

Act 171 Forest Integrity Study Committee  
Draft Summary of Potential Changes Presented on Oct. 18, 2016

Public Comment

Contributor / Organization Name	#	Potential Change	Notes
Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	4.1	Add subsection to 24 VSA § 4411 (a) by including <u>(6) private roads and driveways.</u>	
Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	4.2	Add subsection to 24 V.S.A. § 4411(b) (3) <u>(l) large forest tracts</u> to enable the a special protective standard that could apply on a parcel by parcel basis.	
Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	4.3	Encourage towns to adopt in their bylaws a density waiver enabled under 24 V.S.A. § 4414 (1) (8) to keep allow for small lots in towns with zoning and no subdivision bylaws.	Many towns adopt large lot size requirements, often 10 acres, that are too small for forestry or the Current Use program.
Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	4.4	Encourage towns to adopt a standard enabled under 24 V.S.A. § 4417 that allows, or even requires, minimization of forest fragmentation through use of density waivers as well as placement of lot lines, roads and utilities.	
Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	4.5	Create a model provision that expands the density waiver mentioned above across parcel lines to adjacent parcels or even distant parcels.	Utilize transfer of development rights enabled under 24 V.S.A. 4423 to channel development away from forest blocks.
Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	4.6	Encourage towns to create maximum setbacks in municipal zoning, as they already consider minimum setbacks.	
Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	4.7	Encourage towns to reclassify Class IV roads as trails and reducing the right of way to 20 feet.	