 210.9-acre parcel formerly owned by Michael and Jacqueline Ryan, Span number 732-233-10516 to the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Weston Selectboard Vice Chair Jim Linville

Appraisal Report of the



Real Property of Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc. 1642 VT Route 100 Weston, Vermont 05161

Written: June 7, 2022

Date of Inspection: May 27, 2022

Effective Date of the Value Opinion: May 27, 2022

> Prepared for: Ms. Brigid Sullivan

> > Mount Holly Conservation Trust

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Letter of Transmittal

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June 7, 2022

Ms. Brigid Sullivan Mount Holly Conservation Trust PO Box 85 Belmont, Vermont 05730

Appraisal of the Real Property of:

Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc.

1642 VT Route 100

Weston, Vermont 05161

Ms. Sullivan:

At your request I completed an appraisal of the real property of Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc. located at 1642 VT Route 100 in Weston, Vermont for the Mount Holly Conservation Trust, hereinafter known as the client. This is an appraisal report prepared under the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Standards Rule 2.2; presented in a narrative form according to the scope of work decision and commonly referred to in the profession as a 'summary' appraisal report. The purpose of this appraisal is to develop a supported opinion of the market value of the fee simple estate in the real property. The intended use of the appraisal is to assist the intended users while managing the property, investigating sources of funding, and considering a conservation easement upon the property. The intended user is the client, the Vermont Housing Conservation Board (VHCB), the Vermont Land Trust (VLT), and the State of Vermont who agree to only use the appraisal for these purposes. The function of this report is to present the data and reasoning I used to form an opinion of market value.

The real property appraised in this assignment is a total of 448.9 Acres of land located predominately along the northwest side of VT Route 100 in between the Weston and Ludlow village centers and along the west slope of Okemo Mountain. The road frontage and 210.9 Acres are located in the town of Weston; the remaining 238 Acres are located in the town of Mount Holly and accessed through the Weston parcel. The site is improved with a gate-secured graveled access drive and logging road from the VT Route 100 frontage to the north end of the parcel; there are no building improvements. From the VT Route 100 frontage the site slopes up gently to the north, rising roughly 800' in elevation over



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9,400' or an average slope of 8.5% which is common and typical of the market area. The site is adjacent to the Okemo State Forest and is enrolled in Vermont's Use Value Appraisal program. The site is unentitled and has no elements of functional or external obsolescence.

There are no extraordinary assumptions or hypothetical conditions in this assignment.

As a result of the investigation and analysis the opinion of the market value of the fee simple estate in the real property, as of May 27, 2022 is:

Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars { \$660,000 }

The global outbreak of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020. On the effective date of this assignment many COVID-related restrictions remain in place; these vary greatly by state, county, and municipality. Substantial turmoil has occurred in financial markets. Due to the ever-developing situation it is not possible at this time to quantify long-term effects on the market for the subject property. The value opinion contained in this appraisal report is based on an analysis of market data available on the effective date of this assignment and the client is cautioned the conclusions presented in this appraisal report apply only as of the effective date. I make no representation of the effect on the subject property of any unforeseen event after the effective date. The client is strongly advised to consider ordering another appraisal when the effects of this shock to the market are evident and can be directly analyzed in terms of marketability and value. Please refer to the Market Analysis section that contains data and interviews with market participants relative to the current situation.

Respectfully submitted;

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Sean A. Sargeant, MAI, SRA

Certified General Real Estate Appraiser

VT 080-0056977 NHCG-935



General Underlying Assumptions and Limiting Conditions

The legal description used in the report is assumed correct. No responsibility is assumed in connection with a survey, or for encroachments, or overlapping, or other discrepancies that might be revealed thereby. Any sketches included in the report are only for the purpose of aiding the reader in visualizing the property.

No responsibility is assumed for an opinion of a legal nature, such as to ownership of the property or condition of title. The appraiser assumes the title to the property to be marketable; that, unless stated to the contrary, the property is appraised as an unencumbered fee, which is not used in violation of acceptable ordinances, statutes, or other governmental regulations.

The appraiser assumes there are no hidden or unapparent conditions on the property, subsoil, or structures, which would render it more or less valuable than otherwise comparable property. The appraiser is not an expert in determining the presence or absence of hazardous substance, defined as all hazardous or toxic materials, waste, pollutants or contaminants, (including but not limited to asbestos, PCB, UFFI, or other raw materials or chemicals) used in construction or otherwise present on the property. The appraiser assumes no responsibility for the studies or analysis, which would be required to conclude the presence or absence of such substances or for loss in value as a result of the presence of such substances. The client is urged to retain an expert in this field, if desired. The value estimate in this report assumes that the property is not so affected.

Information, estimates, and opinions furnished to the appraiser and contained in this report, were obtained from sources considered reliable and believed to be true and correct. However, no responsibility for accuracy of such items furnished the appraiser can be assumed by the appraiser.

All mortgages, liens, encumbrances, and servitudes have been disregarded unless so specified within the appraisal report. The subject property is appraised as though under responsible ownership and competent management.

It is assumed that all applicable zoning and use regulations and restrictions have been complied with, unless a nonconforming use has been stated, defined, and considered in the valuation. It is assumed that the subject property complies with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations and laws, unless noncompliance is stated, defined and considered in the valuation.

It is assumed that the information relating to the location of or existence of public utilities is correct. No warranty has been made regarding the exact location or capacities of public utility systems.

It is assumed that all licenses, consents or other legislative or administrative authority from local, state, or national governmental or private entity or organizations have been, or can be, obtained or renewed for any use on which the value estimate contained in the valuation report is based.

The appraiser will not be required to give testimony or appear in court due to preparing the appraisal with reference to the subject property in question unless prior arrangements have been made.

Possession of the report does not carry with it the right of publication. Out-of-context quoting from or partial reprinting of this appraisal report is not authorized. Further, neither all nor any part of this appraisal report shall be disseminated to the general public by the use of media for public communication without the prior consent of the appraiser signing the report.

Disclosure of the contents of this report is governed by the By-Laws and Regulations of the Appraisal Institute. Neither all nor any part of the contents of this report shall be disseminated to the public through advertising media, public relations media, or any other public means of communication without the prior written consent and approval of the author, particularly as to valuation, conclusions, the identity of the appraiser or firm with which the appraiser is connected, or any reference to the Appraisal Institute, MAI or SRA designation.

The distribution of the total value in this report, between land and improvements, is applicable only as a part of the whole property. The land value, or the separate value of the improvements, must not be used in conjunction with any other appraisal or estimate and is invalid if so used.

No environmental or concurrent impact studies were either requested or made in conjunction with this appraisal report. The appraiser, thereby, reserves the right to alter, amend, revise, or resend any of the value opinions based upon subsequent environmental or concurrent impact studies, research, or investigation as of the effect date of the value opinion.

An appraisal related to an estate in land that is less than the whole fee simple estate applies only to the fractional interest involved. The value of this fractional interest plus the value of the other fractional interests may or may not equal the value of the entire fee simple estate considered as a whole. The appraisal report related to a geographical portion of a larger parcel is



applied only to such geographical portion and should not be considered as applying with equal validity to other portions of the larger parcel or tract. The value for such geographical portions plus the value of all other geographical portions may or may not equal the value of the entire parcel or tract considered as an entity.

If the appraisal is subject to any proposed improvements or additions being completed as set forth in the plans, specifications and representations referred to in this report it is assumed that this work would be performed in a good and workmanlike manner. If the appraisal is further subject to the proposed improvements or additions being constructed in accordance with the regulations of the local, county and state authorities. The plans, specifications, and representations referred to are an integral part of the appraisal report when new construction or new additions, renovations, refurbishing, or remodeling applies.

If the appraisal is used for mortgage loan purposes, the appraiser invites attention to the fact that (1) the equity cash requirements of the sponsor have not been analyzed, (2) the loan ratio has not been suggested and (3) the amortization method and term have not been suggested.

The function of the report is not for use in conjunction with a syndication of real property. This report cannot be used for said purposes and therefore, any use of this report relating to syndication activities is strictly prohibited and unauthorized. If such an unauthorized use of this report takes place, it is understood and agreed that The O Man, Inc. & Sargeant Appraisal Service have no liability to the client and/or parties.

It is assumed that the property has all the necessary state and local permits to be used as configured.

It is assumed that the subject building(s), when present, are in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act that went into effect on January 26, 1992 for all public buildings. If any building is not in compliance and the owners are not making the necessary changes to satisfy the law, then the value in this report may not be valid.

It is assumed that the rental information supplied by others and quoted in this report is accurate. The appraiser assumes no responsibility for independently verifying this information. If the client has any questions regarding this data, it is the client's responsibility to seek whatever independent verification is deemed necessary.

It is assumed that the date of value to which the opinions expressed in this report apply is set forth in the letter of transmittal. The appraiser assumes no responsibility for economic or physical factors occurring at some later date, which may affect the opinions herein stated.

No 'engineering survey' has been made by the appraiser. All engineering is assumed to be correct. Except as specifically stated, data relative to size and area were taken from sources considered reliable, and no encroachment of real property improvements is assumed to exist.

It is assumed that the appraiser has personally inspected the subject property and finds no obvious evidence of structural deficiencies except as stated in the report. However, no responsibility for hidden defects or conformity to specific governmental requirements, such as fire, building and safety or occupancy codes, can be assumed without provisions of specific professional or governmental inspections.

It is assumed that no opinion is expressed as to the value of subsurface oil, gas, or mineral rights and that the property is not subject to surface entry for the exploration of removal of such materials except as expressly stated.

It is assumed that there is full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations and laws unless noncompliance is stated, defined, and considered in the appraisal report.

It is assumed that all applicable zoning and use regulations and restrictions have been complied with, unless a non-conformity has been stated, defined, and considered in the appraisal report.

It is assumed that all licenses, certificates of occupancy, consents, or other legislative or administrative authority from any local, state, or national government or private organization have been or can be obtained or renewed for any use on which the value estimate contained in this report is based.

It is assumed that no opinion is intended to be expressed for legal matters or that would require specialized investigation or knowledge beyond that ordinarily employed by real estate appraisers, although such matters may be discussed in this report.

Information concerning sale transactions has been confirmed by either the buyer, seller or a third party. Every attempt has been made to verify this information by the appraiser and it is assumed to be reliable. It is specifically assumed that the sales information noted herein is correct.



No detailed soil studies covering the subject property were available to the appraiser. Therefore, premises as to soil qualities employed in this report are not conclusive but have been considered consistent with information available to the appraiser.

That septic system information, when present, is provided by the Realtor, seller or other party and is assumed to be adequate unless otherwise noted. The appraiser is not qualified to determine the capacity, condition, or legal use of the system. This information is difficult to find and may represent opinion rather than fact.

Although no termite inspection report was available, the appraiser personally inspected the subject property and found no significant evidence of termite damage or infestation. A professional inspection is suggested.

Acceptance and/or use of this appraisal report constitutes acceptance of the foregoing Statements and Conditions. The appraisers' duties, pursuant to the employment to make the appraisal are complete upon delivery and acceptance of the appraisal report. However, any corrections or errors should be called to the attention of the appraiser within 60 days of delivery of the report.

In addition to all other terms and conditions agreed to at the time of engagement, appraiser and client agree that the appraiser's services under the agreement, this appraisal report, and any use of the information developed as part of this assignment will be subject to the statements, limiting conditions and other terms set forth in this appraisal report. The appraiser's standard appraisal statements, limiting conditions and terms are incorporated herein. The appraiser may determine additional conditions and terms affecting the appraisal during performance of this assignment which may be identified in this report.

The liability of The O Man, Inc. and Sargeant Appraisal Service is limited to the client only and only up to the amount of the fee actually received for the assignment. Furthermore, there is no accountability, obligation, or liability to any third party. If this report is delivered to anyone other than the client, the client shall make such party aware of all limiting conditions and assumptions of the assignment and any related discussions.

This appraisal report and all of the appraiser's work in connection with this assignment are subject to the limiting terms and conditions stated in this report. Any use of the appraisal by any party, regardless of whether such use is authorized or intended by the appraiser, constitutes acceptance of all such limiting conditions and terms.

Unless the time frame is shorter under applicable law, any legal action or claim relating to the appraisal or Appraiser's services shall be filed in court (or the applicable arbitration tribunal, if the parties to the dispute have executed an arbitration agreement) within two (2) years from the date of delivery to the Client of the appraisal report to which the claims or causes of action relate or, in the case of acts or conduct after delivery of the report, two (2) years after the date of alleged acts or conduct. The time frame stated in this section shall not be extended by any delay in the discovery or accrual of the underlying claims, causes of action or damages. The time frame stated in this section shall apply to all non-criminal claims or causes of action of any type.

Legal claims or causes of action relating to the appraisal are not transferrable or assignable to a third party, except; (1) as the result of a merger, consolidation, sale or purchase of a legal entity, (2) with regard to the collection of a bona fide existing debt for services but then only to the extent of the total compensation for the appraisal plus reasonable interest, or (3) in the case of an appraisal performed in connection with the origination of a mortgage loan, as part of the transfer or sale of the mortgage before an event of default on the mortgage or note or its legal equivalent.



Certification

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

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- The statements of facts contained in this report are true and correct.
- The reported analyses, opinions, and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions and are my personal, unbiased professional analysis, opinions, and conclusions.
- I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report and no personal interest with respect to the parties involved.
- I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or to the parties involved with this assignment.
- My engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results.
- My compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal.
- My analysis, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.
- I have made a personal inspection of the property that is the subject of this report.
- No one provided significant real property appraisal assistance to the person signing this certification.
- The use of this report is subject to the requirements of the Appraisal Institute relating to review by its duly authorized representatives.
- As of the date of this report, I have completed the continuing education program for Designated Members of the Appraisal Institute.
- The reported analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice of the Appraisal Institute.
- The client is advised, as they were at the time of engagement, that I have not performed any prior service on the property that is the subject of this report in the three-year period immediately preceding the acceptance of this assignment.

Sean Sargeant, MAI, SRA Certified General Real Estate Appraiser

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Summary of Important Facts and Conclusions

Property Address: 1642 VT Route 100

Weston, Vermont 05161

Owner: Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc.

Property Type: Vacant Land

Date of Report: June 7, 2022

Date of Inspection: May 27, 2022

Effective Date of Value Opinion: May 27, 2022

Site Data: 448.9 Acres, State H-Way Frontage, Unentitled

Building Improvements: None

Zoning: Weston: 'Rural' & 'Conservation'

Mount Holly: No Local Ordinance

State-Wide Act 250 applies

Purpose of the Appraisal: Develop an opinion of the market value of the fee simple estate in

the real property.

Total Assessed Value: \$348,090

2021-2022 Property Tax: \$7,220.52, without the UVA reduction

Exposure Time: Nine Months **Marketing Time:** Nine Months

Conditions on the Value: No Hypothetical Conditions

No Extraordinary Assumptions

Indications of Value: Cost Approach Not Supported

Income Approach Not Supported

Sales Comparison Approach \$660,000

Final Opinion of Value: Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars

{ \$660,000 }



Premises of the Appraisal

Every appraisal assignment begins with an understanding of the questions the client expects the appraisal to answer; seven elements must be clarified prior to any analysis:

- 1) Who is the client?
- 2) Who are the intended users?
- 3) What is the intended use?
- 4) What is the definition of value?
- 5) What is the effective date of value?
- 6) What are the relevant characteristics of the subject property and assignment?
- 7) What are the assignment conditions?

The client is the Mount Holly Conservation Trust. The intended user is the client, the VHCB, the VLT, and the State of Vermont. The intended use of the appraisal is to assist the intended users while managing the property, investigating sources of funding, and considering a conservation easement upon the property. The property was inspected on May 27, 2022; the effective date of the value conclusion is May 27, 2022. This report was written on June 7, 2022.

The definition of value is market value. For the purpose of this assignment, market value is the most probable price which a property should bring in a competitive and open market under all conditions requisite to a fair sale, the buyer and seller each acting prudently and knowledgeably, and assuming the price is not affected by undue stimulus.¹ Implicit in this definition are the consummation of a sale as of a specified date and the passing of title from seller to buyer under conditions whereby:

- Buyer and seller are typically motivated
- Both parties are well informed or well advised
- Both act in what they consider to be their own best interest
- A reasonable time is allowed for exposure in the open market
- Payment is made in terms of cash in U.S. dollars or in terms of financial arrangement comparable thereto
- The price represents the normal consideration for the property sold unaffected by special or creative financing or sales concessions granted by anyone associated with the sale

On the effective date of this assignment no portion of the real property was encumbered by a lease that would survive the hypothetical sale inherent in the definition of market value used in this assignment. A lease granting the rights of use and occupancy to others (lessees) is a reduction in the bundle of rights that make up the fee simple estate in the property and define a leased fee estate.

Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12CFR Part 34, dated August 24, 1990 (Section 34.42 Definitions)



Leased Fee Estate: A freehold ownership interest where the possessory interest has been granted to another party by creation of a contractual land-lord-tenant relationship. ²

However, the rights in real property appraised in this assignment are a fee simple estate.

Fee Simple Estate: Absolute ownership unencumbered by any other interest or estate, subject only to the limitations imposed by the governmental powers of taxation, eminent domain, police power and escheat.

There are no extraordinary assumptions or hypothetical conditions in this assignment.

The client is advised, as they were at the time of engagement that I provided no previous service on the subject property in the 36 months prior to the date of engagement in this assignment. Under 26 V.S.A. § 3322 I must disclose the total fee I was paid to prepare this specific analysis and report was \$3,000.

Scope of Work

To appraise the subject property, I:

- Performed a public records search for the subject property under COVID-related access restrictions to public records; including its assessment, property tax and a deeded description of the property that included a limited search for any private covenants, conditions, or restrictions (CC&R) that may affect marketability or value. However, I do not certify title.
- Performed a personal inspection of the subject's immediate neighborhood. Noted traffic patterns, external influences, and land uses in the immediate area that may affect the subject's marketability or value.
- Performed a readily apparent personal inspection³ of the subject site, noted its specific access points, collected data on site improvements such as driveways, landscaping, access to municipal water and sewer and standard overhead or underground utilities.
- Researched the subject site in the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) on-line Geographic Information System (GIS) that provides information on hazardous waste sites and generators, soils, topography, community tax maps, FEMA Flood Hazard and Flood Way

³ A 'readily apparent' inspection is a visual inspection made without an extraordinary effort to expose covered or hidden areas such as behind drop ceilings or inside crawl spaces. I did not perform an 'engineering inspection' because I am not a licensed civil engineer. The client is strongly encouraged to hire a licensed engineer if they need an opinion of the quality, condition, code compliance or integrity of any of the property's systems such as structural, heating, plumbing, septic, potable water or electrical.



² Throughout this document definitions presented in this format are from The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal, Fifth Edition, Chicago: Appraisal Institute, 2010.

- maps, and other geographic information that may affect the utility, appeal, value, and marketability of the subject property.
- Confirmed the zoning determination. However, no study to determine if the property meets all minimal setback distances, height requirements, water and/or sewer regulations, subdivision permits, or other rules or regulations required by the state or municipality where the property is located and that might affect its marketability or value was completed. It is beyond the scope of this valuation study to determine if the subject property is in compliance with all state and local laws and regulations and has a valid certificate of occupancy or other required permit.
- Completed a fundamental/inferred analysis of demand, depending on the type of data available in the market, for the subject property. Reconciled an opinion of its exposure time, marketing time, and identifying those comparable sales most likely to compete against the subject property.
- Completed a highest and best use analysis of the property to help identify external influences and functional obsolescence that may affect the subject property and identify its most likely user (buyer).
- Considered all three approaches to value. Any approach, which was applicable and had a reliable database was developed and reported.
- The cost approach has no rational basis in the valuation of raw land and was not employed.
- Performed research on market rental rates, operating expenses, overall capitalization rates and the price paid for leased fee estates. Concluded the income approach to value does not describe an operating market for the subject property.
- Completed a study of those most comparable sales in the subject's market area. Confirmed the comparable sales with an exterior inspection and at least one disinterested source, typically, the State of Vermont Property Transfer Record. Analyzed these data to determine both units of comparison and elements of comparison important to the market and constructed a comparable sales grid to form an indication of the subject's value.
- Reconciled the value indications into a single point value based on the quantity, quality, and reliability of the data, as well as the appropriateness of each valuation technique to the subject property and its most likely user.
- Completed this appraisal report.



Identification and History of the Property Appraised

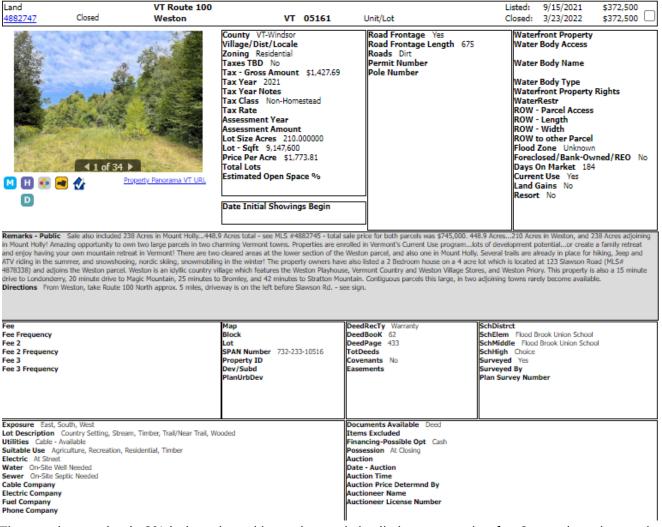
The real property appraised in this assignment is a total of 448.9 Acres of land located predominately along the northwest side of VT Route 100 in between the Weston and Ludlow village centers and along the west slope of Okemo Mountain. The road frontage and 210.9 Acres are located in the town of Weston; the remaining 238 Acres are located in the town of Mount Holly and accessed through the Weston parcel. The site is improved with a gate-secured graveled access drive and logging road from the VT Route 100 frontage to the north end of the parcel; there are no building improvements. From the VT Route 100 frontage the site slopes up gently to the north, rising roughly 800' in elevation over 9,400' or an average slope of 8.5% which is common and typical of the market area. The site is adjacent to the Okemo State Forest and is enrolled in Vermont's Use Value Appraisal program. The site is unentitled and has no elements of functional or external obsolescence.

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc. obtained the subject property in a warranty deed from Ryan on March 21, 2022 at a recorded price of \$733,825. The deed is provided as an addendum to this report however the client is advised that I do not certify title.

The subject property, all 448.9 Acres, was publicly offered for sale at an asking price of \$745,000 on September 15, 2021 as NEREN MLS 4882747, which also listed the Weston portion of the property for sale at \$372,500. The Mount Holly parcel was offered separately on the same date at \$345,000 as NEREN MLS 4882745.



MLS 4882747

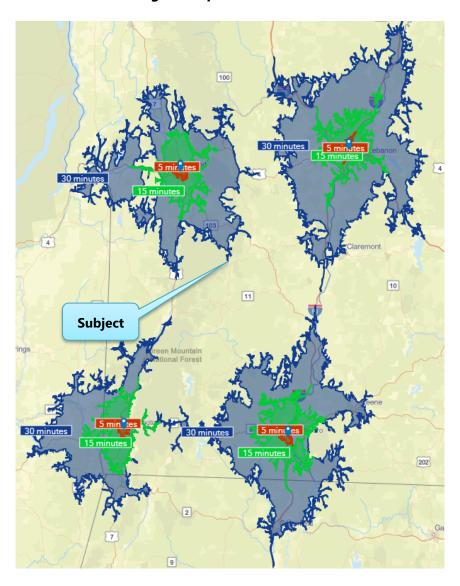


The purchase price is 2% below the asking price and the listing was active for 6 months prior to the sales, both in-line with the observed relationship between initial asking price, reduction prior to a sale, and days on market. The final opinion of market value developed in this assignment is 10% below the March '22 purchase price which may be due to a number of factors including buyer motivation and competition under COVID market conditions.



Regional Data

The subject property is nearly equidistant from the four major CBDs in southern Vermont; Rutland, White River Junction, Brattleboro, and Bennington;



Region Map and Drive Times

It is closest to the Rutland economic area. Rutland [City] is Vermont's fourth largest city, the largest south of the Burlington/South Burlington MSA, and the county seat. Rutland was initially developed C-1770 as a crossroad of local highways and rivers. The early development of Rutland is closely linked to the 'Rutland & Burlington' and the 'Rutland & Whitehall' Railroads, established in the mid 1800's to export marble and slate from local quarries to population centers along the east coast of the United States. The regional population peaked C-1920 as the Vermont Marble Company, established C-1880 in nearby Sunderland Falls, created demand for stone-working, tools and equipment that resulted in



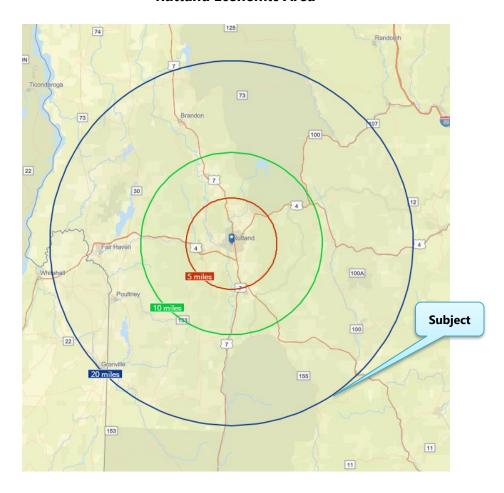
the region becoming a center of excellence in precision tooling, stone-working machinery and architectural stone. Rutland was a rail-centered transportation hub from C-1850 to C-1950 when the interstate highway system bypassed the region entirely. Interstate 87 now passes north to south through New York, 45 miles west; Interstate 89 passes north to south through the Connecticut River valley, 45 miles east.

After WWII, the demand for architectural stone waned along with the fortunes of the region. Rutland re-invented itself as an industrial center around a variety of light-manufacturing industries and as a regional center for services and retail shopping. Several local downhill ski areas including Killington, Okemo and Pico were established in the early 1950's as the first sources of demand for seasonal recreation in the region. The regional industrial base was a steady source of local employment through 1980 when national manufacturers with operations in the Rutland region began to close local facilities and consolidate their operations in more central locations as a way to control production and supply chain costs. Over the past 35 years this trend resulted in the slow loss of manufacturing employment in the region, from an estimated 25% of all regional employment in 1980 to only 13% in 2017. At the same time employment in the service industry grew from 50% of all regional employment to 70% on the near doubling of demand generated by seasonal visitors to nearby downhill ski areas.

Today the Rutland is a center of regional employment and commerce for ~ 80,000 year-round residents in the Rutland economic area covering a radius 20 miles around the city. Its economy benefits from the Killington, Pico and Okemo ski resorts in the Green Mountains to the east and Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine to the west. In addition, Castleton University, in the western portion of the region, has grown enrollment over the past decade and their students are becoming an additional driver of economic growth in the area. However, the base demand for retail and services comes from the year-round residents in the Rutland economic area who live within driving distance of the city and use Rutland as a center of commerce.



Rutland Economic Area



The Rutland economic area has 9.7% of the year-round population in Vermont but is responsible for 11.7% of the state's total retail, rooms and meals receipts; a product of the seasonal appeal and demand generated by the Killington and Pico ski areas. When restricted to retail sales alone, the total retail spend in the State of Vermont has grown at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 2.8% from 2009, the depth of the most recent national recession. Data include;

Retail Sales Data

Year End	Vermont (\$Million)	CAGR from 2009 (%/Yr.)	Rutland County (\$Million)	CAGR from 2013 (%/Yr.)
2019	6,488	3.0%	483	1.9%
2018	6,184	2.8%	469	1.7%
2017	6,007	2.8%	464	1.9%
2016	5,822	2.8%	451	1.5%
2015	5,730	3.0%	450	2.2%
2014	5,596	3.1%	446	3.5%
2013	5,411	3.0%	431	
2012	5,333	3.5%	488	
2011	5,222	4.2%	513	
2010	4,937	2.6%	492	





Despite the perception that visitors to the local downhill ski areas are the primary engine of economic growth in the region, a recent marketing study found that secondary markets, defined as those visiting the area, result in only 12% of regional retail spend. Therefore, while the winter ski season does create economic benefits for the region, future commercial growth is tied most strongly to year-round population and income levels.

■ 40.9%, Rutland City ■ 34.5%, Rest of Rutland County ■ 11.6%, Rutland Town ■ 6.0%, Rest of Vermont ■ 3.5%, Other States ■ 1.5%, MA ■ 1.3%, NY ■ 0.5%, NH ■ 0.2%, Other Countries

Rutland Market Area: Source of Retail Receipts⁴

Rutland City/Town operate as the central business district (CBD) for the region; residents in the rest of the economic region use the CBD as their center of shopping and entertainment. This is confirmed in the retail capture figures presented below. Sales published in red are sales captured in the CBD from residents outside the CBD. Rutland and Rutland Town capture 88% more retail sales than demanded solely by the year-round residents in the CBD.



⁴ Arnett Muldrow and Associates, Rutland Market Study Presentation, March 2013

Restaurants/Other Eating Places



Retail MarketPlace Profile Rutland, Vermont Sargeant Appraisal: ERSI Data Ring: 5 mile radius Latitude: 43.60509 Longitude: -72,97828 **Summary Demographics** 2020 Population 24,984 2020 Households 11.061 2020 Median Disposable Income \$40,747 2020 Per Capita Income \$29,958 NOTE: This database is in mature status. While the data are presented in current year geography, all supply- and demand-related estimates main vintage 2017. Retail Gap NATCS Demand Supply Leakage/Surplus Number of 2017 Industry Summary (Retail Potential) (Retail Sales) Total Retail Trade and Food & Drink 44-45,722 \$330,833,031 \$644,618,416 398 Total Retail Trade 44-45 \$301,328,144 \$599,897,254 \$298,569,110 33.1 301 Total Food & Drink 722 \$29,504,887 \$44,721,162 -\$15,216,275 -20.5 96 NAICS Demand Supply **Retail Gap** Leakage/Surplus Number of 2017 Industry Group (Retail Potential) (Retail Sales) Factor **Businesses** Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers 441 \$60,616,065 \$90,539,235 \$29.923.170 46 Automobile Dealers 4411 \$51,023,701 \$70,042,951 -\$19,019,250 -15.721 Other Motor Vehicle Dealers 4412 \$4,720,825 \$9.024.015 -\$4,303,190 -31.3Auto Parts, Accessories & Tire Stores 4413 \$4,871,540 \$11,472,270 -\$6,600,730 -40.418 Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores 442 \$10,243,072 \$21,588,685 \$11,345,613 -35.6 21 4421 \$6,172,364 \$10.809.965 -\$4,637,601 -27.3 8 Furniture Stores \$10,778,720 -45.2 Home Furnishings Stores 4422 \$4,070,708 -\$6,708,012 13 Electronics & Appliance Stores 443 \$10,504,379 \$13,814,042 -\$3,309,663 -13.6 16 Bldg Materials, Garden Equip. & Supply Stores \$17,200,086 \$54,871,085 -\$37,670,999 24 444 20 Bldg Material & Supplies Dealers 4441 \$15,620,785 \$52,123,223 -\$36,502,438 -53.9 Lawn & Garden Equip & Supply Stores \$1,579,301 \$2,747,861 -\$1,168,560 -27.0 -17.5 30 Food & Beverage Stores 445 \$49,682,588 \$70,729,052 -\$21,046,464 Grocery Stores 4451 \$43,454,985 \$61,130,696 \$17,675,711 -16.9 20 Specialty Food Stores 4452 \$3,067,822 \$3,677,704 -\$609,882 -9.0 7 Beer, Wine & Liquor Stores 4453 \$3,159,780 \$5,920,652 -\$2,760,872 -30.4 Health & Personal Care Stores 446.4461 \$20,362,971 \$54,954,883 -\$34,591,912 -45.9 26 Gasoline Stations 447,4471 \$37,803,034 \$73,454,743 -\$35.651.709 -32.025 Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores \$20,381,375 \$21,447,621 -\$1,066,246 27 448 -2.5Clothing Stores 4481 \$15,122,762 \$13,043,840 \$2,078,922 12 \$2,095,649 Shoe Stores 4482 \$4,713,721 -\$2,618,072 38.4 8 Jewelry, Luggage & Leather Goods Stores 4483 \$3,162,965 \$3,690,060 \$527.095 Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores 451 \$21,674,913 \$14,488,376 \$7,186,537 19.9 20 Sporting Goods/Hobby/Musical Instr Stores \$20,283,675 \$14,055,463 \$6,228,212 19 Book, Periodical & Music Stores \$1,391,238 \$432,913 \$958,325 General Merchandise Stores 452 \$28,379,939 \$57,696,563 \$29,316,624 15 Department Stores Excluding Leased Depts. \$18,460,492 \$47,453,222 4521 -\$28,992,730 44.0 Other General Merchandise Stores \$9,919,448 \$10,243,341 10 4529 \$323,893 Miscellaneous Store Retailers 453 \$10,349,952 \$21,165,843 -\$10,815,891 -34.3 46 Florists 4531 \$427,141 \$371,620 \$55,521 7.0 2 Office Supplies, Stationery & Gift Stores 4532 \$3,057,343 \$3,996,262 -\$938,919 -13.315 Used Merchandise Stores 4533 \$1,277,124 \$1,575,102 -\$297.978 -10.410 Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers 4539 \$5,588,344 \$15,222,859 -\$9,634,515 -46.318 \$14,129,770 -76.3 Nonstore Retailers 454 \$105,147,125 \$91,017,355 6 -\$87,451,715 Electronic Shopping & Mail-Order Houses 4541 \$12,430,015 \$99,881,730 1 Vending Machine Operators 4542 \$239,274 \$239,274 100.0 Direct Selling Establishments 4543 \$1,460,481 \$5,265,395 -\$3,804,914 -56.6 5 Food Services & Drinking Places \$29,504,887 \$44,721,162 \$15,216,27 20.5 96 7223 \$999,511 \$85,466 \$914,045 84.2 1 Special Food Services \$1,003,388 Drinking Places - Alcoholic Beverages \$1,855,481 11

Demographic data for the Rutland economic area published by ERSI indicate population, households and families are all expected to decline ~ 0.5%/year over the coming five years. This will result in a loss of demand for ~200 single-unit homes and ~ 400 residential apartments. In addition, all data sources indicate the regional population is 'aging in place' with a median age that rises one year each three. The needs of residents 60+ are different than the needs of those under 60 and, in addition to the overall projected loss in population, this dynamic will result in additional changes to the demand for specific types of housing, retail, recreation and entertainment in the economic area.

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Demographic and Income Profile

Rutland, Vermont Ring: 20 mile radius Sargeant Appraisal: ERSI Data Latitude: 43.60509

Longitude: -72.97828

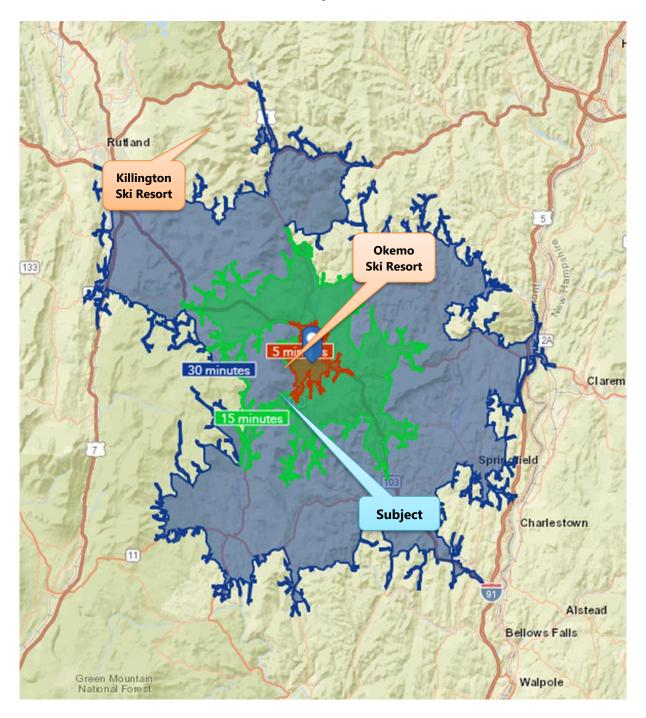
Summary	Ce	nsus 2010		2021		2026
Population		71,421		70,105		68,550
Households		30,058		29,773		29,155
Families		18,671		17,970		17,453
Average Household Size		2.30		2.28		2.27
Owner Occupied Housing Units		21,323		22,157		21,946
Renter Occupied Housing Units		8,735		7,615		7,209
Median Age		44.5		47.4		48.0
Trends: 2021-2026 Annual Rate		Area		State		National
Population		-0.45%		0.22%		0.71%
Households		-0.42%		0.28%		0.71%
Families		-0.58%		0.12%		0.64%
Owner HHs		-0.19%		0.46%		0.91%
Median Household Income		1.37%		1.74%		2.41%
				2021		2026
Households by Income			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<\$15,000			3,293	11.1%	2,890	9.9%
\$15,000 - \$24,999			2,842	9.5%	2,468	8.5%
\$25,000 - \$34,999			2,824	9.5%	2,573	8.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999			3,928	13.2%	3,623	12.4%
\$50,000 - \$74,999			6,282	21.1%	6,150	21.1%
\$75,000 - \$99,999			4,084	13.7%	4,160	14.3%
\$100,000 - \$149,999			3,991	13.4%	4,453	15.3%
\$150,000 - \$199,999			1,371	4.6%	1,544	5.3%
\$200,000+			1,158	3.9%	1,294	4.4%
Median Household Income			\$55,805		\$59,728	
Average Household Income			\$73,053		\$80,852	
Per Capita Income			\$31,097		\$34,461	
	Cer	nsus 2010		2021		2026
Population by Age	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0 - 4	3,257	4.6%	2,788	4.0%	2,732	4.0%
5 - 9	3,700	5.2%	3,104	4.4%	2,976	4.3%
10 - 14	4,181	5.9%	3,506	5.0%	3,260	4.8%
15 - 19	4,875	6.8%	4,071	5.8%	3,934	5.7%
20 - 24	4,526	6.3%	4,085	5.8%	3,664	5.3%
25 - 34	7,028	9.8%	7,880	11.2%	7,235	10.6%
35 - 44	8,594	12.0%	7,663	10.9%	8,104	11.8%
45 - 54	12,044	16.9%	8,993	12.8%	8,060	11.8%
55 - 64	11,152	15.6%	11,771	16.8%	10,627	15.5%
65 - 74	6,584	9.2%	9,728	13.9%	10,202	14.9%
75 - 84	3,808	5.3%	4,586	6.5%	5,774	8.4%

However, these data do not appear to capture the step-change increase in demand and prices for single-unit homes and residential apartments under COVID market conditions.

Due to river valleys and mountain passes, drive times in the region are irregular.

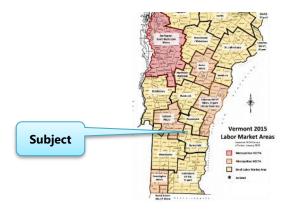


Drive Times from Ludlow



Vermont's Labor Market Areas were redefined in 2015 based on commuting patterns that are affected by topography as well as road type and distance;





On the effective date of this assignment the most recent unemployment figures released by the Vermont Department of Labor and Industry were for April 2022⁵.

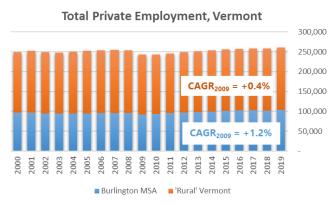
Labor Market Area ¹	Civilian Labor Force					
	roice	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-22	Mar-22	Apr-21
Vermont Total	330,598	322,763	7,835	2.4	2.4	4.3
Barre-Montpelier	24,322	23,790	532	2.2	2.4	3.7
Bennington	10,363	10,040	323	3.1	3.2	5.9
Brattleboro	19,596	19,031	565	2.9	2.6	5.8
Burlington-South Burlington	123,897	121,595	2,302	1.9	1.8	3.5
Derby	12,059	11,534	525	4.4	4.7	6.0
Highgate	10,109	9,865	244	2.4	2.8	4.2
Manchester	10,343	10,025	318	3.1	2.6	5.2
Middlebury	18,353	17,971	382	2.1	2.2	3.6
Morristown-Waterbury	16,881	16,339	542	3.2	3.3	5.0
Newbury	2,608	2,547	61	2.3	3.0	4.8
Northfield-Waitsfield	6,763	6,619	144	2.1	1.8	3.7
Randolph	6,867	6,705	162	2.4	2.4	4.2
Rutland	19,234	18,675	559	2.9	2.8	5.2
Springfield	10,122	9,888	234	2.3	1.9	4.6
St. Johnsbury	12,917	12,558	359	2.8	2.9	4.7
White River Junction	19,405	19,035	370	1.9	1.7	4.4
Woodstock	3,675	3,576	99	2.7	1.9	5.6

While over the past decade Vermont experienced some of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, a step-change in unemployment from ~ 3% to ~ 16% occurred in April 2020 due to the shutdown of the state and national economy under COVID-19 travel and employment restrictions. This was followed by a rapid improvement as infection rates slowed and business resumed. Additionally, unemployment insurance was extended to traditionally exempt groups, such as the self-employed, and additional payments of \$600/week were in place through end-July 2020. Historically, employment in the region is higher during the winter months because of many seasonal jobs created at the local ski areas, inns and motels, ski shops, and restaurants that cater to winter visitors. However, the strength of the national recovery after the COVID-19 crisis could acutely affect seasonal employment.

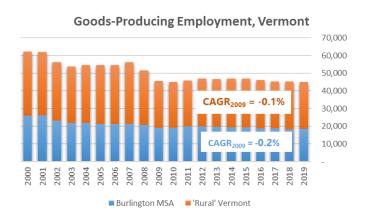


⁵ www.vtlmi.info, May 2022 Update

Employment data are analyzed in two distinct areas; the 'Burlington/South Burlington MSA' that has historically enjoyed a growth rate above that of the rest of Vermont, identified as 'Rural' Vermont; within which the subject's region is located. From 2000 to 2018 total private employment in Vermont grew at a CAGR of only 0.18%/year. However, when restricted to data occurring after the end of the most recent recession, total private employment grew from 2009 to 2018 at 0.67%/year. There are dramatic differences in the growth rates of the two regions; Burlington MSA and Rural Vermont; with the Burlington MSA currently growing at a rate roughly twice that of Rural Vermont.

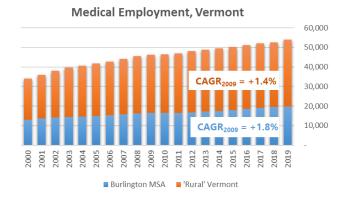


The importance of employment in manufacturing; often referred to as 'basic employment' related to the value-added conversion of raw materials into finished goods; to the economic health of a region cannot be overstated. Basic employment leads to demand for services, retail goods, population, housing, recreation, and contributes to a regional gross product. The State of Vermont experienced step-change losses in goods-producing employment in 2002 (9/11) and again in 2009 (national recession), never recovering to prior levels and with a negative CAGR after 2019. It remains to be seen if another step-change loss in Vermont's goods-producing employment is caused by the COVID-19 shutdown. However, some analysts expect US goods-producing employment to increase as off-shore manufacturing is returned to the US and supply chains are shortened. This could lead to an increase in demand for manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution employment.

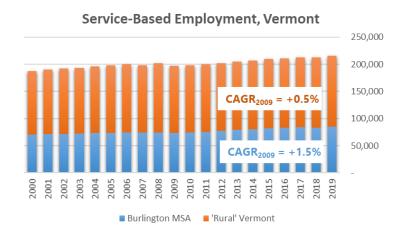




Growth in medical-based employment has shown no correlation with political, economic, or other employment trends. Since 2000 this employment segment has a State-wide CAGR of +2.44%/year.



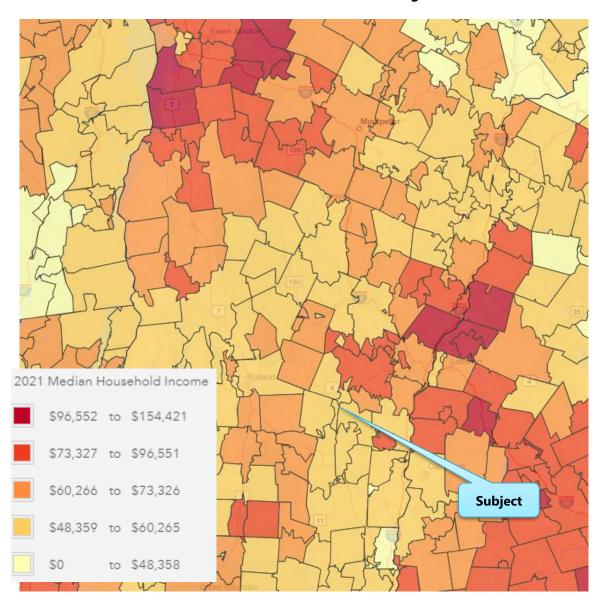
Service-based employment is the largest category. Singe 2009 these jobs have grown at an overall rate of $\pm 0.74\%$ /year, concentrated in the Burlington MSA that is growing at a rate three times that in Rural Vermont.



Predominate wages in the region are mixed.

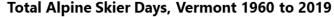


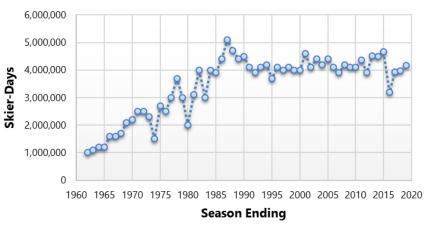
Median Household Income in the Region



The economy affecting the economic region is influenced by seasonal tourism. These are second-home owners and seasonal tourists visiting the local ski areas and outdoor recreation opportunities in the market area. Their disposable income is more dependent on the metro Boston, New York, and New Jersey economy than on any local metric.







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Since 1990 ski area visits to Vermont have fluctuated around 4.2 Million skier-days/year. Skier-days are most dependent on snowfall in the east coast metropolitan areas that gets skiers thinking about visiting the Vermont resorts. No data for the 2019 or 2020 seasons, cut short by COVID closures, were published. However, projections are for skier visits to hold steady over the foreseeable future. Several resorts in the market area are investing in long-standing plans to add amenities that appeal to visitors year-round. For instance, Killington recently completed a \$6M investment in their mountain biking operation and a summer 'adventure center' at the base lodge. But the foreseeable future it is expected the seasonality in visits to the region will continue to result in seasonal swings in the local service employment rate as many restaurants, bars, inns, and business that cater specifically to winter tourists will continue to close over the slower spring and summer months.

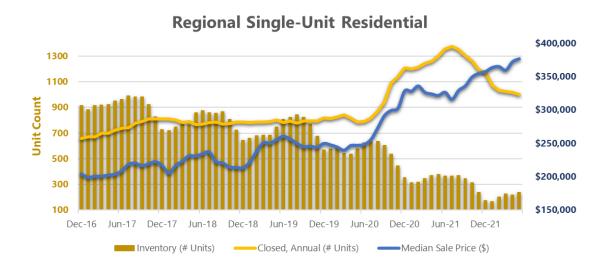
A wave of industry consolidations affected local downhill ski resorts after 2017. 'Vail' purchased Stowe in 2017, Okemo in 2018, and Peak Resorts, which includes Mount Snow, in 2020. 'Aspen/Snowmass' purchased Stratton in 2017. While Killington has remained private, they choose to participate in Aspen's 'IKON" seasons pass system. These consolidations have changed on-mountain operations and amenities and driven the sale of nationwide 'EPIC' or 'IKON' ski passes that are good for several resorts in the United States. These consolidations are not expected to change the overall supply or demand for skier days, residential units, or hospitality units in the market area. While some have speculated these consolidations will increase demand and visits to the region, some feel the 'corporate' operators will continue to consolidate new retail, hospitality, and housing options at their base lodges in the now common 'ski village' base lodge model in an industry that views the downhill ski area operations as a 'loss-leader' for more profitable hospitality, food, retail, and beverage outlets at the base lodges.



⁶ 2020 & 2021 data not published due to COVID

While the COVID pandemic shut-down the regional single-unit residential market in March 2020 it quickly recovered after June 2020. On the effective date of this assignment the short-term effect of the COVID pandemic on the single-unit residential market is clear; sales pace is at a historic high, active inventory is at a historic low, and the combination of supply and demand is a calculated as only 2.9 months of inventory; 17% below year ago. Median sales price has increased 16% year on year to an all-time high. From late 2020 into early 2022 COVID related buying, fueled by a rotation from 'urban' locations to 'rural' locations and driven by mortgage interest rates that started in the 2's, resulted in bidding wars for many property types. This as atypical of the regional single-unit residential market from 2008 to June 2020.

While these trends are expected to continue into the summer of '22 some data suggest buyer enthusiasm is waning. On March 16, 2022, the Federal Reserve instituted a 25 bps increase in the federal funds rate and indicated plans for seven more increases to control inflation over the coming 18 months. At present, buyer behavior in the regional residential market still has many of the characteristics of a bubble; vaccinations, mortgage interest rates, and changes in infection patterns could cause this demand to unwind as quickly as it was created.





Neighborhood

The subject's neighborhood is defined as those areas along VT Route 100, VT Route 155, VT Route 103, and VT Route 131 centered on the Ludlow village center and bounded on the north by Plymouth, east by Cavendish, south by Weston, and west by Mount Holly. Outside of the village centers land along these state highways is about 20% developed with working and hobby farms, single-unit retail, contractor's yards, specialty retail, professional services and other properties that cater to the year-round population and the seasonal tourists and second homeowners that use this area as a base from which to access the nearby ski areas including Okemo, Killington, and Stratton. The land development pattern becomes more concentrated in the village centers and especially as VT Route 100 and VT Route 103 intersect in the Ludlow village center. This neighborhood has excellent linkage to the Okemo Ski Resort, several lakes, the Green Mountain National Forest, and other recreational opportunities located along VT Route 100 which roughly bisects the neighborhood as it runs north to south along the Black River.

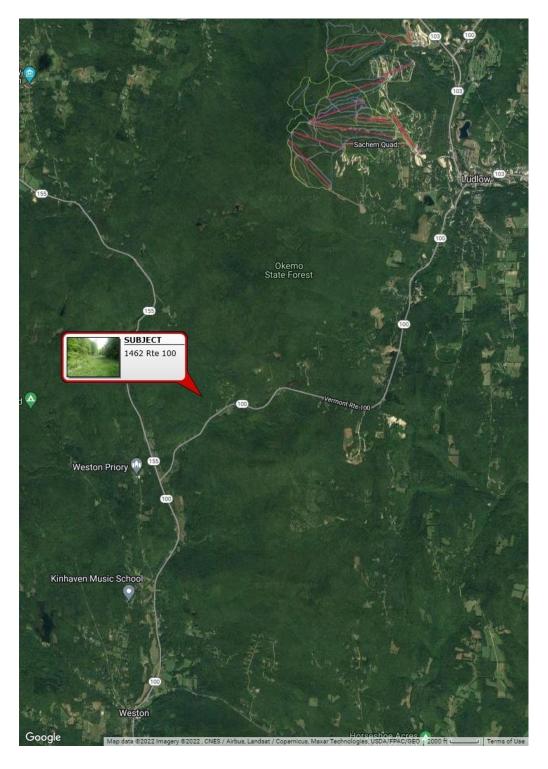
Other ski areas, including Killington, Pico, Stratton, and Bromley are located within a 30-minute drive of Ludlow. In the year 2000, there were 1,060 permanent households in Ludlow out of a total of 3,001 housing units; 1,941 housing units, or 65% of the total, were owned by out-of-state residents who use these homes on the weekend or during vacation periods. However, in 2010 the last year in which these figures were calculated, 92% of the real property in Ludlow was owned by out-of-state residents. The village section of Ludlow, with a mix of specialty retail, restaurant and professional offices uses has evolved from its beginning as a stop on the railroad (C-1880) to a mill-town with a local concentration of manufacturing (C-1920) and finally to a resort town (C-1980) that has been repurposed to meet the needs of this seasonal community.

Nearby Ludlow is a popular location for vacation or second homes which typically enjoy mountain views, or frontage along Lake Rescue. Its village section primarily contains a mix of former single-unit homes, mill buildings and commercial blocks that have been repurposed over decades into specialty retail, service, and mixed-use properties. The village has only a few purpose-built retail outlets, including a grocery-anchored plaza. Since the national recession of 2008/2009 new commercial development has been very slow. However, in 2016 the Okemo Mountain School completed a new gymnasium and training center, the local Chevrolet dealer, who operated out of a +/- 80-year-old facility for decades, completed and new retail and service building built to the brand standard, and a local restauranteur purchased a mixed-use property in poor condition and renovated it as a new restaurant. In October 2018, the Okemo Ski Resort was purchased by Vail Resorts. This immediately resulted in a neighborhood expectation that Vail will improve the resort's amenities and increase capital investment in the coming years.



The subject's micro-neighborhood is a section of VT Route 100 south of the Ludlow village center and north of the Weston village center developed at a low density and with abundant raw land available for new development







Site





Site Elements:

Location/Physical Address

Predominately the northwest side of VT Route 100 in between the Ludlow and Weston village centers. Identified as 1642 VT Route 100, Weston, Vermont 05161 for the purpose of this analysis. A small portion of the site falls to the southeast of the VT Route 100 corridor. The road frontage and 210.9 Acres are located in the town of Weston; the remaining 238 Acres are located in the town of Mount Holly and accessed through the Weston parcel.

Site Dimensions/Shape

No metes and bounds other than those presented in the deed addendum were found. Based solely on the community tax map, the lot



is roughly rectangular adequate public road frontage and without functional obsolescence in dimension or shape.

Land Area

448.9 Acres by grand lists, assumed correct and used throughout this analysis.

Town	Acres (Ac.)	Parcel #	Owner	Acquired	Book / Page
Weston	210.9	60010.99	Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc.	3/21/2022	TBD / TBD
Mount Holly	238.0	15H6019.0	Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc.	3/21/2022	100 / 305

Totals: 448.9

Legal Description

Book 100 Page 305, Mount Holly land records

Covenants and Restrictions

None found in current deed. However, the subject property is currently enrolled in Vermont's 'Use Value Appraisal' program; confirmed by the VT ANR GIS. The Use Value Appraisal (UVA) program is a voluntary program where a landowner can generate a reduction in their assessed value, and therefore property taxes, by enrolling eligible forest or agricultural land into the program. In return for a lower assessed value, the state of Vermont places a lien on the property. To remove the lien and develop or subdivide enrolled property, a change in use tax payment must be made. This payment is 20% of the fair market value of land removed from the program in the first 10 years, or 10% of the fair market value of land removed after 11 years. To remain in the program the land must be managed to a timber 'cut' plan on file with the county forester, not subdivided or 'developed' according to the definitions in the statute. If the use of the land changes without unenrolling the parcel the lien payment is due.

If enrolled land is sold or transferred to a new owner, they have 30 days from the date of the transfer to re-enroll the land to keep the original enrollment date. If this is not done, the lien payment becomes due, or the land can be re-enrolled with a new management plan and new enrollment date.

A UVA lien does not impact marketability or value; lots enrolled in the UVA program trade at the same price as lots not in the program. As the rate of development in the area is slow, many buyers do not plan to develop the property immediately and keep the land in the UVA program to generate a tax benefit greater than the eventual lien payment. Buyers who chose to pay off the lien do so as part of the development costs



and, in these cases, a reduction in the purchase price of the raw land cannot be found in an analysis of the available data. However, the client is cautioned that the rules, funding, and admission criteria into this program are currently under discussion in the Vermont State House. Any of these elements could change with legislative approval at any time.

VT ANR GIS: UVA Layer

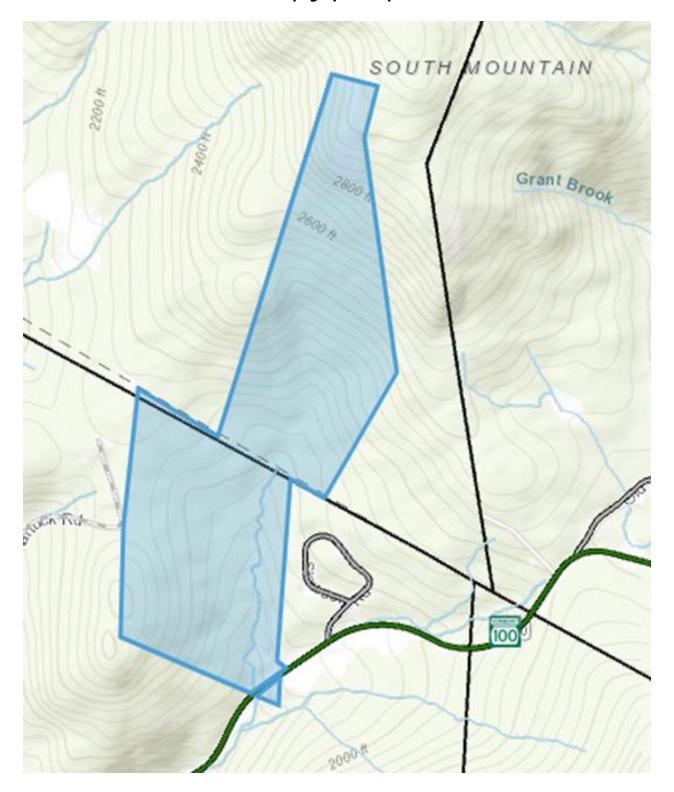


Topography

From the VT Route 100 frontage the site slopes up gently to the north, rising roughly 800' in elevation over 9,400' or an average slope of 8.5% which is common and typical of the market area. That small portion of the site to the southeast of the VT Route 100 corridor falls away steeply from the frontage and has little utility as a result.



Topographic Map









Drainage No observed issues

Street Improvements VT Route 100 is a two-lane, undivided state-aid highway through the

region.

Traffic/AADT The Vermont Agency of Transportation publishes an average annual

daily traffic count (AADT) along VT Route 100 at the subject site of 1,300 vehicles per day. This is below the minimum traffic count (5,000 vehicles per day) for the site to appeal to businesses that require street traffic to

generate sales.

Visibility/Access The subject site has excellent visibility to traffic. There is a curb cut from

VT Route 100 to access the northwest portion of the site. Access to the

site is not adverse at any time of day.

VT Route 100 Looking East at Subject's Location

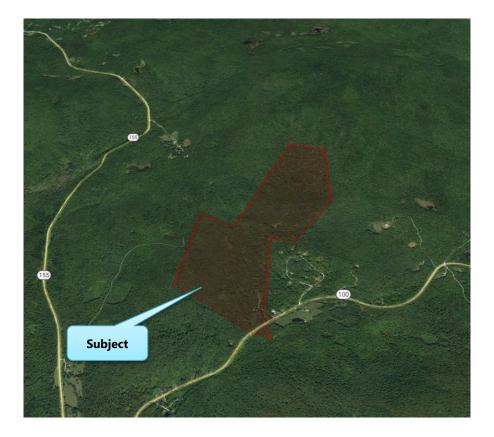




VT Route 100 Looking West at Subject's Location



Bird's Eye Map Looking North, Boundaries Estimated





View of the Subject Site/Access Drive & Gate looking North from VT Route 100



Typical Access Drive / Woods & Logging Road at South End of Site









Personal Property Abandoned in a Lower Log Landing



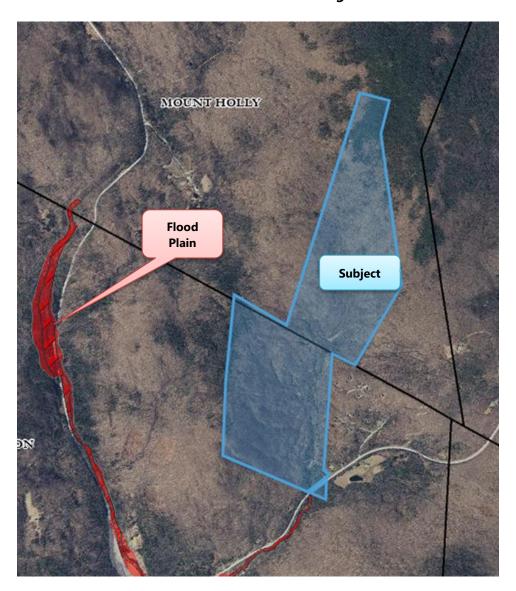






Flood Zone

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency the subject site is located within Zone X, which is not a flood hazard area.



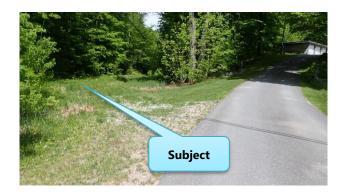
VT ANR GIS: Flood Plain Management

Encroachments

While not technically encroachments, the client is advised that there appear to be access points into the parcel that are not controlled by the gate along VT Route 100. These include a fully developed access into the parcel from the driveway of the property adjacent to the east (1646 VT Route 100), and at least two points where ATV's can enter the parcel from the east (Slawson Road lots). The client may wish to review these access points.



Secondary Access around gate into Parcel from Driveway at 1642 VT Route 100





Observed ATV trails entering from Slawson Road





Easements

Off-site Influences

Environmental Hazards

None found in current deed. However, it would be common and typical to find easements for overhead, or underground, utilities.⁷

There are no known *off-site* influences, nuisances, hazards, or environmental issues in the subject's area that would have any detrimental effect on the marketability or value of the subject property.

I am not an expert in determining the presence or absence of hazardous substances used in the construction of the building or otherwise present on the property and no responsibility is accepted for discovering or evaluating subsoil, hidden, or unusual conditions. I did research the subject property in the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Environmental Interest Database. Any waste generator, waste site, brownfield, or underground tank known to the State is referenced in this database (yellow diamonds). According to the ANR there are no on-site

⁷ During my typical investigation to determine the rights in real property that are the subject of this assignment I perform a basic search of the most current deed looking for easements of record in the title. This is by no means an exhaustive search as I am not a title researcher and do not warranty title. The client is advised to hire an attorney or title researcher if an exact determination is needed for any reason.



issues and no off-site issues estimated to be within 500' of the subject site.





Site Improvements:

Sidewalks/Curbs None

Parking There is mowed on-site parking in three log landings; lower, middle, and

upper; easily access with a 4x4 vehicle. Free parking is available along

the street, but there is a winter overnight on-street parking ban.

Fencing None

Landscaping None, 2nd growth forest with visual appearance of logging in the past ~

5 years. A timber cruise/report was not made available in the course of

this assignment.

Electricity Provider Green Mountain Power, an overhead line crosses the SE corner of the site

and appears to be 'stubbed' into the lower landing



Natural Gas/Propane Private bottled propane available

Water/Sewer No municipal water or sewer at the subject site; no reported entitlements

for private water / septic.

Cable/Telephone/Internet Comcast / Fair Point / Dish Network; choice

Police/Fire Weston Police / Fire

Medical Regional Ambulance / Medical Center, ~ 15 miles

Public Education Weston Public Schools

Public Transportation None

WalkScore A 'walk score' of 0/100 or 'Car-Dependent'

Utilities/Expansion All public utilities have capacity to support additional development.

Stormwater The site does not have over 1 Acre of impervious cover and require

stormwater retention/detention. However, the State of Vermont is now reviewing existing retention/detention rules and has stated they may go back to previously permitted projects and require additional stormwater

control.

Typical Interior





'Middle' Landing



'Upper' Landing





Typical Woods/Logging Road runs roughly North/South



Woods Bridge washout over Unnamed Stream





Typical Interior



Typical Interior





Typical Interior



Typical Interior









Site Conclusions:

448.9 Acres of land located predominately along the northwest side of VT Route 100 in between the Weston and Ludlow village centers and along the west slope of Okemo Mountain. The road frontage and 210.9 Acres are located in the town of Weston; the remaining 238 Acres are located in the town of Mount Holly and accessed through the Weston parcel. The site is improved with a gate-secured graveled access drive and logging road from the VT Route 100 frontage to the north end of the parcel; there are no building improvements. From the VT Route 100 frontage the site slopes up gently to the north, rising roughly 800' in elevation over 9,400' or an average slope of 8.5% which is common and typical of the market area. The site is adjacent to the Okemo State Forest and is enrolled in Vermont's Use Value Appraisal program. The site is unentitled and has no elements of functional or external obsolescence.

Building Improvements

None.



Zoning

Weston has a local zoning ordinance that places the subject site in the 'Rural (low density)' and the 'Conservation' district. Mount Holly has no local zoning ordinance.



Zoning Map: Weston

The current use of the site is legal. This is assumed to continue and transfer to a new owner under the hypothetical sale inherent in the definition of market value used in this assignment. Zoning ordinance details include;

SECTION 205 CONSERVATION DISTRICT (C)

General Description and Purpose: Conservation lands are extensive and essentially undeveloped areas without access to improved public roads and necessary service and facilities. They are predominantly forested with substantial physical limitations to development. These lands should be settled only at very low intensities.

Permitted Uses:

- 1) Agricultural and Forest Uses 2) Camp
- 3) Home Occupation
- 4) Nursery, Greenhouse
- 5) Private Recreation Facility
- 6) Single-family Houses
- 7) Wildlife Refuge
- 8) Municipal Utilities
- 9) Child Care Home

Area and Dimensional Requirements:

Minimum lot size Lot frontage minimum Lot depth minimum Front yard minimum

Rear yard minimum

300 feet 300 feet

Side yard minimum Building height maximum 75 feet from centerline of highway 75 feet from property line

5 Acres; 5 acres per residential structure

50 feet from property line (except driveways)

35 feet or 3 stories, whichever is less, except agricultural uses



SECTION 215 RURAL LOW INTENSITY DISTRICT (R)

General Description and Purpose: Rural Low Intensity lands are capable of accommodating a limited proportion of the expected growth for Weston. Much of these lands offer serious limitations for development or are in productive agricultural use.

Permitted Uses:

- 1) Agricultural and Forest Uses 6) Private Recreation Facility 11) Residential Care & Group 2) Camp 7) Tourist Home Home 3) Home Occupation 8) Wildlife Refuge 12) Child Care Home 4) One and Two Family Houses 9) Municipal Utilities 5) Nursery, Greenhouse 10) Roadside Agricultural Stands
- Conditional Uses:

 1) Earth and Mineral Extraction 4) Multi-family Dwellings 6) Professional Residence Office 2) Home Business 5) Planned Unit Development 7) Cultural Arts School 3) Public Recreation Facility (residential only) 8) Child Care Facility

Area and Dimensional Requirements:

Minimum lot size

2 Acres; 2 acres per residential structure; 2 acres per dwelling unit for multiple family dwellings

Lot frontage minimum

200 feet

Lot depth minimum

75 feet from centerline of highway

Rear yard minimum

35 feet from property line
Side yard minimum

35 feet from property line (except driveways)

Building height maximum

35 feet or 3 stories, whichever is less, except agricultural use

In addition, any development of the site would require an Act 250 permit. Act 250, Vermont's state-wide land use law, was initially created by the Vermont legislature in 1970, last updated in 2014, and there are significant updates under consideration in the current legislative session. This law applies to development or subdivision of any parcel over 1 Acre for towns that do not have zoning, do not have a town plan, or choose to be a '1-Acre' town. It also applies to development or subdivision of a parcel over 10 Acres when a town has both a zoning ordinance and an approved town plan. 'Ten-Acre' towns use their local zoning ordinance and town plan for any proposed development or subdivision less than 10 Acres and are typically outside of the Act 250 process unless the original parcel was over 10 Acres at the law's inception. Under the law, each project governed by Act 250 is evaluated on ten subjective criteria described in Title 10 § 6086 of the Vermont Statutes;

- 1. Will not result in undue water or air pollution.
- 2. Does have sufficient water available for the reasonably foreseeable needs of the subdivision or development.
- 3. Will not cause an unreasonable burden on the existing water supply, if one is to be utilized.
- 4. Will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or reduction in the capacity of the land to hold water so that a dangerous or unhealthy condition may result.
- 5. Will not cause unreasonable congestion or unsafe conditions with respect to the use of highways, waterways, railways, airports and airways, and other means of transportation existing or proposed.



- 6. Will not cause an unreasonable burden on the ability of a municipality to provide educational services.
- 7. Will not place an unreasonable burden on the ability of the local governments to provide municipal or governmental services.
- 8. Will not have an undue adverse effect on the scenic or natural beauty of the area, aesthetics, historic sites or rare and irreplaceable natural areas.
- 9. Is in conformance with a duly adopted capability and development plan, and land use plan when adopted.
- 10. Is in conformance with any duly adopted local or regional plan or capital program under 24 VSA Chapter 117.

The Act 250 process is administered by the Vermont Natural Resources Board (NRB) through nine local District Commissions (DC); appointed three-member boards. Applications are reviewed by local coordinators who make sure that abutters are notified and decide if the application will be handled administratively or after a public hearing. Applications to the DC are publicly noted on their website and through publication in the local newspaper. The first step of the DC is to consider party status; the applicant, the landowner, the town and the state are always parties. Additional party status may be granted by the DC to anyone or any group showing a "particularized interest" in any one of the 10 criteria. Hearings of the DC are held 'de novo' and anyone providing testimony or comment is sworn in. Decisions of the DC are required within 20 days of the completion of deliberations. The NRB has issued over 50 pages of rules that, along with the law, control the process. Any decision of the DC is appealable to a special two-judge Environmental Court in Berlin, Vermont, and any decision of the Environmental Court is appealable to the Vermont Supreme Court.

While this land-use process has controlled development in Vermont for five decades it is often criticized for having no defined minimum criteria that, once met, allow a project to go forward. The result is that developers face a process with no defined minimums, no defined costs, and no defined timeline. Furthermore criterion 9(L), added by the Legislature in the 2014 session, caused additional concern from developers as it was recently used to block the development of a previously-permitted project in an existing commercial strip, in the direction of growth, at the intersection of two US Highways:

"Criterion 9(L) supports Vermont's historic settlement patterns of compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside, by encouraging development in existing settlements and setting requirements to guide and improve development in outlying areas. Under Criterion 9(L), the applicant must show that any project outside an existing settlement:

- 1. Makes efficient use of land, energy, roads, utilities and other infrastructure, and either:
 - a. Will not contribute to strip development, or
 - b. If the project is "confined to" existing strip development, it incorporates infill and minimizes the characteristics of strip development."



The risk that unknown timetables and unknown permit costs inject into new development effectively forms a headwind that limits applications and controls growth. While over 80% of all applications are eventually approved there is often negotiation around remedies to one or more of the ten criteria.

Once issued not all permits are acted upon. Permits are considered involuntarily abandoned unless construction has started and substantial progress towards completion is made within three years of the issue date. In addition, the applicant, the DC or any group holding party status may also initiate a voluntary abandonment hearing prior to the end of the three-year period. Once abandoned, any new permitting must start over at the beginning of the process.

Assessed Value, Property Taxes and Equalized Assessed Value

The subject property's current assessment and property tax burden, without benefit of the UVA adjustment, is;

Town	Acres (Ac.)	Parcel #	Owner	Assessment (\$)	2022 Property Tax Rate (%)	2022 Property Tax (\$)
Weston	210.9	60010.99	Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc.	212,490	2.1887%	4,650.77
Mount Holly	238.0	15H6019.0	Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc.	135,600	1.8951%	2,569.76
Totals:	448.9			348,090		7,220.52

Market Analysis

A thorough market analysis is the most important base of support upon which any opinion of value rests. The data collected and the conclusions developed; including the competitive attributes of the subject property compared to alternative properties that compete in the same market, the definition of potential users for the subject property and the depth of their demand, the supply of competitive inventory including under construction, proposed, or available for redevelopment and adaptation, a conclusion of the equilibrium or disequilibrium in the market, and a supported opinion of the amount of the demand the subject property will capture feed into every subsequent analysis in the valuation process. A market analysis that focuses on a specific property (the subject property) is more correctly a 'marketability' study defined as.

Marketability Study A microeconomic study that examines the marketability of a given property or class of properties, usually focusing on the market segment(s)



in which the property is likely to generate demand. Marketability studies are useful in determining a specific highest and best use, testing development proposals, and projecting an appropriate tenant mix.

However, for the sake of simplicity, throughout this report the term 'market analysis' is used to refer specifically to a marketability study of the subject's real property. A typical marketability study is focused on an analysis of fundamental demand, defined as:

Fundamental Demand The underlying factors that affect the economic well-being of the real estate such as employment; population; household income, expenditure amounts, and preferences; and spatial growth patterns. In real estate appraisal, these factors are segmented to the subject property's submarket and then to the subject property.

In general, an analysis of fundamental demand is based upon identifying the four interdependent factors that create value: utility, scarcity, desire and effective purchasing power. The analysis is based on the premise that real property value is tied to the utility of the specific property and that an in-depth study of the market for property with similar utility will reveal influences on its value. However, the client is advised that the subject is in a 'rural' submarket, not within any defined MSA and an area for which there are limited published economic data. As a result, the market analysis completed below contains some elements that are more correctly an inferred analysis based on the Appraiser's study of the market and extending trends into the future, which must be used as quantitative data and projections necessary for a full study of fundamental demand are not available in the subject's market area.

The six general steps in a marketability study are:

- 1. Analyze the property's productivity: those legal physical and locational attributes that contribute to value.
- 2. Delineate the market area and the competitive market area: that geographic area in which the majority of the demand for the subject property and the majority of the competition to the subject property reside.
- 3. Measure the current demand and calculate the future demand created by users of properties comparable to the subject.
- 4. Measure and forecast the competitive supply of properties that meet this demand including supply under construction, in permitting and with the potential to be renovated or redeveloped into competitive supply.
- 5. Calculate marginal demand: literally, the mathematical difference between supply and demand over the projection period.
- 6. Forecast the subject's capture rate: that portion of the marginal demand that will be captured by the subject property over the forecast period.



The property's productivity, analysis of the subject's predominate legal characteristics, site elements and building improvements against the market standard for comparable and competitive space was completed. A grid was prepared to specifically rate the subject property against the market standard in these areas. Elements of comparison within each were chosen to reflect the utility of the property in the eyes of the users for competitive property.

Legal and Physical Attributes Rating Grid								
Attri- butes	Element of Comparison	Subject	Market Standard	Rating	Multiplier	Score		
Legal	Zoning Easements Encumberence Lease Restrictions Private CC&R	'Rural', 'Conservation' & Act 250 None None None None	Rural Res. & Act 250 None None None None	0 0 0 0	x 5 =	0		
Site	Size (Acres) Shape Vehicle Access Topography Water/Sewer Location Accessibility AADT FEMA Flood Zone Environmental	A48.9 Roughly Rectangular Town-Maintained Flat / Sloped No Municipal Rural No Issues 1,300 X No Issues	75 to 250 Roughly Rectangular Town Maintained & ROW Flat / Sloped No Municipal Rural No Issues Local Only X No Issues	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	x 3 =	0		
	Environmental	110 133463	ivo issues	J	<u>Score</u> Total	<u>0</u> 110		
					Overall Rating	At the Market Standard		

The rating system used in this analysis is based on the following concept:

Rating	Description
	Subject Very Inferior
-	Subject Inferior
0	Neutral, Subject meets Market Standard
+	Subject Superior
+ +	Subject Very Superior

Mathematically the result of a + and – rating is zero. Multipliers are used in each broad category (Legal, Site and Building) because each of these general areas of comparison carry different weight in the



market. Legal characteristics carry 63% of the weight (multiplier is 5/8) as these are the most difficult elements to change and literally set the baseline for the utility of the property and its highest and best use. It may be impossible to remove an easement or a private deed restriction; zoning changes or conditional use permits may take years to obtain, if they are granted at all. Site characteristics carry 37% of the weight (3/8) as some site elements such as landscaping or signage are easy to change to the industry standard but other elements such as access or topography may be impossible to change.

The score is 0/110 or at the market standard. However, the client is cautioned that this score is just an indication of the subject's utility and desirability compared to other competitive offerings in the market and the result is not used as a direct adjustment on value in this analysis.

The subject's primary market area, in which the majority of potential buyers actively compare similar properties, are the five counties of southern Vermont; with roughly equivalent linkage to the spine of the Green Mountain chain, the I-91 and I-89 corridor, the predominately rural-residential population, regional CBD that form the centers of employment, retail and services, and the tourist destinations/mountain recreation that bring visitors to the region year-round.

Supply of land lots over 200 Acres is essentially fixed. However, demand has increased during the COVID pandemic with a rotation from 'urban' to 'rural' locations and a newfound interest in large land parcels with a rural location and a low density of surrounding development. As a result, current land valuations typically only use comparable sales after May 2020 when the change in the market due to COVID started.

The global outbreak of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 was officially declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020. On the effective date of this assignment several national, state, and local 'states of emergency' are still in place despite re-opening of specific economic sectors with restrictions that vary greatly by state, county, and municipality. Substantial turmoil has occurred in financial markets since March 2020; due to the still developing situation it is not possible at this time to quantify the long-term effects on the market for the subject property. The value opinion contained in this appraisal report is based on an analysis of market data available to the appraiser on the effective date of this assignment and the client is cautioned the conclusions presented in this appraisal report apply only as of the effective date. The appraiser makes no representation of the effect on the subject property of any unforeseen event after the effective date of the appraisal. The client is strongly advised to consider ordering another appraisal in the near future when the effects of this shock to the market are evident and can be directly analyzed in terms of marketability and value.

After a complete shut-down of the Vermont real estate market on March 20, 2020, a limited re-opening was allowed on April 20, 2020. Commercial brokers reported at that time that pending sales were progressing towards closure with appropriate health precautions taken at the closing table and some



transactions completed by agents under a power of attorney. However, their ability to list and show properties was severely limited by a state-wide 'stay-home' order that did not allow 'in-person' real estate activities until April 20, 2020 when 'one on one' real estate activity such as showings and inspections were again allowed. After April 2020 brokers reported buyer activity was strong and driven by 'bargain' hunting of sellers under distress. However, the process of listing, showing, due diligence, and closing was slowed by 'one to one' restrictions and the continued closure of Vermont town offices to the public. As each town maintains their own land records in Vermont, and few are on-line, it was difficult to complete title research, develop a title opinion, or obtain title insurance at that time. So, despite a favorable reduction in commercial mortgage rates in the spring of 2020, few borrowers were in a position to take advantage because some systems required to support these transactions were operating at a fraction of their prior capacity. still essentially frozen.

Over the summer of 2020 the systems required to support listings, negotiations, financing, and closing were slowly coming back on-line. Commercial buyer interest was back to pre-pandemic levels and the attitude of investors/buyers was that the COVID pandemic was more of a 'hick-up' than a step-change to the market. In the subject's market area, there were several commercial real estate purchases in the pipeline across all property segments and including both owner-occupant and investor buyers. While bargain hunting was still a motivating factor for buyers, the inventory of active listings was below a prepandemic inventory and there were few distressed sellers in the market. Some landlords have offered lower asking rents and rent concessions to entice new tenants, but it was still too soon to say if existing tenants will demand rent concessions to stay. With nearly steady year on year demand and a historically low inventory, some market participants expected prices to increase. However, many buyers and potential sellers were waiting for data on currently unknown rates of re-employment, sustained access to the systems required to conduct real estate transfers, development of vaccines and other medical treatments, and the government's future response.

From the fall of 2020 through the effective date of this report, the systems required to support listing, negotiation, due diligence, financing, and closing of commercial properties were back operating at near normal capacity. Demand was back to pre-pandemic levels in most commercial property classes. However, some property classes, including hospitality and retail, were soft due to continued restrictions on opening. Residential property classes, including both multi-unit and single-unit residential, were in high demand due to a rotation of demand from 'urban' locations to 'rural' locations. In general, residential sales pace was at a 15-year high, inventory was at a 15-year low. As a result, most markets experienced a 20% to 30% increase in median prices year on year.

In order to estimate supply and demand, report an exposure time and a marketing time for the subject property it is first necessary to study the exposure time of comparable and competitive sales, the volume of active listings and infer a demand. This search is to identify those most comparable sales and listings that may be useful in developing an indication of the subject's value using the sales comparison



approach. To be consistent, the comparable sales and listings identified in this market analysis carry a unique identifying number (e.g. Sale Comparable 1, Listing Comparable 1) that stays with the comparable property throughout this report. This market analysis research may pull in comparable sales and listings data that are illustrative in defining the market in which the subject competes but are not those most comparable sales and listings later used in a sales comparison approach and a sales comparison grid.

The following comparable and competitive land lots sold in the primary market area within the past 24 months (all under COVID market conditions) or were listed for sale on the effective date of this assignment. These are indicative of current prices and marketing times for this type of property. These were selected by searching for vacant land sales over 200 with a 'local/wooded' view, and similar vehicle access. The March 2022 sale of the subject property is highlighted in green.

Closed Sales									
			Initial						Reduction
			Asking	Selling		Price/	Sales	Exposure	in Initial
#	Address	City	Price	Price	Acres	Acre	Date	Time	List Price
			(\$)	(\$)	(Ac.)	(\$/Ac.)		(mths)	(%)
1	0 Jerusalem Hill Road	Rochester	580,000	570,000	698.0	817	Apr-22	4	2%
2	1600 Brook Road	Halifax	649,500	640,000	427.0	1,499	Mar-22	4	1%
3	1642 VT Route 100*	Weston	745,000	733,825	448.9	1,635	Mar-22	6	2%
4	0 Plunkton Road	Granville	490,000	490,000	330.0	1,485	Jan-22	2	0%
5	0 VT Route 73	Sudbury	365,000	365,000	209.5	1,742	Dec-21	3	0%
6	00 River Road	Killington	800,000	850,000	854.0	995	Dec-21	0	-6%
7	0 Braintree Hill Road	Braintree	377,500	374,000	268.0	1,396	Nov-21	6	1%
8	0 Potato Hill Road South	Thetford	385,000	375,000	496.0	756	Jul-21	2	3%
9	1705 Charlie Wilson Road	Bethel	295,500	300,000	470.7	637	Jun-21	0	-2%
10	250 Taft Hill Trace	Townshend	225,000	235,000	220.2	1,067	Jun-21	11	-4%
11	0 Huff Pond Road	Sudbury	425,000	417,000	362.0	1,152	May-21	7	2%
12	0 Frary Road	Royalton	680,000	635,000	579.0	1,097	May-21	22	7%
13	0 Weston-Andover Road	Weston	350,000	345,000	473.0	729	Apr-21	2	1%
14	0 Byam Road	Bethel	315,000	295,000	246.0	1,199	Apr-21	3	6%
15	1621 Gold Coast Road	Bridgewater	1,500,000	720,000	907.0	794	Mar-21	41	52%
16	900 VT Route 100A	Bridgewater	395,000	370,000	235.6	1,570	Mar-21	9	6%
17	5225 Chateauguay Road	Bridgewater	340,000	310,000	450.0	689	Feb-21	4	9%
18	01 Route 100	Wardsboro	575,000	555,000	555.0	1,000	Feb-21	5	3%
19	VT Route 153	Rupert	299,000	299,000	286.9	1,042	Feb-21	0	0%
20	190 Whites Hill Road	Wardsboro	239,500	210,000	222.5	944	Jan-21	1	12%
21	00 Town Line Road	Bridgewater	299,000	299,000	289.0	1,035	Dec-20	14	0%
22	0 Little Sherburne Road	Killington	295,000	320,000	400.0	800	Nov-20	1	-8%
23	0 Blanchard Road	Bridgewater	995,000	880,000	696.0	1,264	Nov-20	2	12%
24	434 Norford Lake Road	Thetford	475,000	499,000	291.7	1,711	Jul-20	13	-5%
25	550 Abe Jacobs Road	Corinth	340,000	375,000	200.0	1,875	May-20	6	-10%
	* = Prior Sale of Subject								

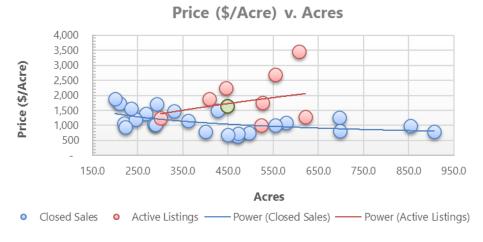
	Active Listings									
#	Address	City	Initial Asking Price (\$)	Current Asking Price (\$)	Acres (Ac.)	Price/ Acre (\$/Ac.)	Exposure Time (mths)	Reduction in Initial List Price (%)		
1	536 Craven Road	Jamaica	765,000	765,000	408.0	1,875	35	0%		
2	141 Stage Road	Chester	999,000	925,000	526.4	1,757	22	7%		
3	84 Walker Road	Athens	525,000	525,000	523.8	1,002	14	0%		
4	0 Baker Hill Road	Bridgewater	801,000	801,000	621.0	1,290	11	0%		
5	4025 Monument Hill Road	Hubbardton	1,000,000	1,000,000	445.0	2,247	8	0%		
6	Birdseye Road	Castleton	2,100,000	2,100,000	607.3	3,458	7	0%		
7	0 Route 100	Wardsboro	1,500,000	1,500,000	555.0	2,703	2	0%		
8	0 Dean Road	Pownal	375,000	375,000	301.0	1,246	2	0%		



All 25 sales were purchased by owner-occupants who desired the property for their own use. There is no evidence of any market of investors, looking for a leased fee estate and likely to value the property solely based on its return to their equity position, purchasing raw land comparable to or competitive with the subject. As a result, an income capitalization approach does not describe the market, is misleading, and is not employed in this assignment.

Sales pace is steady over the past 24 months and greatly accelerated from the pre-pandemic sales pace. The current inventory of active listings is a ~ 9-month supply at the current sales pace. There is no expectation that demand for property comparable to or competitive with the subject will step-jump or step-fall as a result of any known change coming to the market area. However, the long-term effects of the COVID-19 crisis are still unknown.

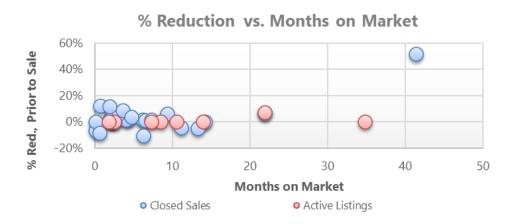
Graphically the sales and listings appear to follow a '\$/Acre' unit of comparison that varies with the inverse of the size of the site. This is an indication that buyers and sellers use this unit in their discussions and calculations.



A graph of % reduction in initial list price v. months on market is illustrative in defining the exposure time for the subject.

Exposure Time The estimated length of time the property being appraised would have been offered on the market prior to the hypothetical consummation of a sale at market value on the effective date of this assignment. A retrospective estimate based on an analysis of past events.





Exposure time is reconciled from the data above at nine months. Implicit in this definition is the concept of the property being placed on the market at a 'reasonable' price. In the subject's current market, a reasonable offer to sell is defined as an initial asking price no more than 10% above its final selling price. As a result, both the exposure and marketing time conclusions developed in this assignment are predicated on an initial list price no more than 10% above where the market will accept the property. There is a very clear direct relationship between % reduction in initial asking price and time on market.

The marketing time for the subject is also reconciled at nine months.

Marketing Time An opinion of the amount of time it might take to sell a real or personal property interest at the concluded market value level during the period immediately after the effective date of an appraisal.

Financing is available from a variety of commercial sources for borrowers with good credit or a history of income. Typical market terms are now 20% down, monthly payments, amortized over 20 years at 5.0% with a 5-year balloon payment ($R_m = 0.0792$). This 'rate to the mortgage' last fell in March 2020 with the decrease in the federal funds rate; part of the COIVD-19 stimulus package; to 0.0%. This change increased the income available to serve the equity position and theoretically results in pressure to increase prices, decrease overall capitalization rates, entice buyers to purchase, or all three. However, in April and May 2022 the Fed began a policy of raising the overnight federal funds rate to help control inflation. This has raised mortgage yield rates as well as the 'rate to the mortgage' and should have the effect of lowering the income to serve the equity position. Commercial lenders do not typically allow a debt coverage ratio under 1.20. Sales concessions, in the form of pre-paid points or closing costs, are rarely found in purchase and sales contracts for commercial property in the market area

<u>Market Analysis Summary</u>: The subject property has an overall utility at the market standard. As a result, it should have an average demand compared to the available properties in the market. Its exposure



time is reconciled at nine months and the most likely user is clearly an owner-occupant who use the property in support of their individual needs and plans.

Highest and Best Use

In appraisal practice, the concept of highest and best use is the premise upon which value is based.

Highest and Best Use The reasonably probable and legal use of vacant land or an improved property that is physically possible, appropriately supported, financially feasible, and that results in the highest value.

The highest and best use of land or site as vacant is, among all reasonable alternative uses, the use that yields the highest present land value, after payments are made for labor, capital, and coordination. Use of a property assumes that the parcel of land is vacant or can be made vacant by demolishing any improvements.

To accomplish this analysis as if vacant, the following four criteria must be considered in order:

- 1. Is the use legally permitted?
- 2. Is the use physically possible on the site?
- 3. Is the use economically and financially feasible under current market conditions?
- 4. Is the use estimated to be the most profitable and return the highest land value?

What uses are legally permitted?

Legal uses are only limited by the Weston Zoning ordinance and to what may achieve an Act 250 permit based on the 10 criteria in the law described above in the Zoning section.

Is the use physically possible on the site?

The subject's size, topography, and shape are without functional obsolescence. Municipal water and sewer are not available at the site. However, overhead power is stubbed into a lower log landing. While all legal uses that rationally fit on the site are considered physically possible, they would require private water and sewer developed with statse-issued permits.

Is the use economically and financially feasible under current market conditions?

There are some uses that can be ruled out as financially infeasible, these include single-unit residential uses. Despite an increase in single-unit residential sales pace and median sales price during the COVID pandemic, construction costs have continued to outpace market value upon completion. There is no evidence of the financial feasibility of new prospective single-unit construction in the subject's primary market area and those new single-unit homes being built are in direct response to the needs and desires



of an owner-occupant for their own use. At completion there is external (economic) obsolescence between 5% and 30% depending on the size, quality and customization of the home. External obsolescence in modest homes, with good affordability metrics and neutral interiors, falls on the low end of the scale. Obsolescence in newly completed large homes with personalized interiors and a limited market based on affordability falls at the high end of the scale. Therefore, there is no entrepreneurial incentive in new single-unit development.

Construction of new multi-unit residential uses is also not financially feasible at this time as in most areas market rent is well below the feasibility rent required to support new construction. Only a few micro-neighborhoods (e.g. White River Junction, Morristown, Stowe) have evidence of new private construction; driven by investor's expectations that market rents will rise due to demand and accepting a rate to their equity below the rate to the mortgage. These private investors report construction pricing around the \$300/ft² mark. In addition, throughout the state, several quasi-governmental regional housing trusts are actively involved in new multi-unit construction and the conversion of older and functionally obsolete buildings into multi-unit residential. This new construction or conversion are not financially feasible under typical private market investment criteria and are funded with housing grants, tax incentives, and no interest loans. Therefore, when completed in one a few growing communities, there is very limited evidence of an entrepreneurial incentive in new private multi-unit residential development.

With a common and typical commercial vacancy rate at 10% there is no new *speculative* commercial construction even along streets with an AADT over 20,000 and a superior commercial appeal. Construction and holding costs over an extended lease up period exceed feasibility rent. Recent calculations of external (economic) obsolescence based on feasibility rent show a range of 25% to 30%. While there is new commercial construction in the market area, described in the Region section above, these are only built under two scenarios; bespoke buildings constructed to a specific tenant's brand image in direct response to a contract to lease or buy the real estate at the end of construction, or owner-occupied buildings constructed to house a growing business. While new construction in the first group is only completed when the project meets national investment criteria, new construction in the second group is often financed through existing banking relationships and based upon net cash flow generated by the business.

There is limited evidence of developers and speculators buying raw land and properties in need of renovation or redevelopment and there are several reports of new development in the planning stages. However, few have moved into the permitting or construction stage at this time. In general, these sites are marketed by developers as 'built to suit' sites and are not being prospectively developed. This is additional evidence of an economic obsolescence in new commercial construction and this market will wait for vacancy rates to hold at the frictional 5%, or tenants pre-leasing new space before any of these rumors become shovels in the ground.



Is the use estimated to be the most profitable and return the highest land value?

There are no financially feasible uses as vacant. The maximally productive use would be to hold the land awaiting a return in demand. As vacant the most likely user (buyer) is an owner-occupant who will hold the property for quiet enjoyment, possibly logging or developing the property with a building that suits their needs.

Valuation Analysis

The valuation process is used to develop well-supported indications of value based on consideration of all pertinent data. Three approaches to value; the cost approach, income capitalization approach and sales comparison approach; are considered.

The cost approach returns an indication of value by combining the value of the underlying land with the depreciated replacement cost of the improvements. Depreciation is loss in value due to wear and tear, physical depreciation, design and plan, functional obsolescence, or external influences, such as economic obsolescence due to oversupply or lack of demand. The cost approach is based on the principle of substitution which holds that a purchaser would not pay more for a property then the cost of replacing equally desirable and useful improvements thereon, assuming no costly delay is involved in making the substitution. It is most applicable in newer buildings where a supportable opinion of both replacement cost new and depreciation from all sources may be developed. It is most accurate when there is evidence that buyers are considering 'build to suit' along with offers to purchase existing comparable buildings, and where there is evidence of a financially feasible market for speculative construction.

The income capitalization approach is based in the principle of anticipation where value is related to both the anticipated benefit of a periodic rental income and a reversion of the property at the end of the holding period. The estimated net operating income (I_o) of the property is calculated from a market rental rate (fee simple), or a contractual rental income (leased fee) and then subtracting losses for vacancy, collection, expenses, as well as monetary reserves for short-lived items. To support the I_o calculation, operating statements of the subject and comparable properties may be reviewed along with any available operating expense estimates. The resulting I_o is then capitalized into an indication of value using an overall capitalization rate (R_o) derived from projects comparable to the subject with similar elements of risk.

The sales comparison approach returns an indication of value by comparing the subject to similar, competing, properties which sold recently. It is based on the economic principle of substitution. A buyer will not pay more for a property than they could pay for a comparable property of equal desirability and utility. It is also based on the principle of contribution where the value of a particular



component is measured in terms of its contribution to the value of the whole property, or, the amount its absence detracts from the value of the whole property. In the sales comparison approach a unit of comparison that best explains the actions of buyers and sellers is developed (\$/unit, \$/ft², \$/acre...). A monetary adjustment for each component of the property, known as 'elements of comparison' relevant to the market is developed. The most comparable sales are selected, verified and analyzed. Adjustments for both transactional elements and physical elements of comparison are applied to these comparable sales. Each individual indication of value is reconciled into one final opinion of value indicated by the sales comparison approach.

The final step in the appraisal process is the reconciliation of the indicated value in each of the three recognized approaches to value into a single, final, opinion of value based on several factors including the applicability of the approach to describe the actions of the market, the quality and quantity of supporting data and the length of time between the data and the effective date of the assignment.

Cost Approach to Value

Cost Approach A set of procedures through which a value indication is derived for the fee simple interest in the property by estimating the current cost to construct a reproduction of (or replacement for) the existing structure, including an entrepreneurial incentive, deducting depreciation from the total cost, and adding the estimated land value. Adjustments may then be made to the indicated fee simple value of the subject property to reflect the value of the property interest being appraised.

The cost approach to value has no basis in the valuation of raw land and may not be employed in this assignment.

Income Capitalization Approach to Value

Income Capitalization Approach A set of procedures, through which an appraiser derives a value indication for an income producing property by converting its anticipated benefits (cash flows and reversion) into property value. This conversion can be accomplished in two ways. One year's income expectancy can be capitalized at a market-derived capitalization rate or at a capitalization rate that reflects a specified income pattern, return on investment, and change in the value of the investment. Alternatively, the annual cash flows for the holding period and the reversion can be discounted at a specified yield rate.



There is no evidence of any market of investors, looking for a leased fee estate and likely to value the property solely based on its return to their equity position, purchasing raw land comparable to or competitive with the subject. As a result, an income capitalization approach does not describe the market, is misleading, and is not employed in this assignment.

Sales Comparison Approach to Value

Sales Comparison Approach

The process of deriving a value indication for the subject property by comparing market information for similar properties with the property being appraised, identifying appropriate units of comparison, and making qualitative comparisons with or quantitative adjustments to the sale prices (or unit prices, as appropriate) of the comparable properties based on relevant, market derived elements of comparison.

To develop a supported indication of the subject's market value using a sales comparison approach, those 25 sales first identified in the Market Analysis section were further studied to identify only those most similar sales likely to compete against the subject in the market of buyers. Six sales were selected over the past 24 months. These sales bracket most elements of comparison and are the most recent and most similar arm's length transfers available.

Data indicate this market trades on a 'price/Acre' metric and the sales comparison grid is constructed on this unit of comparison. To be consistent, the comparable sales are identified with their unique identifying number (e.g. Sale Comparable 1, Listing Comparable 1) first presented above in the Market Analysis section. As a result, the sales presented in the grid are not sequentially numbered.

A detailed write-up of each sale is presented, followed by a comparable sales map, comparable sales grid, analysis, and reconciliation.



Land Sale Comparable 2 1600 Brook Road Halifax, VT 05358

427.0 Acres of Land





Initial List Date: 10/26/2021 Sell Price: \$640,000

Initial List Price: \$649,500 Demolition: \$0

 Sell Date:
 3/31/2022
 Cash-Equiv
 \$640,000

 Days on Market (days)
 156
 Acres:
 427.0

 % Reduction:
 1.5%
 Price/Acre (\$/Ac):
 \$1,499

Property Rights Conveyed: Fee Simple

Financing: Cash

Conditions of Sale: Market

Expenditures Immediately After: \$0 None

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ViewLocal / WoodedWater:Private Req.Frontage:Public RoadSeptic:Private Req.

FEMA Flood Hazard: None Utilities: Overhead @ Street
Building Imp: None Zoning: 'Rural' / Act 250

AADT Local UVA Lien: Yes

Buyer Essex & Halifax, LLC Seller Stronk Revocable Trust

Woods Hole, MA Westmoreland, NH



Notes: 427 held as second-growth forest with frontage on two town-maintained roads. The site is improved with interior trails and logging roads and is encumbered by a VAST (snowmobile) trail operating under a license. The site may open up to a mountain view with clearing and the property is currently enrolled in State of Vermont's Use Value Appraisal program.



Bird's Eye Map Looking North

Data Confirmed: State Records, Town Records, an exterior inspection, and an interview with the selling agent.



Land Sale Comparable 4 Plunkton Road Granville, VT 05669

330.0 Acres of Land





 Initial List Date:
 6/16/2021
 Sell Price:
 \$490,000

 Initial List Price:
 \$490,000
 Demolition:
 \$0

 Sell Date:
 1/3/2022
 Cash-Equiv
 \$490,000

 Sell Date:
 1/3/2022
 Cash-Equiv
 \$490,000

 Days on Market (days)
 201
 Acres:
 330.0

 % Reduction:
 0.0%
 Price/Acre (\$/Ac):
 \$1,485

Property Rights Conveyed: Fee Simple

Financing: **Cash**

Conditions of Sale: **Market**

Expenditures Immediately After: **\$0 None**

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ViewLocal / WoodedWater:Private Req.Frontage:Public RoadSeptic:Private Req.

FEMA Flood Hazard: None Utilities: Overhead @ Street
Building Imp: None Zoning: 'Multi-Use' / Act 250

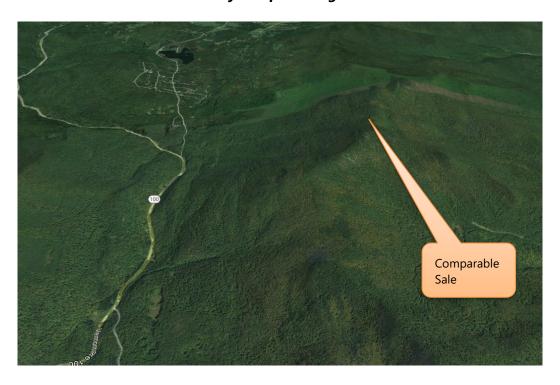
AADT Local UVA Lien: Yes

Buyer Kirsch & Lutsky Seller Montgomery Timber Co.

Waitsfield, VT West Springfield, NH



Notes: 330 held as second-growth forest with frontage on a town-maintained road. The site is improved with interior trails, logging roads and a cleared proposed building site, but is otherwise unentitled. The property was selectively logged three years ago. A portion of the site; the eastern end over the spine of the Green Mountains, is difficult to access with equipment and has an older stock of trees. No capital timber value was reported. The site may open up to a mountain view with clearing and the property is currently enrolled in State of Vermont's Use Value Appraisal program.



Bird's Eye Map Looking North

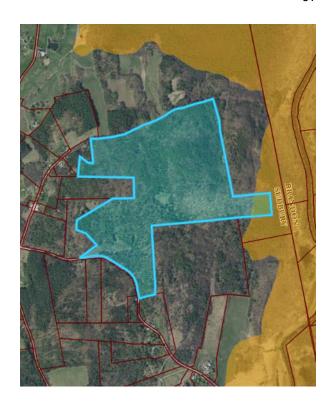
Data Confirmed: State Records, Town Records, an exterior inspection, and an interview with the listing agent.



Land Sale Comparable 5 VT Route 73 Sudbury, VT 05733

209.5 Acres of Land





Initial List Date: **8/4/2021** Sell Price: **\$365,000**

Initial List Price: \$365,000 Demolition: \$0

 Sell Date:
 12/30/2021
 Cash-Equiv
 \$365,000

 Days on Market (days)
 148
 Acres:
 209.5

 % Reduction:
 0.0%
 Price/Acre (\$/Ac):
 \$1,742

Property Rights Conveyed: Leased Fee (Seasonal Hunting)

Financing: **Cash**

Conditions of Sale: Market

Expenditures Immediately After: \$0 None

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ViewLocal / WoodedWater:Private Req.Frontage:State H-WaySeptic:Private Req.

FEMA Flood Hazard: Partial, Not Adv. Utilities: Overhead @ Street
Building Imp: Hunting Camp Zoning: 'Multi-Use' / Act 250

AADT 1,250 UVA Lien: Yes

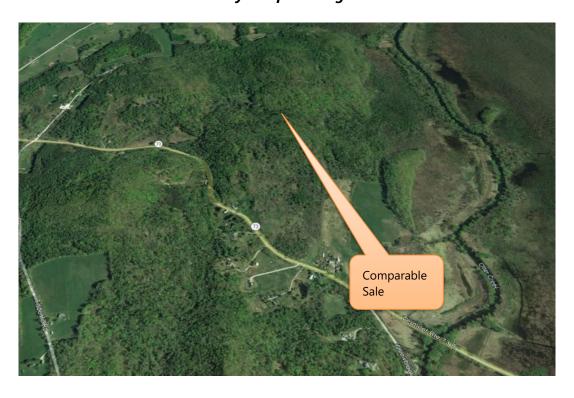
Buyer Lambert Seller FR-IV Properties

Wagener, SC 29164 Charlotte, VT 05445



Notes: 209.5 held as second-growth forest with a small meadow, and frontage on a state Highway. The site is improved with interior trails, logging roads, and a fully depreciated rustic hunting camp on a seasonal lease but is otherwise unentitled. The lease did not affect the purchase price as the buyer was out of state, does not plan to use the land immediately, and opted to continue the lease to ensure someone local was using the land.

The property was selectively logged under an existing forest management plan, and no capital timber value was reported. The site may open up to a mountain view with clearing, but this parcel is at the norther end of the Taconic range and has an elevation ~ 700', well below a more typical 2,000' to 3,000' in the Green Mountain range to the east. The property is currently enrolled in State of Vermont's Use Value Appraisal program.



Bird's Eye Map Looking North

Data Confirmed: State Records, Town Records, an exterior inspection, and an interview with the listing agent.



Land Sale Comparable 16 900 VT Route 100A Bridgewater, VT 05035

235.62 Acres of Land





Initial List Date: **5/15/2020** Sell Price: **\$370,000**

Initial List Price: \$395,000 Demolition: \$0

 Sell Date:
 3/22/2021
 Cash-Equiv
 \$370,000

 Days on Market (days) 311
 Acres:
 235.62

 % Reduction:
 6.3%
 Price/Acre (\$/Ac):
 \$1,570

Property Rights Conveyed: Fee Simple

Financing: Market

Conditions of Sale: **Market**

Expenditures Immediately After: **\$0 None**

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ViewMountainWater:Private Req.Frontage:Public RoadSeptic:Private Req.

FEMA Flood Hazard: None Utilities: Overhead @ Street
Building Imp: None Zoning: Res. / Act 250

Building Imp: None Zoning: Res. / Ac
AADT 800 UVA Lien: Yes

Buyer Sinclair Trust Seller Bunnell

White River Junction, VT Kirby, VT



Notes: 235.62 Acres held as a combination of cleared meadow and woodland, fronted on a town-maintained road in Bridgewater, Vermont. The site includes improved access drives, gated access (remote control), and a roughed-in pond. The site opens up to a long-range mountain view to the south and east.



Bird's Eye Map Looking North

Data Confirmed: State Records, Town Records, an exterior inspection



Land Sale Comparable 23 Blanchard Road Bridgewater, VT 05034

696 Acres of Vacant Land





Initial List Date: 5/12/2020 Sell Price: \$880,000 Initial List Price: \$995,000 Demolition: \$0 Sell Date: 11/4/2020 Cash-Equiv \$880,000 Days on Market (days): 176 Acres: 696.00 % Reduction: 11.6% Price/Acre (\$/Ac): \$1,264

Property Rights Conveyed: Fee Simple / ROFR (16%)

Financing: Cash

Conditions of Sale: Market

Expenditures Immediately After: **\$0 None**

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ViewLocalWater:Private Req.Frontage:Public RoadSeptic:Private Req.

FEMA Flood Hazard: None Utilities: Overhead @ Street
Building Imp: None Zoning: Rural Residential

AADT Local UVA Lien: Yes

Buyer Richmond Hill Forest, LLC Seller Eastern Region Land Exchange

Woodstock, VT 05091 Winn, ME 04495



Notes: 696 Acres with public road frontage at two points. The land is held as 100% second-growth forest and is under an active forest management plan with 233 Acres recommended for harvest in 2022. The site includes existing woods roads and 2,145' of frontage along the Ottauquechee River. Portions of the site should open up to a mountain view with clearing. The site is encumbered with several deeded rights of way and 110 Acres (16%) carries a right of first refusal and a no-building covenant.



Bird's Eye Map Looking North

Data Confirmed: State Records, Town Records, documents provided by the seller's agent, Mr. Michael Tragner.



Land Sale Comparable 25 550 Abe Jacobs Road Corinth, VT 05039

223 Acres of Vacant Land





Sell Price: Initial List Date: 5/1/2020 \$375,000 Initial List Price: \$340,000 Demolition: \$0 \$375,000 Sell Date: 11/4/2020 Cash-Equiv Days on Market (days): 187 223.00 Acres: % Reduction: -10.3% Price/Acre (\$/Ac): \$1,682

Property Rights Conveyed: Fee Simple

Financing: Owner @ Market

Conditions of Sale: Market

Expenditures Immediately After: \$0 None

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View Long-Range Mtn Water: Private Req. **Public Road** Septic: Frontage: Private Req. FEMA Flood Hazard: None **Utilities:** Overhead @ Street Building Imp: None Zoning: None, Act 250

AADT Local UVA Lien: Yes

Buyer Moon Dogs, LLC Seller P&T Real Estate, LLC

Woodstock, VT



Notes: 223 Acres with public road frontage in Corinth, VT with existing long-range mountain views and an estimated 50 Acre untapped sugarbush. Approximately 20% of the site was cleared and held as field. The difference between the initial asking price and the sale price was the seller including an additional 23 Acres in the purchase.

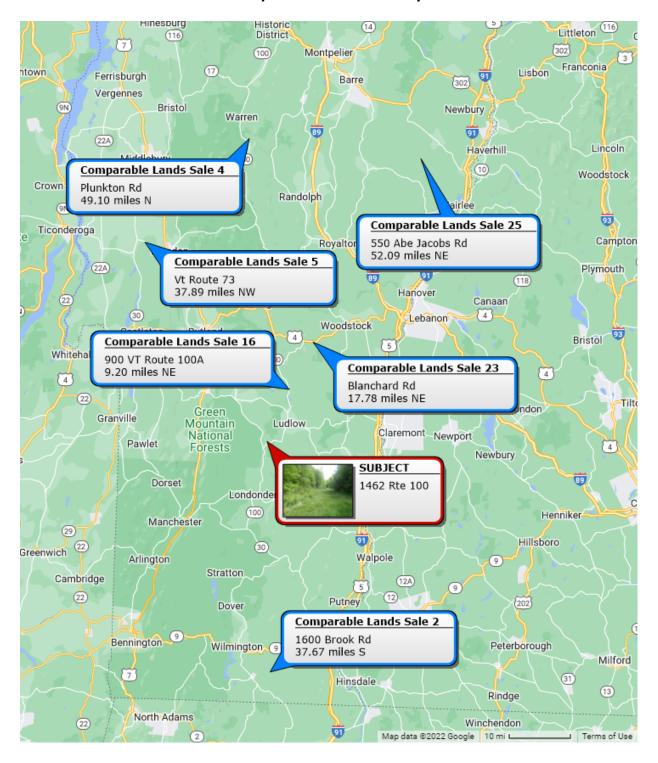


Bird's Eye Map Looking North

Data Confirmed: State Records, Town Records, an interview with the seller's agent, Mr. Dale Bromley.



Comparable Land Sales Map





		Comp	arable Land Sa	les Grid	d					
	Address	Subject 1642 VT Route 100	Comp. Land Sal	e 2	Comp. Land Sale Plunkton Road	e 4	Comp. Land Sale VT Route 73	5		
	Town, State	Weston & Mt. Holly, VT	Halifax, VT		Granville, VT		Sudbury, VT			
	Recorded Sales Price (\$)	N/A	\$640,000		\$490,000		\$365,000			
	Size (Acres)	448.9	427.0		330.0		209.5			
	Price/Acre (\$/Acre)	N/A	\$1,499		\$1,485		\$1,742			
la s	Real Property Rights	Fee Simple	Fee Simple	0	Fee Simple	0	Leased Fee	0		
Transactional Adjustments	Financing	Market	Cash	0	Cash	0	Cash	0		
ısac ustr	Conditions of Sale	No Adverse	No Adverse	0	No Adverse	0	No Adverse	0		
rar Adj	Expenditures After Purchase	None	None	0	None	0	None	0		
	Market Conditions (Time)	Current	March-22	0	January-22	0	December-21	0		
	Cash-Equivalent Sales Price (\$/Acre)			1,499		1,485		1,742		
	Location/AADT	Rural / 1,300	Rural / Local Only	0	Rural / Local Only	0	Rural / 1,250	0		
\$	Zoning District	'Rural' / 'Consv.' / Act 250	'Rural' / Act 250	0	'Multi-Use' & Act 250	0	'Multi-Use' & Act 250	0		
nen	UVA Lien (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	0	Yes	0	Yes	0		
ustr	Deeded Conserv. Easement (Y/N)	No	No	0	No	0	No	0		
Property Adjustments	View	Local / Wooded	Local / Wooded	0	Local / Wooded	0	Local / Wooded	0		
rty	Frontage Topography	State H-Way Flat / Sloped	Town Maintained Flat / Sloped	0	Town Maintained Flat / Sloped	0	State H-Way Flat / Sloped	0		
оре	Environmental Issues	None	None	0	None	0	None	0		
Ā	FEMA Flood Plain	None	None	0	None	0	Partial	0		
	Acreage Adjustment (\$/Ac/Ac)	448.9	427.0	(16)	330.0	(104)	209.5	(273)		
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		Gross Adjustment (\$/Acre)		16		104		273		
		Gross Adjustment (%)		1%		7%		16%		
		Indicated Value (\$/Acre)		1,482		1,380		1,469		
		Subject	Comp. Land Sale	e 16	Comp. Land Sale	23	Comp. Land Sale	25		
	Address	1642 VT Route 100	900 VT Route 10	00A	Blanchard Road	i	550 Abe Jacobs Road			
	Town, State	Weston & Mt. Holly, VT	Bridgewater, V	T	Bridgewater, VT	Г	Corinth, VT			
	Recorded Sales Price (\$)	N/A	\$370,000		\$880,000		\$375,000			
	C' (A)		4510,000				\$373,000			
	Size (Acres)	448.9	235.6		696.0		223.0			
	Price/Acre (\$/Acre)	448.9 N/A			696.0 \$1,264					
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All adjustments are based on paired sales, nested paired sales, regression analysis, depreciated cost analysis, or income capitalization techniques. These are applied as required based upon the actions of buyers and sellers in the market and without concern for arbitrary net or gross adjustment guidelines. Individual indications of value are evaluated based upon all their characteristics in the reconciliation process prior to concluding an indication of value with the sales comparison approach.

<u>Transactional Adjustments</u>

Any differences in Transactional Adjustments, including Market Conditions, require a 0% adjustment. Sale 5's leased fee estate did not affect the purchase price.

Property Adjustments:

Any difference in Property Adjustments requires an adjustment of 0%.

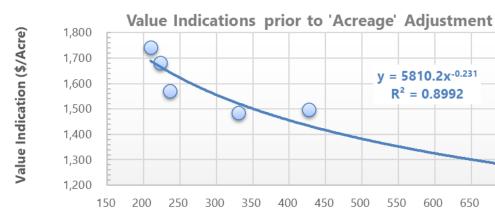
When the comparable sales are adjusted for all differences other than acreage it results in a value indication before any acreage adjustment; a distinct and typical pattern of value (\$/Acre) vs. Acres emerges. Data include:

Land Value Indications Prior to Acreage Adjustment

	Acres	(\$/Acre)	
Comp. Land Sale 2	427.0	1,499	
Comp. Land Sale 4	330.0	1,485	
Comp. Land Sale 5	209.5	1,742	
Comp. Land Sale 16	235.6	1,570	
Comp. Land Sale 23	696.0	1,264	
Comp. Land Sale 25	223.0	1,682	

Size (Acres)

Graphically;





750

650

700

After adjustment for all other elements of comparison, size difference alone explains 90% of all the remaining variation in price per Acre. A model is constructed to adjust for differences in size:

$$Price/_{Acre} = 5,810(Acres^{-0.231})$$

This is developed with a power law model shown above using the least sum of the squares error method. The adjustment is the difference in the value indications of the comparable and the subject developed with the model shown above and is applied to the comparable sale to indicate the value of the subject.

After adjustment for this final element of comparison the individual indications of value form a range that is only 10% of their average indication. This result is well below a common and typical result of 25% to 60% when appraising raw land. This lends credibility to the selection of the comparables, adjustments, and results. Measures of the central tendency of the individual indications of value include:

Measures of Central Tendency

1,343	Minimum Indication of Value (\$/Acre)
1,482	Maximum Indication of Value (\$/Acre)
140	Range in Indications of Value (\$/Acre)
1,418	Average Indication of Value (\$/Acre)
1,417	Median Indication of Value (\$/Acre)
10%	Range/Average (%)
54	Standard Deviation (\$/Acre)
4%	% CV (%)

While all six individual indications of value carry some weight in this analysis Sale 2, the most recent and similar in size carries slightly more weight. The reconciled value developed with the sales comparison approach is \$1,475/Acre. Multiplied by the size of the subject and rounded to the nearest \$5,000, the indication of land value developed with the sales comparison approach is \$660,000.

Reconciled Opinion of Value (\$/Acre)	1,475
x Acres	448.9
= Indication of Value (\$)	662,128

660,000

= Indication of Value, Rounded (\$)



Reconciliation

Indication of Value developed with the...

Cost Approach Not Supported Income Capitalization Approach Not Supported

Sales Comparison Approach \$660,000

Final Opinion of Value \$660,000

The cost approach to value has no basis in the valuation of raw land and is not employed in this assignment.

Sales data presented above indicate that no property comparable to or competitive with the subject in its market area was purchased by a passive investor who may value the property in relation to the income it can produce in rental. Therefore, an income capitalization approach to value is not developed in this assignment as this method does not represent a working market, is misleading and may result in a misleading indication of value.

The sales comparison approach measures the actual actions of buyers and sellers in transactions I could confirm with a disinterested source, through exterior observations and through interior inspections at the time of sale. Six comparable sales were located in the subject's market area in the prior 24 months. Their adjusted indications of value form a range that is only 17% of their average indication, which lends confidence to the analysis, selection of comparable sales and adjustments. Data indicate owner-occupants are the primary participants in this market. The sales comparison approach is a direct reflection of their actions and the only reliable approach to value in this analysis. The indication of value developed with the sales comparison approach carries all the weight in the final opinions of value.



Statement of Value

The real property appraised in this assignment is a total of 448.9 Acres of land located predominately along the northwest side of VT Route 100 in between the Weston and Ludlow village centers and along the west slope of Okemo Mountain. The road frontage and 210.9 Acres are located in the town of Weston; the remaining 238 Acres are located in the town of Mount Holly and accessed through the Weston parcel. The site is improved with a gate-secured graveled access drive and logging road from the VT Route 100 frontage to the north end of the parcel; there are no building improvements. From the VT Route 100 frontage the site slopes up gently to the north, rising roughly 800' in elevation over 9,400' or an average slope of 8.5% which is common and typical of the market area. The site is adjacent to the Okemo State Forest and is enrolled in Vermont's Use Value Appraisal program. The site is unentitled and has no elements of functional or external obsolescence.

There are no extraordinary assumptions or hypothetical conditions in this assignment.

As a result of the investigation and analysis the opinion of the market value of the fee simple estate in the real property, as of May 27, 2022 is:

Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars { \$660,000 }



Addenda

- Competency
- Qualifications
- Deed
- Lister's Card
- Letter of Engagement

Competency of the Appraiser

The appraiser, Sean A. Sargeant, MAI, SRA, has the ability to properly identify the valuation problem(s) the client would like addressed and has the knowledge and experience to complete this assignment competently in recognition of and in compliance with all rules and laws that apply to the appraiser and to this assignment including the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

Sean A. Sargeant, MAI, SRA is a credentialed Certified General Real Estate Appraiser in Vermont (VT #80-0059677) and New Hampshire (NHCG-935). He holds both MAI and SRA designations from the Appraisal Institute, as well as their PDP in the Valuation of Sustainable Buildings, Commercial and Residential. He was the Vice-President and Chair of the Education Committee of the Vermont Chapter of the Appraisal Institute in 2010 and 2011; the President of the Vermont Chapter of the Appraisal Institute in 2012 and 2013; and Chair of its Education Committee again from 2014 to 2016. After a chapter merger he served on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire/Vermont Chapter of the Appraisal Institute from January 2017 to present and is Vice-President 2021-2022.

The professional competency of the appraiser should not be presumed to include the knowledge or experience of a professional surveyor, architect, engineer, title lawyer, hazardous waste engineer or other specialist. It is normal for the appraiser to rely on reports from these types of professionals that are commonly available during the appraisal process and cannot be held liable for their errors or judgments.



Qualifications & License

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1997-1998

January 2006

Education:

B. S. Mechanical Engineering
University of Vermont
1990
Graduate Coursework, Chemistry
Northeastern University
1990-1991
Graduate Coursework, Mechanical Engineering

University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Appraiser Education:

Basic Appraisal Principles

Basic Appraisal Procedures February 2006 Uniform Standards of Prof. Appraisal Practice March 2006 Residential Highest and Best Use March 2006 Uniform Standards of Prof. Appraisal Practice 2006 Update July 2006 Residential Sales Comparison and Income Approach February 2007 Real Estate Finance, Statistics and Valuation Modeling September 2007 Residential Site Valuation and Cost Approach December 2007 Uniform Standards of Prof. Appraisal Practice 2008 Update January 2008 Residential Report Writing and Case Studies May 2008 Advanced Residential Case Studies, Pt. 1 July 2008 Advanced Residential Report Writing, Pt. 2 August 2008 General Appraiser Sales Comparison Approach November 2008 General Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach December 2008 FHA Appraisal Standards February 2009 General Appraiser Income Approach I March 2009 General Appraiser Income Approach II April 2009 General Case Studies and Report Writing June 2009 General Market Analysis & Highest and Best Use July 2009 2-Day Appraiser Curriculum Update November 2009 **Business Practices and Ethics** May 2010 Using Spreadsheet Programs in Appraising May 2010 Valuation of Green Residential Properties March 2011 May 2011 Advanced Income Capitalization **Advanced Concepts and Case Studies** July 2011 **Uniform Appraisal Dataset** August 2011 Separating Real, Personal and Intangible Property March 2012 Condemnation Appraising August 2012 Appraising in a Declining Market September 2012 Reviewing the Appraisal January 2013 **UAD After Effects** March 2013 Residential & Commercial Valuation of Solar November 2013 USPAP Update, 2013-2014 January 2014 Value of Sustainable Buildings, Residential Case Studies August 2014 Value of Sustainable Buildings, Commercial Case Studies October 2014 Introduction to Valuation of Sustainable Buildings May 2015 2016-2017 USPAP 7-Hour Update December 2015 Advanced Excel for Appraisers April 2017 2018-2019 USPAP 7-Hour Update December 2017 Solving Land Valuation Puzzles April 2018



Owner-Occupied Properties April 2018 **Business Practices and Ethics** November 2019 2020-2021 USPAP 7-Hour Update December 2019 Mold, A Growing Concern March 2020 Environmental Hazards Impact on Value April 2020 Appraising Energy Efficient Residential Properties April 2020 **Appraising Conservation Easements** June 2020 Limited Scope Appraisals November 2020 **Appraising Complex Properties** November 2020 2022-2023 USPAP 7-Hour Update December 2021 Yellow Book Appraisals April 2022

Affiliations and Certifications:

MAI (December 2013) and SRA (January 2009) Designated Member of Appraisal Institute
Completed Al's Professional Development Program in the Valuation of Sustainable Buildings: Commercial & Residential
Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development Conference; May 2010
Vermont Chapter of the Appraisal Institute Education Chain 2010, 2011, 81 2014, 2016

Vermont Chapter of the Appraisal Institute: Education Chair; 2010-2011 & 2014-2016

President; 2012-2013

New Hampshire/Vermont Chapter of the Appraisal Institute: Board of Directors; 2017 - Present

Education Committee; 2017 – Present

Vice President, 2021-Present

FHA Certified Appraiser

Prequalified Consultant Appraiser (Class I) VT AOT for partial or total acquisitions

Significant Professional Experience:

Expert Witness to Real Property Value: US Federal Court, Brattleboro, VT

Addison County Superior Court, Middlebury, VT Rutland County Superior Court, Rutland, VT Windsor County Superior Court, Woodstock, VT

Lister's Hearings, Boards of Civil Authority and PVR Hearings

Performed HMGP appraisals for the State of Vermont, FEMA, and the Towns of Wardsboro, Londonderry, Plymouth, Pittsfield,

Stockbridge, Rochester, Bridgewater, Bethel, Chester, and Granville.

Edited Al's <u>Case Studies in Appraising Green Commercial Buildings</u>

Other Experience:

Rutland City Alderman, Board of Civil Authority, Board of Control Commissioners; 2010-2013 Treasurer, Lakes Region Youth Orchestra; 2014 - 2019 Rutland City Police Commission; 2013 - Present Chair, Rutland City Police Commission; 2016 – Present







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SCHEDULE A

Ryan to Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc Property: Lands in Mount Holly, Vermont and Weston, Vermont

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to MICHAEL J. RYAN and JACQUELINE C. RYAN by Warranty Deed of GASTON RIENDEAU, RICHARD RIENDEAU, GERARD RIENDEAU, AND PAUL RIENDEAU dated May 21, 2003 and recorded on June 9, 2003 in Book 62 at Page 433-435 of the Town of Weston Land Records and recorded on June 17, 2003 in Book 63 at Page 276 of the Mount Holly Land Records and more particularly described as follows:

Being all that Gaston Riendeau, Richard Riendeau, Gerard Riendeau and Paul Riendeau, Grantors herein, now own of the of the same lands and premises conveyed to them by warranty deed of William P. Marshall dated December 31, 1986 and recorded in Book 105, Page 32 of the Ludlow Land Records and Book 39, Page 532 of the Mt. Holly Land Records and by administrator's deed of Janet M. Whipple dated January 7, 1988 and recorded in Book 41, Page 153 of the Mt. Holly Land Records, the premises herein conveyed being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a corner in the northwesterly right-of-way limits of the section of the old location of Vermont Route 100 known as the "Old Oxbow Road," said corner being a southerly corner of the land herein conveyed and being N 51° 48' W 437 feet, more or less, from an iron pipe at the southeast corner of lands to be conveyed by said Grantors herein to Jacqueline C. Ryan, Trustee for the Victoria Megan Ryan 2003 Irrevocable Trust by deed of even or near date herewith;

thence N 51° 48' W 2,217.7 feet along the southerly line of said lands and land uow or formerly owned by Allan Sheldon and crossing Vermont Route 100 as it is now located to an iron pipe, said pipe marking the southwest comer of said lands;

thence N 19° E 1,670.3 feet along the west line of said lands and land now or formerly owned by Winfred A. Dean to a stone marker;

thence N 19° 00' E 2,160.6 feet along the westerly line of said lands and along lands now or formerly owned by Westmount Corporation to an iron pipe set in the Weston-Mt. Holly town line;

thence S 45° 53' E 1,458.6 feet along said town line and lands now or formerly of Westmount Corporation to a stone marker;

thence N 35° 08' E 3,883.5 feet along lands now or formerly of Westmount Corporation to an iron pipe;

thence N 34° 48' E 2,029.0 feet along lands now or formerly owned by Chase to an iron pipe, said pipe marking the northwest corner of this property;

thence S 57° 13' 384.0 feet to an iron pipe;

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thence southerly in a straight line along the boundary with lands proviously convoyed by Grantors herein, Gaston Riendeau, Richard Riendeau, Gerard Riendeau, and Paul Riendeau, to the State of Vermont by warranty deed date May 16, 1997 and recorded in the Ludlow Land Records, and partly along the Ludlow-Mt. Holly town line to a stone marker, which stone marker is the southwest corner of the land conveyed in said deed to the State of Vermont;

thence S 05° 29' W 1,359.0 feet along said town line to a stake and stones;

thence S 52° 06' W 2,379.3 feet along the so-called Lee Pasture to an iron pipe in the Weston-Mt. Holly town line;

thence N 46° 31° W 530.5 feet along said town line to an iron pipe, said pipe marking the northwest comer of the Ray Benson-Fay Gabert Development;

thence S 18° 53' W 2,747.4 feet along lands now or formerly of Benson-Gabert and Joseph Kochiso to the northeasterly right-of-way limits of old Route 100;

thence northwesterly, westerly and southwesterly along the northerly and westerly right of way limits of old Routo 100, 1,278 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning.

Said parcel is believed to contain approximately 440 acres, more or less.

Reference may be had to the aforementioned deeds and the records thereof, and to all prior deeds and their records, for a further and more complete description of the lands and premises herein conveyed.

Included herewith is the common easement reserved by Grantors in the deed to Cullen Angus and Laura Angus dated December 2, 2021 and recorded in Book 95 at Page 97 of the Weston Land Records.

Meaning and intending to convey the lands and premises conveyed to Gaston Riendeau, Richard Riendeau, Gerard Riendeau, and Paul Riendeau by warranty deed from William P. Marshall dated December 31, 1986 and recorded in Book 38 at Page 109 of the Weston Land Records.

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Vermont Property Transfer Tax Acknowledgment,
Returned Received

Signed (Carol A(-one of tax)) Cork

Mount Holly Town Clerk's Office March 31, 2022 8:30am Received Warranty Deed of which the foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: Carol Hanon Dalley Town Clerk



Lister's Card



Property Card: ROUTE 100 1642

Town of Weston, VT

NO PHOTO

AVAILABLE

Proval PIN: 060010.99 Parcel Number 06-00-10.00

Parent Parcel Number:

Owner: RYAN MICHAEL J Co-Owner: RYAN JACQUELINE C Mailing Address: 3038 OHARA DRIVE

NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34655

Tax ID: 732-233-10516 Property Class: 811 - Res Vacant Rural

Jurisdiction: 233

Area: 233

SITE DESCRIPTION

Topography: Land Type: Homesite Vacant

Electric: Street or Road:
Gas: Legal Acres: 205.1000

Water: Sewer:

VALUATION RECORD

Assessment Year			04/01/2001	04/01/2003	04/01/2005
Reason for Change			2001	03	Pious Use
Valuation Market	L B T		0 152500 152500	216830 0 216830	0
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SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS

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Property Card: ROUTE 100 1642 Town of Weston, VT

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Proval PIN: 060010.99 Parcel Number 06-00-42.00 Parent Parcel Number:

Owner: RYAN MICHAEL J Co-Owner: RYAN JACQUELINE C Mailing Address: 3038 OHARA DRIVE NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34655 Tax ID: 732-233-10516 Property Class: 811 - Res Vacant Rural Jurisdiction: 233 Area: 233

SITE DESCRIPTION

VALUATION RECORD

Assessment Year		04/01/2001	04/01/2003	04/01/2005
Reason for Change		2001	03	Pious Use
Valuation Market	L	0	216830	212490
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Letter of Engagement

Contract for Appraisal Services

This contract is binding upon Sargeant Appraisal Service hereinafter referred to as the 'Appraiser' and;

Mount Holly Conservation Trust % Brigid Sullivan, PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730 Brigid526@gmail.com, hereinafter referred to as the Client

Intended Use:

Prospective Purchase

Intended User:

Client, VHCB, VLT, State of Vermont

Date of Valuation:

Current

Definition of Value:

Market Value, FIRREA Title XI

Additional Conditions: None Anticipated

The Appraiser agrees to provide research, analysis, and a written appraisal report(s) concluding in an opinion of market value for real property described as;

--- Assignment 1 ---

Real Property of Ryan 1642 VT Route 100, Weston & Mount Holly, Vermont 448.9 Acres of vacant land, Book 62 Page 433 & Book 63 Page 276 SPAN Number: ___ 732-233-10516 / 417-130-10938

- 1. The analysis and report(s) will conform with and are subject to the Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct of the Appraisal Institute, the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), and all State of VT Appraisal Standards.
- 2. If the Appraiser is required to provide testimony or attend any public or private hearing in person or virtually as a result of having prepared this analysis the Client agrees to pay the Appraiser \$200 per hour, door to door with a three-hour minimum, plus any expenses incurred at actual cost or at the current IRS travel reimbursement rate.
- 3. If any portion of the compensation or costs due to the Appraiser become more than 45 days delinquent, the Client will pay interest thereon at the rate of 1.5% per month on the outstanding balance until paid, and further agrees to pay all costs of collection thereof including reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, etc.
- In the event the Client desires to cancel this contract written notice thereof shall be delivered to the Appraiser and it is agreed the Appraiser shall receive compensation from the Client for all services rendered at the rate of \$150 per hour for the time actually spent prior to receipt of written notice to stop work plus all costs advanced in connection with said work prior to receipt of such written notice.
- 5. In addition to all other terms and conditions of this agreement, Appraiser and Client agree that the Appraiser's services under this agreement and appraisal report(s) and any use of the reports(s) are and will be subject to the statements, limiting conditions and other terms set forth in the appraisal report(s).
- 6. Appraiser's standard appraisal statements, limiting conditions and terms are attached to this agreement as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein. Appraiser may determine additional conditions and terms affecting the appraisal during performance of the assignment, which may be identified in the report(s).





- 7. The appraisal report(s) and the Appraisers' work in connection with the appraisal assignment(s) are subject to the limiting conditions and all other terms stated in the report. Any use of the appraisal by any party, regardless of whether such use is authorized or intended by the appraiser, constitutes acceptance of all such limiting conditions and terms.
- 8. The fee to prepare the analysis and deliver written appraisal report(s) is \$3,000. This is based on the time required to develop a credible analysis and report(s) that is not misleading to the intended users in their intended use. It is in no way connected to the final opinion(s) of value.
- 9. The Client agrees to pay the appraiser as follows:
 - a. \$0 at contract execution
 - b. \$3,000 at delivery of the report(s)
- The work product will be delivered within 16 weeks of receipt of the following items required to begin
 the analysis
 - a. Executed contract

Accepted by:

Mount Holly Conservation Trust

Date: February 7, 2022

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