

**Agency of Natural Resources**  
**LANDS AND FACILITIES TRUST FUND**

*Annual Report*  
January, 2011

Trust Fund Balance as of 06/30/10: **\$4,054,807**

## Executive Summary

The enabling legislation for the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund (Act 61, Sec. 53 of the 2001/2002 legislative session) requires submittal of an annual report on the trust fund balances and expenditures to the Legislature. This 2011 Annual Report on the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund represents the tenth such report. This report documents the balance in the fund at the end of state fiscal year 2010 (June 30, 2010) as well as revenue sources deposited and funds spent during FY'10.

Readers are referred to previous annual reports which are posted on the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation's website ( [www.vtfpr.org/lands/lftf.cfm](http://www.vtfpr.org/lands/lftf.cfm) ).

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| Balance at end of FY'09 | \$3,857,529 |
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Income during FY'10:

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| Timber Sale Receipts on State Forests | 298,406 |  |
| Permit Fees on State Forests          | 10,210  |  |
| Donations                             | 1,155   |  |
| Earnings                              | 67,080  |  |
|                                       | 376,851 |  |

Project funds dispensed in FY'10:

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| State Lands Survey                     | 34,380    |  |
| State Lands Management – Forestry      | 115,564   |  |
| Coolidge State Park Nature Center      | 4,034     |  |
| Okemo Mt. Fire Tower                   | 3,777     |  |
| State Park Shade Trees                 | 1,420     |  |
| Okemo State Forest – CCC Road          | 6,175     |  |
| Coolidge State Park – Enhancements     | 4,400     |  |
| Lands Maintenance – Districts 1 thru 4 | 1,428     |  |
| Feasability Study                      | 8,395     |  |
|  | (179,572) |  |

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## Fund Expenditures

The Agency spent \$179,572 in trust fund monies in FY'10. All FY'10 Trust Fund expenditures are summarized below:

**State Lands Survey - \$34,380**

In response to alleged encroachments or boundary questions, property surveys or related investigations were conducted at Alburgh Dunes State Park in Alburgh, Mathewson State Forest in Sutton, Camel's Hump State Park in Duxbury and Bolton, Groton State Forest in Peacham, and at Okemo State Forest in Andover. Survey and related assistance was provided to the Attorney General's Office on several on-going court cases and property disputes involving state lands including Bill Sladyk Wildlife Management Area, Wenlock Crossing Wildlife Management Area, and Willoughby State Forest.

**State Lands Management (Forestry) - \$115,564**

Forestry staff engaged in a wide variety of state lands management activities on state lands. These activities are described in detail each year in each district's Annual Stewardship Plan. Trust fund assistance enabled staff to continue working on high priority long range management plans including the Sentinel Rock State Park plan and resource inventories, mapping, and related planning activities at C.C. Putnam State Forest along the Worcester Range, at Mt. Ascutney State Park, Okemo State Forest, Molly Stark and Fort Dummer state parks, and at other sites. Other state lands management activities undertaken include boundary line maintenance, vegetation management activities (such as timber stand improvement projects, crop tree release, invasive species control, thinning, mowing, brush hogging fields, prescribed burns), conservation easement monitoring, trail and other recreation projects, road maintenance and improvement projects, etc.

**Coolidge State Park Nature Center - \$4,034**

Trust Funds were used to purchase lumber and materials for a new Nature Center Building at Coolidge State Park. The enclosed structure was built by an AmeriCorps youth crew and measures 12 feet by 16 feet. The Department will be working to develop various exhibits for this new nature center building.

**Okemo Mt. Fire Tower - \$3,777**

In FY'10 and continuing through FY'11, work began in earnest on a major rehabilitation to the historic fire tower on the summit of Okemo Mt. Bid documents and related plans were prepared for this project in FY'10 for a variety of safety-related improvements to the fire tower including installation of new hand rails and chain link fencing, replacement of steps and new bracing of landings, repairs to the cab, installation of ground wiring, and new roofing. Most of these improvements were completed during the summer of 2010. The project is expected to be completed next summer.

**State Park Shade Trees - \$1,420**

This project is on-going. Over the years, many trees at several state parks on Lake Champlain (Sandbar, Kill Kare, and Knight Point State Parks) have been lost and have not been replaced. Planting of new shade trees at these parks was initiated in FY'09 and continued into FY'10.

**Okemo Mt. (CCC Road) - \$6,175**

The Department has partnered with Okemo ski area in this multi-year project whereby project materials are purchased with trust fund dollars and project labor is provided the ski area. An additional 150 feet of this popular road was rebuilt in FY'10. This project involved laying down new base material, ditching, installation of culverts, and repaving. Other deteriorating areas along the 3 mile roadway length were spot repaired as needed.

**Coolidge State Park Enhancements - \$4,400**

Various recreational and wildlife enhancements at Coolidge State Park were undertaken in FY'09 and continued in FY'10. These included re-establishing the historic viewshed at the Bradley Hill Picnic Shelter, creation of open space near park office for recreational and wildlife purposes, and wildlife habitat improvement activities to increase wildlife viewing opportunities at the Park.

**State Lands Maintenance (Districts 1 thru 4) - \$1,428**

This project includes on-going maintenance activities on Agency lands in districts 1 through 4. Projects included maintaining wildlife openings through brush hogging old fields, control of invasive exotics, mast tree release and other vegetation management actions, and state park tree maintenance.

**Trust Fund Feasibility Study - \$8,395**

In FY'08, the Agency contracted with a consultant to conduct a feasibility study for both marketing and fundraising. This effort was completed in the spring of FY'09 (though payment for this study was not made until FY'10). A copy of the feasibility study is posted on the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation's website at: <http://www.vtfpr.org/lands/lftf.cfm>.