

VERMONT: Resources & Technical Assistance

Resources

A comprehensive list of resources – including information on planning, mapping and inventory tools, data, and more – can be found in *Community Strategies for Vermont's Forests and Wildlife: A Guide for Local Action* on page 78 or online at: http://vnrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Resources.pdf.

Mapping Assistance

- ➤ How to Find Your Town's Parcel Map: Check ANR's online Natural Resources Atlas (http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra/) to find your town's digital parcel map. If your town's map is not listed in the Atlas, then call or visit your Town Office to request a map.
- ➤ How To Map Wildlife Data in Your Town: If you are in the Adirondacks to Green Mountains or Northern Green Mountains linkages, please contact Paul Marangelo at The Nature Conservancy (802-229-4425, pmarangelo@tnc.org). If you are in the Worcesters to Kingdom linkage, please contact Jens Hilke at the VT Fish & Wildlife Dept. (802-879-5644, Jens.Hilke@state.vt.us).

Land Protection Assistance

Land Trusts and Conservation Organizations: The following land trusts can help with the development of a conservation easement, a fee sale to a public agency, or with estate planning. If an individual is listed, please contact this person first – he or she works at the land trust and is also a member of the Staying Connected Initiative.

Statewide

- The Conservation Fund (www.conservationfund.org/): Nancy Bell (802-492-3368, nancy bell@vermontel.net).
- The Nature Conservancy (http://www.nature.org/): Jon Binhammer (802-229-4425 x110, jbinhammer@tnc.org).
- Northeast Wilderness Trust (http://www.newildernesstrust.org/)
- The Trust for Public Land (<u>www.tpl.org</u>): Kate Wanner (802-223-1373 x27, kate.wanner@tpl.org).

¹ Go to "Show Map Layers," click on "ANR Basemap Data" (beneath the heading "ANR Atlas Layers"), and check the box next to "Parcels (where available)."

- The Vermont Land Trust (<u>www.vlt.org</u>): Siobhan Smith (802-262-1217, Siobhan@vlt.org).
- Vermont Rivers Conservancy (http://www.vermontriverconservancy.org/)

Worcesters to Kingdom Linkage

- Greensboro Land Trust (http://www.greensborolandtrust.org/)
- Passumpsic Valley Land Trust (http://www.pvlt.org/)

Northern Greens Linkage

- Northern Rivers Land Trust (http://www.northernriverslandtrust.org/)
- Stowe Land Trust (http://www.stowelandtrust.org/)
- County Foresters: For more information about the Use Value Appraisal ("Current Use") program, contact your county forester. County forester information can be found online at http://www.vtfpr.org/resource/for_forres_countfor.cfm or by calling the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation (802-828-1531).

Land Use Planning Assistance

- Regional Planning Commissions: Your town is a member of a regional planning commission (RPC), which assists municipalities with land use planning and has a staff that is trained in approaches for sustaining habitat connectivity for wildlife. To find your RPC's contact information, go to: www.vapda.org.
- Additional Technical Assistance: If you have questions about your town plan, zoning bylaws, or subdivision regulations and how to improve them for wildlife, please contact:
 - o Jens Hilke (Jens.Hilke@state.vt.us) at the VT Fish & Wildlife Dept., 802-879-5644.
 - Kate McCarthy, AICP (kmccarthy@vnrc.org), Jamey Fidel (jfidel@vnrc.org), and Emma Zavez (ezavez@vnrc.org) at the Vermont Natural Resources Council, 802-223-2328.

Transportation Assistance

- ➤ How to Find Wildlife Related Traffic Accidents Data For Your Town/Region: The transportation planner at your RPC should be able to find this data for you and map it. For contact information, please see "Regional Planning Commission" (above).
- ➤ How to Identify Priority Wildlife Crossings in Your Town/Region: Please contact the Staying Connected Initiative for further assistance; contact information is listed under "How To Map Wildlife Data in Your Town" (above.)
- ➤ Additional Technical Assistance: If you have questions about transportation solutions for wildlife, please contact the following Staying Connected Initiative members:
 - Jens Hilke (Jens.Hilke@state.vt.us) at the VT Fish & Wildlife Dept., 802-879-5644.
 - James Brady (james.brady@state.vt.us) at the VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans), 802-828-3978.