

# Vermont's Forest Legacy Program FFY 2017 Application and Instructions



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## Application Deadline and Submission Instructions

**Deadline:** Friday, June 30, 2015  
**# Copies:** One original and 14 copies  
**Delivery Address:** VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation  
State Lands Division  
1 National Life Drive, Davis 2  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3801

Completed applications must be received at the above address by **June 30, 2015**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for the upcoming round of funding.

## Eligibility Criteria

- 1) The land must provide opportunities for the continuation of traditional forest uses, including forest management and public access.
- 2) The land must be threatened by the potential of conversion to non-forest use. Some examples are: parcel is located in an area of increasing growth or development; parcel is in a state of transition of ownership; and owner financial considerations.
- 3) The land must possess **at least one** of the following important public values:
  - Recreation opportunities (in addition to dispersed public access i.e. hiking trail)
  - Riparian (streamside or riverside) areas
  - Fish and wildlife habitat
  - Endangered or threatened species
  - Other ecological values
  - Cultural resources
  - Scenic resources (if one or more additional values above are also present)
- 4) Enrollment in the Forest Legacy Program must not be in conflict with the town plan, zoning, or other local ordinances.
- 5) The land must be within an identified Forest Legacy Area for Vermont (see attached map and list of Towns within Vermont's Forest Legacy Areas).

## Instructions for Completing the Application

- Be as thorough, yet as succinct, as possible and complete **all** sections of the application.
- Include a brief (one page maximum summary) of the project. The summary should provide a brief description of the project including location, parcel size, resource features, participating organizations, project goals, and conservation approach (i.e. conservation easement or fee simple sale).
- Submit the following maps with the application:



- A site location map that clearly illustrates where the property is and how it can be found for a site visit.
- A USGS topographic map showing the approximate boundaries of the property proposed for Forest Legacy. Please delineate and label any portions of the property that would be excluded from the Legacy area.
- Parcel Map
- Additional maps such as survey map, tax map, natural resource map etc.
- Color photographs of the subject property (one set of original prints or color copies). Try to include distinctive features of the property such as roads, frontage, views, water bodies, natural features, etc.
- Submit additional material you find pertinent to the Committee's evaluation of this application.
- Be sure to obtain the full name and original signature for each title holder to the property.

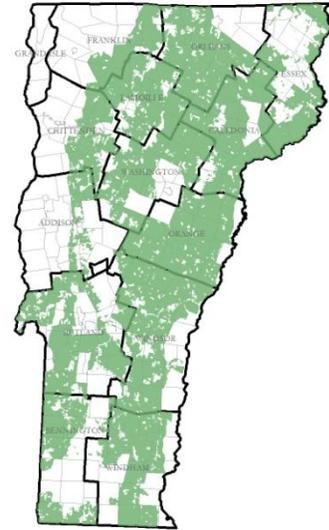
### **Application Review Process**

- Applicants will likely be contacted by the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (FPR) for a site visit in August.
- Project applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Vermont Forest Stewardship Committee in September of 2015. The Committee's funding recommendations are reviewed and approved by the FPR Commissioner and subsequently forwarded to the Forest Service regional office for their consideration in October, 2015.
- By January the Forest Service regional offices have developed a "Project Recommendation List" and submitted this to the Forest Service's Washington office.
- During the winter a national "Forest Legacy Project Recommendation List" is developed and submitted to the President's Administration.
- The last step is for the Congressional Committees discuss and pass an Annual Appropriation for that fiscal year's budget.



### Vermont Forest Legacy Participating Towns

|              |             |              |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Albany       | Danby       | Lunenburg    |
| Andover      | Danville    | Lyndon       |
| Arlington    | Dorset      | Maidstone    |
| Athens       | Duxbury     | Manchester   |
| Averill      | East Haven  | Marlboro     |
| Bakersfield  | Eden        | Marshfield   |
| Baltimore    | Elmore      | Mendon       |
| Barnard      | Enosburgh   | Middlebury   |
| Barnet       | Essex       | Middlesex    |
|              |             | Middletown   |
| Barton       | Fair Haven  | Springs      |
| Belvidere    | Fairfax     | Monkton      |
| Bennington   | Fairfield   | Montgomery   |
| Benson       | Fayston     | Moretown     |
| Berkshire    | Ferdinand   | Morristown   |
| Berlin       | Fletcher    | Mount Holly  |
| Bethel       | Glover      | Newark       |
| Bloomfield   | Goshen      | Newbury      |
| Bolton       | Grafton     | Newfane      |
| Bradford     | Granby      | Newport Town |
| Braintree    | Greensboro  | Norton       |
| Brandon      | Groton      | Norwich      |
| Bridgewater  | Guildhall   | Orange       |
| Brighton     | Guildford   | Pawlet       |
| Bristol      | Halifax     | Peacham      |
| Brookfield   | Hardwick    | Pittsfield   |
| Brookline    | Hartford    | Pittsford    |
| Brownington  | Hinesburg   | Plainfield   |
| Brunswick    | Hubbardton  | Plymouth     |
| Buell's Gore | Huntington  | Pomfret      |
| Burke        | Hyde Park   | Poultney     |
| Cabot        | Ira         | Pownal       |
| Calais       | Irasburg    | Putney       |
| Cambridge    | Jamaica     | Randolph     |
| Canaan       | Jay         | Reading      |
| Castleton    | Jericho     | Readsboro    |
| Cavendish    | Johnson     | Richford     |
| Chelsea      | Killington  | Richmond     |
| Chester      | Kirby       | Ripton       |
| Chittenden   | Landgrove   | Rochester    |
| Clarendon    | Leicester   | Rockingham   |
| Concord      | Lemington   | Roxbury      |
| Corinth      | Londonderry | Royalton     |
| Coventry     | Lowell      | Rupert       |
| Craftsbury   | Ludlow      | Ryegate      |



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| St. George    | Wallingford   |
| St. Johnsbury | Wardsboro     |
| Salisbury     | Warren        |
| Sandgate      | Washington    |
| Shaftsbury    | Waterbury     |
| Sharon        | Waterford     |
| Sheffield     | Waterville    |
| Shrewsbury    | Weathersfield |
| Stamford      | Wells         |
| Stannard      | West Fairlee  |
| Starksboro    | West Haven    |
| Stockbridge   | West Rutland  |
| Stowe         | West Windsor  |
| Strafford     | Westfield     |
| Stratton      | Westford      |
| Sudbury       | Westminster   |
| Sunderland    | Westmore      |
| Sutton        | Weston        |
| Thetford      | Wheelock      |
| Tinmouth      | Williston     |
| Topsham       | Wilmington    |
| Townshend     | Windham       |
| Troy          | Windsor       |
| Tunbridge     | Winhall       |
| Underhill     | Wolcott       |
| Vershire      | Woodbury      |
| Victory       | Woodstock     |
| Waitsfield    | Worcester     |
| Walden        |               |





## Vermont's Forest Legacy Program FFY 2017 Landowner Application

### Landowner & Property Information

1. **Landowner(s) name, mailing address, and phone number**
2. **Name, mailing address, and phone number of project contact (if not owner)**
3. **Have you previously participated in the Forest Legacy Program?  
If you have, please explain.**
4. **Acreage of land currently proposed for Forest Legacy**
5. **Acreage of total ownership (including land proposed for Forest Legacy)**
6. **Name the county and municipality where land proposed for Forest Legacy is located.**
7. **What is the Vermont Forest Legacy Area in which the property is located (see map on page 4)?**
8. **What rights or interest in your land would you consider conveying to the state under the Forest Legacy Program (e.g. full fee, development and public access rights)?**
9. **What is the Grand List value of the property proposed for Forest Legacy? If part of a larger taxed parcel, provide the Grand List value of the entire parcel.**
10. **Do you wish to be considered for Forest Legacy funding next year if not approved for funding this year?**



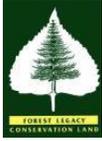
## Property/Site Characteristics

1. Are there any buildings, dams, or other structures or improvements on the land proposed for Forest Legacy? If there are, please describe.
2. Please identify and explain the environmentally important values and ecological characteristics of the land proposed for Forest Legacy (e.g. water bodies, wetlands, deer wintering areas and other critical wildlife habitat, significant natural communities, rare/threatened species, etc.). Please cite references as may be appropriate such as the VT Nongame and Natural Heritage Program (802) 279-3422, VT State Wetlands Coordinator (802) 490-6169, VT Lakes & Ponds Program (802) 490-6134.
3. Please describe the pertinent physical characteristics of the property proposed for Forest Legacy (e.g. slope, soils, forest resources, wetlands, ledge, etc.)
4. Describe actual and potential recreational uses of the property (either public or private) including trail based and non-trail based activities. Are there existing snowmobile, hiking, or other recreational trails on the property? If not, does the site offer potential for trail activities?
5. Are there any historic features associated with the property proposed for Forest Legacy (e.g. old cellar holes, stone walls, known or suspected sites of archaeological or historical interest? If so, please describe.



## Land Management Information

1. Is the land subject to any mortgages, liens, conservation restrictions, or other encumbrances? If so, please describe.
2. Is there legal access to the property proposed for Forest Legacy? Please describe and indicate on the topographic map submitted with this application.
3. Please describe the traditional use(s) of this forestland.
4. What are the surrounding land uses? Are any other conserved lands (public or private) near or adjacent to the land proposed for Forest Legacy? If so, please explain.
5. Is the property proposed for Forest Legacy enrolled in the Vermont Use Value Appraisal (Current Use) Program? If yes, please submit a copy of the current management plan.
6. If the property is not in the Use Value Appraisal Program, is it being managed according to a natural resources management plan? If yes, please submit a copy of the management plan being used.
7. Describe the long-term goals and objectives for the land or interests in land retained by you (the landowner).
8. Is the land currently posted or otherwise off-limits for any public use? If yes, please explain.
9. Would you be willing to allow the public to have access to the property for certain recreational uses (e.g. hunting, hiking, fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, etc.)? If yes, please specify which uses; if no, please state why.



10. What in your opinion, constitutes the major threats of conversion to non-forest use of this property? Note: Having land up for sale does not necessarily constitute a threat to conversion. Some specific examples of threat include: actual construction or building permit issued; high potential for subdivision and sale of subdivided lots; easy access to power and/or municipal services; possesses highly desirable attributes for development such as shoreline, etc.
  
11. Provide any additional comments you feel are important or may be helpful to the Forest Stewardship Committee.

### Signatures

Provide signatures for all title-holders to the land proposed for the Forest Legacy Program. By signing, each title holder is acknowledging awareness of and concurrence with the intent of this application.

| <b>Print Full Name</b> | <b>Signature</b> | <b>Date</b> |
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