



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: October 15, 2012
Subject: Grant Requests

Enclosed please find two (2) items that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration, including the establishment of 1 limited service position.

JFO #2586 – \$10,000,000 grant from Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP) to the Vermont Department of Children and Families. This request includes the establishment of **1 limited service position**. Funds will be used provide weatherization services to low-income residents as required by Public Service Board Docket No. 7770. **Expedited review has been requested. Joint Fiscal Committee members will be contacted by October 26th with a request to waive the balance of the review period and accept this grant.**
[JFO received 10/11/12]

JFO #2587 – \$385,500 worth of land donated by The Nature Conservancy to the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife. This amount represents the difference between the appraised value of \$427,500 and the purchase price to the State of Vermont of \$42,000.
[JFO received 10/11/12]

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 Joint Fiscal Committee review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by October 26 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 2587

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

Grant Summary:	Land donation of 152 acre Crosby parcel in the Town of Alburgh				
Date:	10/1/2012				
Department:	ANR F&W 612000000				
Legal Title of Grant:	Crosby Parcel Land Donation				
Federal Catalog #:	N/A				
Grant/Donor Name and Address:	The Nature Conservancy, 27 State Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, VT 05602				
Grant Period:	From:		To:		
Grant/Donation	\$385,500 difference in value between appraised value of \$427,500 and purchase price to the State of Vermont of \$42,000.				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$385,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	Net value of land donation; no funds are being donated to the State.

Position Information:	# Positions	Explanation/Comments
	0	

Additional Comments:

Department of Finance & Management	<i>10/12/12</i>	(Initial)
Secretary of Administration	<i>AC10/2/12</i>	(Initial)
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office	<i>10/11/12</i>	Date

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

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION				
1. Agency:	Natural Resources			
2. Department:	Fish and Wildlife			
3. Program:	Land donation			
4. Legal Title of Grant:				
5. Federal Catalog #:				
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address:				
The Nature Conservancy 27 State Street, Suite 4 Montpelier, VT 05602				
7. Grant Period:	From:		To:	
8. Purpose of Grant:				
TNC will sell this parcel to the State of Vermont, Department of Fish and Wildlife for the \$42,000 Duck Stamp contribution. The parcel's appraised value is \$427,500, which represents a donation of \$385,500.				
9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:				
Loss of permanent public access for hunting, trapping, fishing and wildlife viewing and the loss of a significant wildlife habitat.				
10. BUDGET INFORMATION				
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 13	FY	FY	
Personal Services	\$	\$	\$	
Operating Expenses	\$42,000	\$	\$	
Grants	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$42,000	\$	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$385,500	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source)	\$	\$	\$	
Total	\$385,500	\$	\$	
Appropriation No:		Amount:	\$	
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			\$	
			\$	

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

			\$
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			\$
			\$
		Total	\$

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.

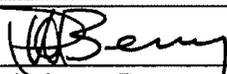
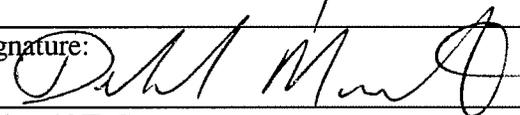
Appointing Authority Name: _____ Agreed by: _____ (initial)

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

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

13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

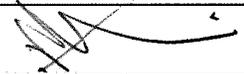
I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):

Signature: 	Title: Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife	Date: 9/12/12
Signature: 	Title: ANR Secretary	Date: 9-17-12

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

Approved: _____ (Secretary or designee signature) Date: 10/3/12

15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

Check One Box: Accepted  Date: 10/10/12

Rejected _____ (Gov _____ e) Date: _____

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
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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: August 14, 2012
RE: Governor's Approval Needed for a Fee Acquisition in the Town of Alburgh

Enclosed is an approval to be signed by Governor Shumlin for the purchase of a 152-acre parcel by the State of Vermont. This parcel, owned by Clifton and Carol Crosby, and located in the Town of Alburgh, will provide permanent protection of public access for hunting, trapping, fishing and wildlife viewing, and the conservation of significant wildlife habitat. Total costs of this project, to the State of Vermont, are \$42,000.

Funding for this acquisition will come from State Duck Stamp Funds (\$42,000) as well as a North American Wetland Conservation Act grant (\$404,000) to The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Included with the Governor's approval memo are some maps and pictures of the property, a copy of the review and approval by the Agency Land Acquisition Review Committee, a copy of minutes of the July 17, 2012 Alburgh Selectboard meeting, stating that the Town is not opposed to the State acquisition of this parcel, and a letter from Jon Binhammer (TNC) stating their intention to sell the land to the State of Vermont for the amount of the Duck Stamp contribution. If you have any questions regarding this acquisition project, please contact me directly at 479-4405 or at Jane.Lazorchak@state.vt.us. Thank you.

cc: Patrick Berry, Commissioner
John M. Austin, Lands and Habitat Program Director
Bill Crenshaw, Wildlife Biologist



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802-241-3730

TO: Peter Shumlin, Governor

THROUGH: Deb Markowitz, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources *DM*

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

SUBJECT: Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fee Acquisition, Crosby Parcel, Alburgh, VT

Recommendation: Approve the acquisition of a 152-acre parcel in the Mud Creek Wetlands that will protect significant wildlife habitat and public access for all wildlife-based activities.

Description of Project

The Crosby Parcel consists of approximately 152 acres, 75% of which are Lake Champlain influenced wetlands, which includes emergent marsh, buttonbush shrub swamp, and floodplain forest natural community. The remaining adjacent uplands are forested. It includes 1,600 feet of shoreline along Lake Champlain, and 1,700 feet along Mud Creek. These wetlands provide habitat for a wide diversity of wildlife including waterfowl, wading birds, raptors, woodcock, songbirds, deer, otter, beaver, muskrat, mink, and numerous reptiles and amphibians including the state endangered spiny soft-shell turtle. The wetlands are also known to provide spawning habitat for warmwater fish (e.g., northern pike, largemouth bass, brown bullhead, longnose gar, bowfin, etc.) originating from Lake Champlain. The acquisition of this parcel has been a high priority for the Department for almost 20 years.

Need and Cost

This acquisition will permanently place this property in public ownership, thus ensuring continued management for fish, wildlife and public recreation. It will become part of the Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area.

The Nature Conservancy will initially purchase this parcel using a combination of funding provided by a grant from the North American Wetland Conservation Act (\$404,000) and the Vermont Duck Stamp Fund (\$42,000). Once the necessary State approvals are completed, it is the intent of TNC to then sell this parcel to the State of Vermont, Department of Fish and Wildlife at a bargain sale of the Duck Stamp contribution. Because of the intended bargain sale, this project will also require review and approval from the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF LAND

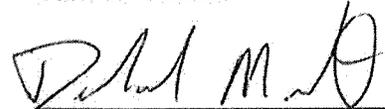
We the undersigned, hereby approve the purchase of land by the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect public access and the natural resources on 152 acres, located in the Town of Alburgh, currently owned by Clifton and Carol Crosby. This approval is required by 10 V.S.A. §4144 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

8/3/12
Date



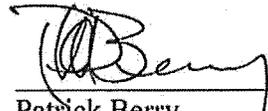
Peter Shumlin
Governor
State of Vermont

8-23-12
Date



Deb Markowitz
Secretary
Agency of Natural Resources

8/15/12
Date



Patrick Berry
Commissioner
Fish and Wildlife Department

Minutes of the July 17, 2012 Alburg Selectboard Meeting

NATURE CONSERVANCY AND VT FISH & WILDLIFE

James Hokenberg was not at the meeting but left message with Clerk that he agreed with the sale of 153 acres to VT Fish & Wildlife. Doug Medor did not oppose but thinks Alburgh is getting confined with wildlife/wetlands, etc. Steve Aubin did not oppose, since the State would have to pay back money to the Federal Gov't if decision to sell was made in the future. Guy Palardy stated anyone in Town can purchase the land so why not the State.

Steve Aubin made motion to not oppose the sale of 153 acres of land adjacent to Mud Creek from Cliff Crosby to VT Fish & Wildlife – seconded by Guy Palardy; motion carried.

July 20, 2012

Bill Crenshaw
Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
111 West Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452

Dear Bill:

This letter is to confirm our understanding that The Nature Conservancy has entered into a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Clifton and Carol Crosby of Alburgh, Vermont to purchase approximately 152 acres of their land that abuts a unit of the Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area. This project is being undertaken by The Nature Conservancy as part of its Lake Champlain Wetlands III grant from the North American Wetland Conservation Council (NAWCC).

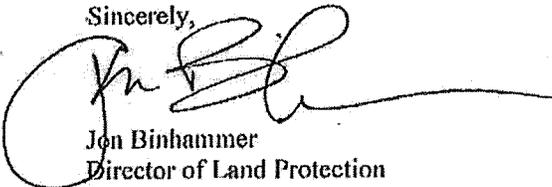
As you know, we hope to convey the Crosby tract to the State of Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department as soon as possible after our purchase. To that end, we are interested in entering into an agreement with Fish & Wildlife to effectuate this conveyance. The Nature Conservancy does not plan to hold any legal interest in this tract; however, a Notice of Grant Requirements will need to be filed in the land records as required under the grant (a draft NOGR is attached).

The purchase price for the Crosby property is \$427,500. Our understanding is that there is \$404,000 left in the NAWCC grant to be used to acquire this property. That leaves \$23,500 left to complete the purchase price. We also have other associated costs, such as appraisals, surveying, title insurance, attorney's fees, and closing costs that will need to be covered.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has pledged \$42,000 as matching funds (originally \$30,000 and then another \$12,000) for the NAWCC grant out of the Vermont Waterfowl Stamp Fund, specifically to be used for the acquisition and associated costs of the Crosby property at Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area. We are proposing to sell the Crosby property to the Department for \$42,000, which represents the \$23,500 not covered by the NAWCC grant and \$18,500 for associated costs (some of which have not been expended as of the date of this letter).

I hope this outlines our mutual understanding. Please let me know if I have missed anything.

Sincerely,



Jon Binhammer
Director of Land Protection

Agency of Natural Resources Land Acquisition Review Committee Case Report

Project Information

LARC Case # Project Name Priority

Previous LARC Case #

Description

Transaction Type Price Interest to be Acq. Fund(s)

Location: Town County

Owner

of Parcels Total Acres

Dept to Manage Contact

LARC Review

Date

Recommendation

Comments

Secretary Review

Date

Disposition

Comments

Notes

MAPS

