



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: April 30, 2014
Subject: Grant/Position Request

Enclosed please find two (2) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

JFO #2680 – Donation of 0.03 acres of land (estimated value: \$5,000) from Steve and Jane Glass to the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife. Located in Craftsbury, this donation will provide public access to Great Hosmer Pond for fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing and watercraft launching. State funds in the amount of \$1,750 (special funds) will be used, along with federal funds, to cover closing costs, etc.
[JFO received 04/25/14]

JFO #2681 – Donation of 10 acres of land (estimated value: \$27,500) from Engineers Construction, Inc. to the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife. Located in Wolcott, this donation will provide public access to the Lamoille River for fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, and protect riparian, wetland and forested habitat. State funds in the amount of \$250 (special funds) will be used, along with federal funds, to cover closing costs, etc.
[JFO received 04/25/14]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Nathan Lavery at (802) 828-1488; nlavery@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like an item held for legislative review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by May 14 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.

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Agency of Administration

JFO 2681

**STATE OF VERMONT
 FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM**

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|---|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Grant Summary: | | Donation of 10 acres in the Pottersville area of Wolcott, VT that will provide public access to the Lamoille River for fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing and protection of riparian, wetland and forested upland habitat. | | | |
| Date: | | 4/18/2014 | | | |
| Department: | | ANR- Fish & Wildlife | | | |
| Legal Title of Grant: | | Engineers Construction Land Donation | | | |
| Federal Catalog #: | | N/A | | | |
| Grant/Donor Name and Address: | | Engineers Construction, Inc, 98 Engineers Drive, Williston VT 05495 | | | |
| Grant Period: | | From: | | To: | |
| Grant/Donation | | Land with an estimated value of \$27,500. | | | |
| | SFY 1 | SFY 2 | SFY 3 | Total | Comments |
| Grant Amount: | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Position Information: | | # Positions | Explanation/Comments | | |
| | | 0 | | | |
| Additional Comments: | | See attached land donation form. | | | |
| Department of Finance & Management | | [Signature] | | (Initial) | |
| Secretary of Administration | | [Signature] | | (Initial) | |
| Sent To Joint Fiscal Office | | [Signature] | | Date | |

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LAND DONATION FORM

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Name of Donation:</u> | Engineers Construction Land Donation |
| <u>Date:</u> | 4/18/2014 |
| Value of land | \$27,500.00 |
| Amount paid for land | \$0.00 |
| Net change in State land assets | <u>\$27,500.00</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Personal Services | |
| Closing Costs,Att'y Fees | \$1,000.00 |
| Operating Expenses | |
| | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$1,000.00 |
| Source of Funds | |
| General Fund | \$0.00 |
| Special Fund | \$0.00 |
| State Fish and Wildlife Fund | \$250.00 |
| Federal Funds | \$750.00 |
| Total Funding | <u>\$1,000.00</u> |

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

| BASIC GRANT INFORMATION | | | | |
|--|---|----------------|------------|----------|
| 1. Agency: | Natural Resources | | | |
| 2. Department: | Fish and Wildlife | | | |
| 3. Program: | Fisheries | | | |
| 4. Legal Title of Grant: | | | | |
| 5. Federal Catalog #: | | | | |
| 6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: | Engineers Construction, Inc. 98 Engineers Drive Williston, VT 05495 | | | |
| 7. Grant Period: | From: | | To: | |
| 8. Purpose of Grant: | To accept a 10-acre parcel from the grantee to permanently guarantee public access to the Lamoille River for fishing, hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing and protection of riparian, wetland and forested upland habitat. | | | |
| 9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: | The Department will not be able to accept a parcel containing 2,300 linear feet of river frontage and 10 acres of riparian, wetland and forested upland habitat. This will impact public access to the Lamoille River and wildlife and fisheries based recreation opportunities, and leave important habitat vulnerable to degradation. | | | |
| 10. BUDGET INFORMATION | | | | |
| | SFY 1 | SFY 2 | SFY 3 | Comments |
| Expenditures: | FY | FY | FY | |
| Personal Services | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Operating Expenses | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Grants | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Total | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| State Funds: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Cash | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| In-Kind | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Federal Funds: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| (Direct Costs) | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| (Statewide Indirect) | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| (Departmental Indirect) | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other Funds: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Grant (source) | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Total | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Appropriation No: | | Amount: | \$ | |
| | | | \$ | |
| | | | \$ | |
| | | | \$ | |
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STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

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| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | Total | \$ |

Has current fiscal year budget detail been entered into Vantage? Yes No

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? Yes No
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

Appointing Authority Name: Patrick Berry Agreed by: PHB (initial)

| 12. Limited Service Position Information: | # Positions | Title |
|---|-------------|-------|
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| | | |
| Total Positions | | |

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. Can be obtained with available funds.

13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

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|--|--|----------------------|
| I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-IPN (if applicable): | Signature: <u>PHB</u> | Date: <u>3/24/14</u> |
| | Title: Commissioner, Vermont Fish and Wildlife | |
| | Signature: <u>Dahl M...</u> | Date: <u>3-27-14</u> |
| | Title: Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources | |

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

Approved: [Signature] (Secretary or designee signature) Date: 4/22/14

15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

Check One Box: Accepted [Signature] Date: 4/23/14
 Rejected (Governor's signature)

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget | |

End Form AA-1

(*) 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).

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Agency of Natural Resources

MEMORANDUM

To: Sarah London
From: Jane Lazorchak
Date: February 21, 2014
RE: Governor's Approval recommended and requested for the acceptance of a donation of a parcel located in the Town of Wolcott.

Enclosed is a request for Governor Shumlin's approval and signature for the acceptance of a parcel of land totaling approximately 10 acres from Engineers Construction, Inc. of Williston, VT to the State of Vermont. The addition of this parcel, located in the Town of Wolcott, to the Fish and Wildlife Department's Riparian Lands program will permanently guarantee public access to Lamoille River for fishing, hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing, will conserve 2,300 linear feet and 10 acres of riparian, wetland and forested upland habitat and contribute to flood resiliency. Total costs for this project are approximately \$1,000 for attorney fees and closing costs.

Funding for the associated costs of this donation will come from federal funding to the Fisheries Division. Included with the Governor's approval memo are a map of the property, a copy of the review and approval by the Agency Land Acquisition Review Committee and a copy of a letter signed by the Wolcott Select Board stating town support for the state acquisition of this parcel.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me directly at 479-4405 or at jane.lazorchak@state.vt.us, thank you.

cc: Patrick Berry, Commissioner
Eric Palmer, Fisheries Division Director



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TO: Peter Shumlin, Governor

THROUGH: Deb Markowitz, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

FROM: Patrick Berry, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Department, Donation, Engineers Construction, Inc. Lamoille River property, Wolcott, VT

Recommendation Approval of the acceptance of a donation of a parcel totaling approximately 10 acres from Engineers Construction, Inc. of Williston, VT to the Fish and Wildlife Department (FWD) to permanently guarantee public access and habitat protection along the Lamoille River in the Pottersville area of Wolcott, VT.

Description of Project

The Fisheries Division is responsible for management of Riparian Lands, unimproved access points and developed Access Areas along waters throughout Vermont. From the 1950s to the 1970s the Department managed a program that acquired fee interest in extensive segments of riverfront land for angler access and riparian conservation. The most significant concentration of these lands is along the Barton, Black, Willoughby and Lamoille rivers in the Northeast Kingdom, where the Department owns many miles of frontage. The Fisheries Division considers targeted acquisitions of additional riparian lands to be in the interest of protecting fish habitat, fish populations, public access for fish- and wildlife-based activities and contributing to flood resiliency.

The Lamoille River in Wolcott, from the Village of Hardwick's Pottersville hydroelectric dam downstream through the village of Wolcott, is noteworthy for its moderate gradient, ledge drops, rapids and riffles that contribute water quality ameliorating re-aeration after impacts of the Hardwick Lake and Pottersville impoundments in the several-mile segment upstream. These above features along with associated large pools offer excellent conditions for trout. As a result the reach supports very good populations of brown trout and rainbow trout, and a popular fishery.

Engineers Construction, Inc. of Williston, VT owns a 10-acre forested parcel situated between the (onetime) St. Johnsbury/Lamoille County railroad bed on the north and the Lamoille River on the south, extending from the Village of Hardwick dam parcel (upstream) nearly to the VT Route 15 bridge (downstream). Early last winter Ken Pidgeon, president of Engineers Construction contacted FWD staff about his interest to donate the property to the FWD for it to be protected and always accessible to the public

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF LAND

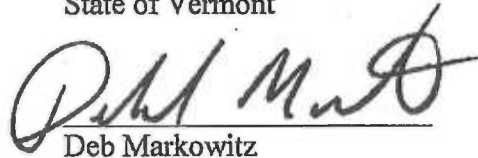
We the undersigned, hereby approve the acceptance of a donation of a 10-acre parcel from Engineers Construction, Inc. to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife to guarantee public access to the Lamoille River in Wolcott, VT. This approval is required by 10 V.S.A. §4144 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

3/10/14
Date



Peter Shumlin
Governor
State of Vermont

2/27/14
Date



Deb Markowitz
Secretary
Agency of Natural Resources

Date



Patrick Berry
Commissioner
Fish and Wildlife Department