

# Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

## Weekly Update

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### May 22, 2013



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Commission:** *Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### **Town Health Officer**

- *Lyme Disease* – With Memorial Day and the summer activity season upon us, please take necessary precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones from Lyme disease. Incidents of Lyme disease have increased in Vermont in recent years. With proper planning you can enjoy the Vermont outdoors and stay safe. [http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/lyme/lyme\\_disease.aspx](http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/lyme/lyme_disease.aspx)

#### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- *Juvenile Problem* – On Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, a Hinesburg Community Police officer responded to CVU for a student refusing to leave or follow directions. The officer was able to talk to the student and subsequently gave the student a ride home.
- *Agency Assist* - On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, an officer responded to the Town of Starksboro to assist the Vermont State Police with a family dispute, possibly involving a knife. The State Police handled the case to conclusion.
- *Big Truck Day* – Another very successful Big Truck Day. As a law enforcement officer, it is always a pleasure to participate in such an event and see people that ordinarily you would never meet.

#### **Hinesburg Fire & First Response**

Hinesburg Fire Department - (5/13 – 5/20)

- This past Sunday we had our annual "Open House" which featured demonstrations of fire-fighting and heavy rescue techniques. Using one of our members as a "patient model", firefighters and EMTs first used hydraulic and other tools (aka the "Jaws Of Life") to realistically simulate extricating a victim trapped in a motor vehicle after a crash. For the purposes of this demo, this involved not only removing all the doors, but also cutting through the door and window pillars and removing the entire roof. It took about 23 minutes to turn a well-used vehicle into a

convertible. The "patient" was then back-boarded and loaded onto St Michael's ambulance, on-scene for open day with their usual competent crew. A big thanks to St Mikes for showing up and helping out.

- The second demo involved rapid knock-down of a structure fire. Using a jerry-built (and soon to be removed!) box structure, furniture was added to show the rapid progression of a fire starting in a waste-basket. It took no more than 4 minutes from basket to full-involvement to the point of a "flash-over", when combustible gasses do just that and "flash". The demonstration showed vividly how important it is for everyone to have an escape plan and the importance of impressing on children to "get out" of any burning structure. Using Compressed Air Foam from our Engine 2, the mini-conflagration was knocked down in seconds, showing once again the superior ability of foam to control and extinguish a fire. A side benefit is using foam greatly reduces the amount of water needed for control, and that itself limits water-damage, which can be significant. Training this week will be on Pumps and Pump Operations.

#### Hinesburg First Response - (5/13 - 5/20)

- A quiet week, for First Response, which we never complain about. This Wednesday (and a few more to come) HFR is hosting an "EMT-B to National Standards EMT" transition class for HFR members and others from neighboring squads. In all, there are 26 EMTs going through this important transition and Hinesburg is once again functioning as a "training center", having recently hosted an initial certification class for Emergency First Responders. Along with CPR trainings and skills checks, HFR sees the importance of continuing education as a way to both maintain skills within the department but also to network with other squads in our area.
- Equipment- HFR has just taken delivery of an "interactive" projector, similar to a "Smart Board" which we feel will kick up classroom training to the next level -- hopefully avoiding the dreaded "death by powerpoint" syndrome! This projector was made possible by the Hinesburg Fireman's Association and gifts, donations and proceeds thereto. On behalf of the Secretary who shall be nameless (Joe) the Association would like to thank all of our supporters and apologize for sometimes being tardy with "thank you" notes. THANK YOU!

### **Town Clerk's Office**

- Special Meeting - Don't forget the special Hinesburg Community School District Meeting to be held at the HCS gymnasium on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming special meeting is Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting is to decide whether or not to vote on the annual budget for the Hinesburg Community School at the annual meeting, or to switch to an Australian ballot and vote on Town Meeting day. You must attend the meeting in order to vote on this decision.
- Beach Passes - Lake Iroquois beach passes are here! They are \$25.00 for Hinesburg residents, and you have the option of purchasing a second vehicle pass for the same family for \$14.00. The beach is open weekends beginning on Memorial Day weekend and daily once the school year is completed. Seniors 62

and over may purchase a pass for \$12.00. Out of town residents may purchase a pass for \$50.00.

- *Green Mountain Passports* - are once again available in the clerk's office for those folks 62 and over. These passes enable you to visit the State Park day use areas for free. The cost of the Passport is \$2.00 and it is good for life!

### **Recreation Department**

- *Meeting* - Recreation Commission and July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Discussed July 4<sup>th</sup> details, summer concerts, and fundraising.
- *5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Boys' Lacrosse Games* - Hosted a 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' lacrosse game at Lyman Park and a 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' lacrosse game at CCS on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Great Escape Discounted Passes* - Received a supply of Great Escape discounted passes for the season!! Passes are on sale in the Recreation Office (Monday - Thursday from 8-2) and in the Clerk's Office (Monday - Friday from 8-4 and Wednesdays till 6 pm) \$30 cash - sorry, no checks or credit. BIG SAVINGS - gate price is \$52.99. NEW this year are parking passes for \$15 - \$20 at park. Save on Great Escape entertainment and support VT Parks & Recreation Association!!
- *Drivers Education Classes* - All 3 Driver Education classes are full - have started a waiting list for each class.
- *Space Available in Youth Lessons/Camps* - Still room in Beginner Youth Golf Camp, Horse Camp at Livery Stables, Arts & Crafts Camp, Sailing Camp, and Tennis lessons - check out HRD Spring/Summer brochure at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org)
- *Adult Golf Lessons* - Still space available in Adult Golf Lessons with Barry Churchill at Cedar Knoll June 2, 9, and 16 from 5:30-7:00 pm for \$110. Register with Rec. Dept. [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *Lacrosse Jamboree* - Boys and girls lacrosse teams (grades 3-8) played in Jamborees on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Carpenter-Carse Library**

#### Calendar:

- *The library will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.*
- *Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Listen Up! Vermont presented in Hinesburg by Chelsea Public Library Director, Virgil Fuller.* Are you looking for a free, convenient way to access library e-books? Sign up for this workshop; you will learn how to download and use Listen Up! Vermont with all types of devices. Bring a Kindle or Nook along! *Class size is limited to 15, so call 482-2878 without delay to register. We may plan additional sessions if the need arises.*
- The library's monthly Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

#### Other News

- Library Director, Sue Barden attended a Chittenden County Librarians meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Assistant Director, Richard Pritsky attended a local SQL training session on May 9<sup>th</sup> and a VOKAL Implementation Team meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Many thanks to library volunteer Kelly Winter for her invaluable help Monday and Thursday mornings. Happily for us, Kelly rises to the occasion when we spring new/extra tasks on her!
- This year the Carpenter-Carse Library Staff opted in favor of providing uninterrupted service to their library patrons on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and to forgo attendance at the annual Vermont Library Association Conference. We hope to obtain information that was shared at some of the conference sessions.
- Last week Hinesburg resident Len Duffy donated several special objects to our library: a large framed topographical map of Vermont dated 1789, courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society, reproduced in 1983 by Vermont Heritage Press; an 1857 Lewis Robinson framed map of Vermont courtesy of Rev. John R. McSweeney, reproduced by VT Heritage Press, 1983; a copy of the Gilman Block reconstruction – a brief history w/ photos and last, but not least, a collection of photos of Hinesburg’s Main Street in the 1980’s, with each building numbered and noted on a small map. (*Names of residents/owners are not noted.*) These items will be displayed on many occasions, and shared with the Hinesburg Historical Society as needed. We extend our enthusiastic thanks and appreciation to Mr. Duffy.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*  
[http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl\\_programs.html](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html).

### **Town Administrator**

- *VTCMA* – The Town Administrator attended the spring Vermont City/Town Manager’s Association meeting at Jay Peak last week. Activities included meeting with Brent Raymond, Director of International Trade & Foreign Investment for the EB-5 program, and Bill Stenger, president of Jay Peak, to discuss the redevelopment of Jay and the EB-5 program. Attendees of the conference also toured Newport City and reviewed redevelopment plans for the downtown. Hinesburg’s Town Administrator is now president of VTCMA.
- *Rte. 116 Paving* – Renae Marshall will continue to send-out updates as they become available regarding the work on 116. We appreciate everyone’s good humor and tolerance during this paving year.  
<http://www.hinesburg.org/route116-roadwork/>
- *Development Review Board Alternate Vacancy* – There is one (1) vacant seat available as an alternate on the Development Review Board. Please submit an application to the Town Administrator.  
[http://www.hinesburg.org/documents/cbc\\_application\\_form.pdf](http://www.hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf)
- *Land Conservation & Trail Easement* – Last Thursday, Bruce and Judythe Parker conserved 36.3 acres of their land off of Pond Brook Road and granted the Town of Hinesburg a trail easement for the use of a 1,920’ long, 20-foot wide corridor along the eastern side of the conserved land. Eventually, this corridor will become part of a larger trail network. The Town of Hinesburg wants to express its sincere gratitude to the Parker’s for their spirit of land conservation and community spirit.
- *Employment Opportunity* – There is a full-time job available in the water/wastewater department for a Water/Wastewater Operator. The starting

wage is \$18.57 along with full benefits. Those interested should apply by May 31, 2013. <http://www.hinesburg.org/employment.html>

## **Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:**

### **Conservation Commission**

- *New Members Needed* – The Conservation Commission is in need of filling some vacancies. For information about the Conservation Commission, please visit: <http://www.hinesburg.org/conservationcomm.html>

### **Recreation Commission**

- *Vacant position* – The Recreation Commission currently has one (1) vacant seat available. For information about the Recreation Commission, please visit: <http://www.hinesburg.org/recreation.html>

### **Selectboard**

- *Rural Area Zoning* – The Selectboard continued discussion on the proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. Conversation will continue at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- *Special HCS Meeting* – Keith Roberts, HCS Board Chair, discussed the upcoming Special School District Meeting warned for Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at the HCS gymnasium, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Keith and the Selectboard discussed how to coordinate so that if Article 1 is passed, the Annual School Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting can be scheduled in such a way to enhance participation for both events.
- *Public Safety Facility* – Principal architect, Ashar Nelson, of Vermont Integrated Architecture, PC, presented updated plans for the proposed public safety facility. The Selectboard passed a Motion authorizing the application for the new public safety facility to be submitted to the Development Review Board for local permitting; the public safety facility will be on the June 18<sup>th</sup> DRB agenda. <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/>
- *Shooting Ordinance* – Chief Koss, a member of the Town Forest Committee, and the Selectboard discussed a draft ordinance that would prohibit shooting, except for hunting during specified hunting seasons, within the Hinesburg Town Forest. Selectboard members indicated a desire to increase the scope of the ordinance to all Town owned land(s) and not limit its applicability to only the Town Forest. A redraft of the ordinance will be presented at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for Selectboard action.
- *Montpelier Delegation* – Hinesburg State Representative Bill Lippert and Vermont League of Cities & Town's Advocacy Associate Jonathan Williams reviewed highlights from the past session in Montpelier. Emphasis was placed on review of the transportation bill and the protection, at least for now, of state highway aid

funding to municipalities. Mr. Lippert talked about headway made by his committee on confronting methamphetamines and opiate abuse.

- *FY2014 Water/Wastewater Budget* – Buildings & Facilities Director, Rocky Martin, and the Town Administrator reviewed the proposed FY2014 water/wastewater budget with the Selectboard. Overall, the water budget is set to increase by approximately \$4,000 and the wastewater budget roughly \$21,000; these increases to the budget(s) will lead to water rates staying flat in FY2014 and wastewater rates increasing slightly. Minus a few minor edits to the capital budget, the budget presented at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will (most likely) be adopted by the Selectboard at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectboard meeting. These budgets, along with all current budget information, can be reviewed online. <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Hannaford Act 250/Traffic Engineering* – A Motion was passed by the Selectboard to Motion to hire a traffic engineer for the purposes of 1) providing an independent evaluation of the Hannaford's Act 250 submittals and any other modifications or submitted testimony; 2) identify the long-term implications of this project, specifically as they related to the road and culvert modifications, traffic flow, roadway capacity, peak traffic loads and potential future town financial liability; 3) advise the town planner and Selectboard on how best to proceed and present our positions through this process in order to protect the best interests of the town; 4) the expenses associated with this consultation should not exceed \$5k and will be monitored under the direction of the town planner.
- *Salvage Yard Approval* – Per State requirements, salvage yards must have their Certificate of Approval updated every five (5) years. The Selectboard passed a motion to update the Certificate for Burnett Scrap Metal, LLC, of Hinesburg, Vermont.
- *Union Contract Addendum* – The May 2013 Addendum to the Union Contract transferring the duties of the Wastewater/Water Superintendent to the Buildings & Facilities Director for such time that the current Buildings & Facilities Director is employed by the Town of Hinesburg, and will allow the Town to hire a new Operator, was approved and signed by the Selectboard.
- *Water/Wastewater Reorganization* – The Selectboard approved the ‘creation’ and advertisement of a new Operator position and the transfer of day-to-day management of the water/wastewater department to the Buildings & Facilities Director.
- *Credit Card Policy* – The Selectboard adopted a new Credit Card Policy for the Town of Hinesburg.



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# Orthophoto Map

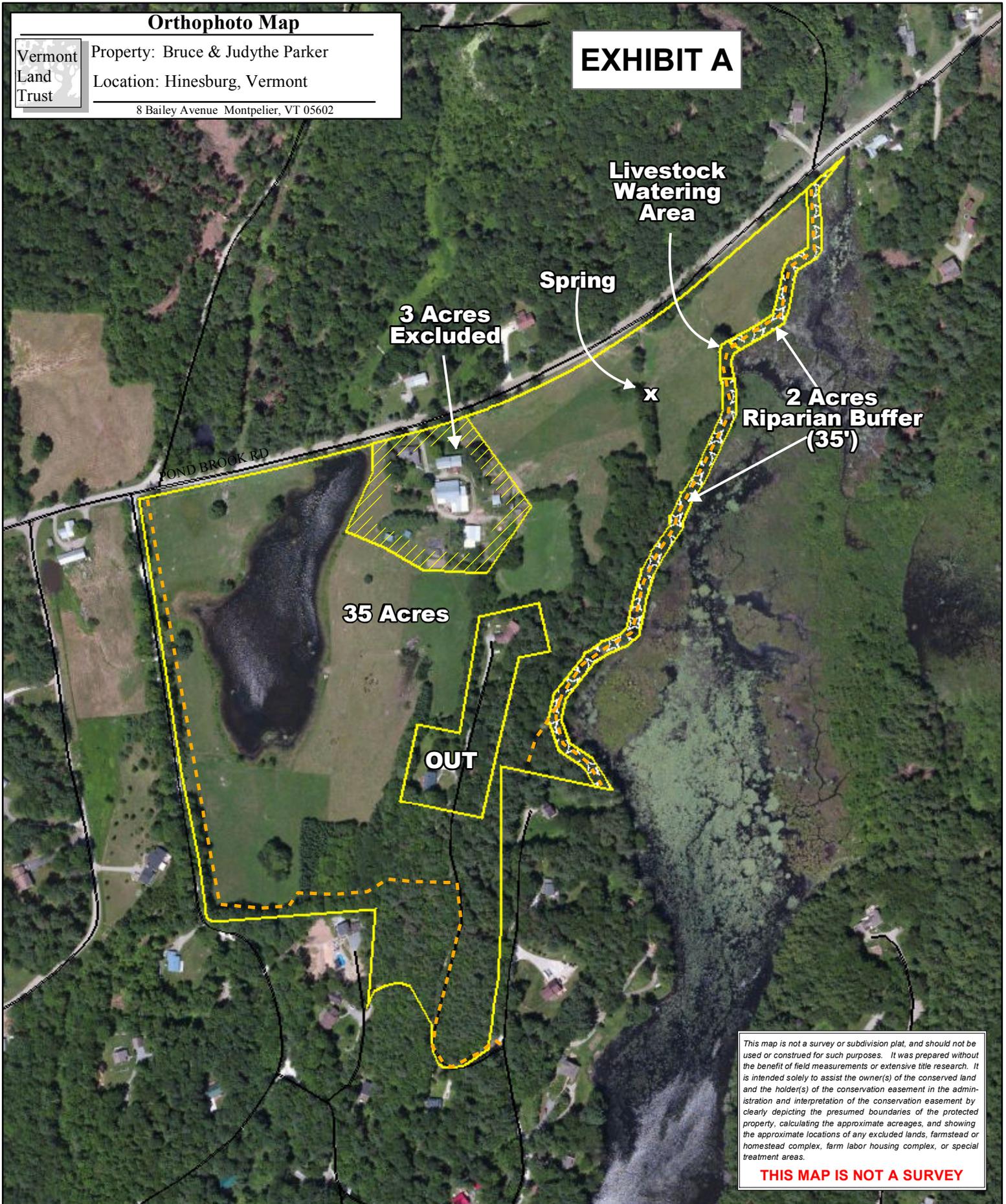
Vermont  
Land  
Trust

Property: Bruce & Judythe Parker

Location: Hinesburg, Vermont

8 Bailey Avenue Montpelier, VT 05602

## EXHIBIT A



*This map is not a survey or subdivision plat, and should not be used or construed for such purposes. It was prepared without the benefit of field measurements or extensive title research. It is intended solely to assist the owner(s) of the conserved land and the holder(s) of the conservation easement in the administration and interpretation of the conservation easement by clearly depicting the presumed boundaries of the protected property, calculating the approximate acreages, and showing the approximate locations of any excluded lands, farmstead or homestead complex, farm labor housing complex, or special treatment areas.*

**THIS MAP IS NOT A SURVEY**

Protected Property

Excluded Land

Trail

Scale: 1:3,976



Riparian Buffer

0 137.5 275 550 825 1,100 Feet

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