



**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD
MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**

On Zoom and at 43 Portland St. Morrisville, VT 05661
5:30 PM Wednesday, March 4, 2026

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) or by phone join via conference call (audio only): 1 (646) 558-8656 | Meeting ID: [810 342 4528](#) | Passcode 05661

The meeting will be live streamed on the Town of Morrystown's website:

<https://www.morrystownvt.gov/community/page/meetings-agendas-minutes> and on [Town GMATV YouTube Channel](#) when possible

- I. 5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. 5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS**
- III. 5:33PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS**
- IV. 5:47PM - APPROVE MINUTES**
 1. Approve minutes 2-17-26
- V. 5:50PM - NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Elect Chair
 2. Elect Vice-Chair
 3. Set regular meeting schedule
 4. Town Appointments
 5. Set locations for posting meeting notices
 6. Rules of Procedure Amendments
 7. Certificate - No Appeal or Suit Pending
 8. Authorization for the Town of Morrystown to submit a request for Tier 1B designation through the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to the Land Use Review Board (LURB).
 9. Trails Committee Discussion for Muddy Moose Donation and Area Trails
- VI. 6:40PM - OLD BUSINESS**
- VII. 6:42PM - APPROVE WARRANTS**
- VIII. 6:45PM - SCHEDULE**
 1. Monday, March 16, 2026- SB Meeting - 5:30PM
Monday, April 6, 2026 - SB Meeting - 5:30PM
- IX. 6:50PM - OTHER BUSINESS**
- X. 6:55PM - ADJOURN**



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

Members: Don McDowell, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, George Cormier, Leah Hollenberger

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Jordan St. Onge, Highway Superintendent

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Jamie Jaret, Martin Green, Tom Snipp, Jerry & Evelyn Throne, Chuck & Christine Pepe, Tom Rogers, Mark Kelly, Judy Bickford, Rose Belanger

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:33 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:33PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

One comment regarding the frozen water at the corner of Congress and Winter St. is hazardous to pedestrians.

5:47PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of 2-2-26 Informational Meeting

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 2/2/26. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Approve minutes of 2-2-26 SB Meeting

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the minutes of 2/2/26. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (5/0) with amendments.

Add Meredith Scott as an attendee via zoom.

5:50PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to approve 1.4 Class C (Consumer) fireworks display - Thomas Snipp

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the 1.4 Class C (Consumer) fireworks display permit for Thomas Snipp at 178 Demars Road scheduled for February 20, 2026. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

2. Update for the 4th of July Fireworks

Judi Alberi was informed by the new owners of Pyrotecnico (formerly NorthStar) that Morristown's

Fourth of July fireworks were being canceled due to the company's other commitments to the 250th celebration and a shortage of available technicians. Judi immediately brought Adele Taplin into the discussion, and after significant effort from both, they successfully secured the contract with Pyrotecnico. Adele was instrumental through community outreach and pressure from the previous owner. The show will go on with the theme "Then, Now, and Next" for the nation's 250th anniversary!

3. On-The-Spot Awards - Judi Alberi & Adele Taplin

Don presented the On-The-Spot Award to Adele Taplin and Judi Alberi, which acknowledged the extraordinary time and efforts of both recipients in procuring the necessary provisions to enable the Morristown Fireworks to be held on July 4th this year.

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve Chair Don McDowell to sign the On-The-Spot awards as presented to Judi Alberi and Adele Taplin. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (5/0).

4. Stowe Land Trust - Muddy Moose

Matt Kelly, Director of Land Protection, and Tom Rogers, Executive Director of the Stowe Land Trust, presented a proposal to transfer ownership of approximately 150 acres of conserved, undeveloped land at the end of Cote Hill Road—formerly part of the Muddy Moose enterprise—to the Town of Morristown at no cost. The property includes an existing trail system, diverse wildlife habitat, scenic waterfalls along Jacob Brook, and a floodplain forest along the Lamoille River. A conservation easement, to be co-held by Stowe Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, will permanently protect these natural resources. Stowe Land Trust has budgeted \$87,000 for initial trailhead infrastructure and five years of trail maintenance. Kelly and Rogers explained that transferring the property to the Town would align management with community goals and the Town Plan while supporting local recreation and economic development. Jerry Throne noted he would present this proposal to the Conversation Commission on Thursday evening. Leah raised a question regarding maintenance costs beyond the five-year support period, which could become a town responsibility, and Brent suggested encouraging community interested in recreation to get involved. The Selectboard discussed the terms, with Stowe Land Trust noting they could include a provision allowing the land to revert to the Trust in the future if the arrangement proved unsuccessful. Don and Laura spoke in favor of the collaboration, noting its community benefits. The Selectboard expressed general support to engage in discussions as an “interested party,” allowing the Stowe Land Trust to proceed with the conservation easement. Don thanked the representatives, calling the proposal a great opportunity to enhance the town, and George called it a “jewel”.

5. Update from Habitat for Humanity — Robin Pierce regarding the survey of the lot on Richmond Street

Robin Pierce reported that the lot survey was completed. A discussion about the parking spaces remaining in the lot across from the library ensued. The library is impacted by too few parking spaces, especially with the school employees using the lot. It was suggested that the school be contacted to direct their people to park on school property. Habitat for Humanity needs to know if they can proceed with arrangements with the Tech Center's student workers. This topic will be put on the next Selectboard agenda.

6. Approve & sign Annual Disclosure to the State for Highway Mileage

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve and sign the Annual Disclosure to the State for Highway Mileage for the year ending February 10, 2026. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (5/0).

7. Review and adopt the updated 2026 Town Road and Bridge Standards and Certification of Compliance

Motion made by Richard Craig to adopt and sign the updated 2026 Town Road and Bridge Standards and the associated Certification of Compliance as updated by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (5/0).

1. Approve and sign Local Option Tax Fund Use Policy

A review of the final version of the Local Option Tax Fund Use Policy resulted in a change to the language, removing the word "sales" before tax in the document. Laura wanted to ensure the policy does not mislead people. She suggested adding wording that the funds will be used for capital projects, and not for general operating costs. Laura emphasized the importance of educating the public about the intended use of the tax revenues, particularly in the first year if it passes. The board acknowledged that while the wording of the policy could be refined in the future, their current intent was clear, and they moved forward with the existing policy and motion.

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve and sign the Local Option Tax Fund Use Policy for the Town of Morristown to establish guidelines for the dedicated use of revenues for community benefit and fiscal responsibility. Motion seconded by George. Motion carried (4/1). Laura Streets Nay

7:00PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (5/0)

7:05PM - SCHEDULE

- 1. Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - SB Meeting - 5:30PM
Monday, March 16, 2026- SB Meeting - 5:30PM**

7:10PM - OTHER BUSINESS

None

7:15PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Richard Craig to adjourn. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm
Submitted and filed this 2/19/2026.
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.



TOWN APPOINTMENTS

Consideration

Emergency Mgmt. Director	1 yr	Jason Luneau
E-911 Coordinator	1 yr	Kevin Petrochko
Agent to Convey Real Estate Cemetery Lots	1 yr	Michael Buchanan Dennis Smith/Joie Marshall
Green Up Day Coordinator	1 yr	Hilary Warner
Tree Warden	1 yr	Fran Sladyk
Lamoille Regional Solid Waste	2 yr	Charles Cooley
Delinquent Tax Collector	3 yr	Sara Haskins
LCPC Board of Directors	1 yr	Judy Bickford/Dan McLaughlin
LCPC Transportation Ad Comm	1 yr	Jerry Throne (Primary) Martin Green (ALT)

BOARD/COUNCILS

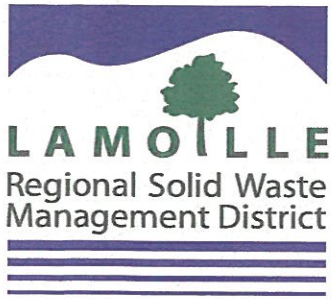
Consideration

MDF Loan Adv Committee	3 yr	Vacant
MDF Loan Adv Committee	1 yr	SB Representative
Development Review Board*	4 yr	Donnie Blake
Development Review Board*	4 yr	Vacant – Need DRB recommendation
Conservation Commission	4 yr	Lisa Zinn
Conservation Commission	4 yr	Dave Durand
Planning Commission*	4 yr	Wally Reeves

*Need to be reappointed at the Village Trustees Meeting

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www.lrswmd.org

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JAN 12 2026

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

January 12, 2026

Town Clerk
Town of Morristown
P.O. Box 748
Morrisville, VT 05661

Dear Sara:

Your representative's term on the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District's Board of Supervisors will expire on Town Meeting Day 2026. Currently, your representation is an **Appointed** position, and is currently held by Charles Cooley.

Enclosed is the Board of Supervisors Appointment/Election Form for you to complete and return to our office as soon as a Supervisor is appointed. Please note that an Oath of Office is to be administered by you before your Supervisor attends the re-organizational meeting on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Majors".

Joyce Majors
Operations Administrator

Cc: Charles Cooley



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Cambridge
Craftsbury
Eden

Elmore
Hyde Park
Johnson
Morristown

Stowe
Waterville
Wolcott
Worcester

LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
29 SUNSET DRIVE
MORRISVILLE, VT 05661
Ph. 802.888.7317
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info@lrswmd.org

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPOINTMENT / ELECTION FORM

As the Clerk of the Town of Morristown hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on the 4 day of March, 2026, the Town of Morristown Appointed/Elected Charles Cooley to serve as Supervisor of the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District. I also herby certify that an Oath of Office, as described in 24 VSA Section 831 has been administered.

Date: _____

Attest: Town Clerk _____

Supervisor Mailing Address:

Please return this form to the LRSWMD Office by mail or email. Thank you.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

_____ I, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully
(Appointed or Elected Supervisor)

execute the office of Board of Supervisor to the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District for the Town of _____, Vermont and will therein do equal right and justice to all to the best of my judgement and ability, according to law. I also solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the State of Vermont, and of the United States, so help me God.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY BEFORE WHOM OATH IS TAKEN

I herby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 2026

_____ personally appeared before me (or virtually due to
(Appointed or Elected Supervisor)

COVID protocols), in the Town of _____, County of _____

and took and subscribed the foregoing Oath of Office.

Signature of authority administering Oath: _____

Printed name and title: _____

**Confirmation of Municipal Appointment to
Lamoille County Planning Commission Board of Directors**

The Selectboard/Trustees of the Town/Village of Morristown hereby appoints the following individual(s) to serve as Municipal Director(s) representing this municipality on the Lamoille County Planning Commission's Board of Directors.

The Appointments are effective: July 1, 2026

Board Appointee Name: Judy Bickford

For a Term of: One Year Two Years Three Years

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: 802-585-9470

Email Address: bickford@vtlink.net

* Board Appointee Name: Dan McLaughlin

For a Term of: One Year Two Years Three Years

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: 603-581-4352

Email Address: dano.m802@gmail.com

Selectboard/Trustee member signature _____ Date _____

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Selectboard/Trustee member signature _____ Date _____

Municipal Clerk: _____ Date _____

* Cambridge Town, Hyde Park, Stowe, and Morristown are eligible to appoint two representatives. All other municipalities may appoint one representative. Municipal appointments are based on 2020 Census population numbers.

Selectboard/Trustee meeting minutes may be substituted for signatures. If the minutes are draft, the Clerk must sign to attest to the appointment.



Lamoille County Planning Commission

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Lamoille County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) FY 2026 Municipal Representative Designation

The Municipality of Morristown is designating one (1) primary representative and up to two (2) alternates to participate in the Lamoille County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Each Municipality gets one (1) voting seat per meeting, which may be filled by a primary or alternate designee.

Please note: Representatives are NOT required to be a municipal staff or official. Municipal TAC Designees may be anyone who lives in the municipality being represented. TAC usually meets at least 6 times per year on the fourth Wednesday of the month, from 12:00-1:30pm via video/phone conference and/or LCPC's office when in person meetings are appropriate.

Municipalities should designate a representative who is willing and able to regularly participate in TAC meetings, and frequently share information between their municipal officials, staff, and TAC.

The following municipal appointments are valid for (check one)

1 year 2 years 3 years.

Primary Representative: Jerry Throne

Phone: 215-962-4770

Email: Jerry.Throne@outlook.com

Alternate Representative #1: Martin Green

Phone: 802-279-7893

Email: martin.green@myfairpoint.net

Alternate Representative #2: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Selectboard Chair (or Manager/Administrator Signature): _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form by email (rob@lcpcvt.org) or by US Mail to Lamoille County Planning Commission, Attn: Rob Moore, PO Box 1637, Morrisville, VT 05661 Direct questions to Rob at 802-888-4548 or 802-851-6347

Rules of Procedure for Jointly Appointed Subordinate Boards

1. Source of Authority

All jointly appointed subordinate boards of the Morristown Selectboard and the Morrisville Village Trustees shall be governed by the provisions of all applicable Vermont State Statutes (specifically including the Vermont Open Meeting Law – 1 VSA §310-314), Municipal Bylaws, and these Rules of Procedure.

2. Purpose

All jointly appointed subordinate boards shall be subject to these “Rules of Procedure” to ensure that all meetings are timely, efficient and transparent to and for the public, and to ensure consistency of procedures for all joint boards.

3. Application

This policy setting forth these Rules of Procedure for all meetings of all jointly appointed subordinate boards shall apply to all regular, special and emergency meetings of these boards. These Rules of Procedure for jointly appointed subordinate boards shall be made available by the Town & Village Clerk upon request. These Rules of Procedure may only be amended by a successful majority vote of each Legislative Body.

4. Appointment

All jointly appointed subordinate boards shall be appointed by a majority vote of each Legislative Body. Upon receiving notice of a board vacancy per #9 of these rules, the Legislative Bodies, to ensure the continuity of the subordinate board or committee, shall first look to fill any vacancy with an existing board alternate that desires to become a full-time member of their respective board. If no such alternate exists, the Town’s Administrative Assistant shall notice the vacancy on jointly appointed boards on the Town’s website, and post a link regarding this vacancy on Front Porch Forum. Only Village or Town residents who appear on the current voter checklist shall be eligible to serve on jointly appointed boards¹. However, if no Village or Town residents on the voter checklist step forward to serve within a month of a vacancy being posted, the Legislative Bodies may appoint a non-Town or non-Village resident to fill the vacancy. Village and Town residents interested in serving on a jointly appointed subordinate board shall email the Town’s Administrative Assistant (Admin@MorristownVT.org) regarding interest in filling said vacancy. The Town’s Administrative Assistant shall keep an ongoing list of all emails received from eligible residents wishing to serve on a jointly appointed board during the current calendar year. The Administrative Assistant shall provide all emails received (from candidates that responded to the vacancy posting, and from candidates that previously applied within the calendar year), to each Legislative Body. Candidates for any vacancy on a jointly appointed board shall interview with the board that they are interested in, and said board shall furnish an appointment recommendation to each Legislative Body at the conclusion of the interview process.

5. Election of Officers

All jointly appointed subordinate boards shall elect annually a Chair & Vice Chair. Said election shall take place at the board’s first meeting after appointments are made by the respective Legislative Bodies.

¹ All existing members of jointly appointed subordinate boards as of 4 May 2022 are grandfathered from this new residency requirement. Said members, regardless of existing or future residency, may continue to serve on said boards, and shall remain eligible to be reappointed thereto upon the expiration of their current term.

6. Chair

The Chair shall set the agenda, preside over the meeting, call it to order, maintain order, decide all questions of order and procedure, and shall appoint any sub-committees found necessary to carry out the business of the respective board or commission.

7. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall assume all duties and authorities in the absence of the Chair.

8. Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes shall include all meeting actions and proceedings, showing the vote of each board member upon every question, or if absent, disqualified, or failing to vote, shall so indicate. Meeting minutes shall include the names of all board members in attendance, a summary of the facts on which the decisions are based and the decisions rendered. All meeting minutes must be kept in accordance with 1 VSA §312(b)(2).

9. Vacancies

The Chair of all jointly appointed subordinate boards shall notify the Morristown Selectboard and the Morrisville Village Trustees of any vacancy on their board within one week from said vacancy taking place. Said vacant seat shall be filled via the #4-appointment process for the remainder of the term.

10. Quorum

A quorum must be present for any meeting, vote or official action of all jointly appointed subordinate boards. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the jointly appointed respective board, regardless of any vacancies or disqualification, in order for the respective board to act. If a quorum of the members of the respective board or commission is not present, no action shall be taken and/or conducted.

11. Recess of Meeting or Hearing

All jointly appointed subordinate boards may recess a meeting or hearing if all business cannot be disposed of on the day set. No further public notice shall be necessary provided that the date, time and place of the recessed meeting shall be announced before adjournment.

12. Majority Vote Required

Determinations on any matter before all jointly appointed subordinate boards shall require the concurrence of a majority of the respective board or commission regardless of any vacancies or disqualifications.

13. Attendance

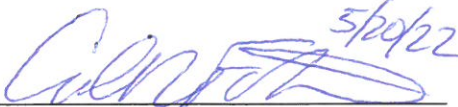
Members of all jointly appointed subordinate boards are strongly encouraged to resign if total absences exceed fifty percent of the total meetings in a calendar year. Attendance of all jointly appointed subordinate boards can be reviewed by the Morristown Selectboard and the Morrisville Village Trustees annually and shall be a consideration during the reappointment decision-making process.

14. Conflict of Interest

All jointly appointed subordinate boards are strongly encouraged to adopt their own conflict of interest policy until such time that a blanket policy is adopted by the Morristown Selectboard and/or the Morrisville Village Trustees.

For the Village of Morrisville:

For the Town of Morristown:


Village Trustees Chair & Date


Selectboard Chair & Date

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD RULES OF PROCEDURE

PURPOSE

The Selectboard of Morristown is required by law to conduct its meetings following the Vermont Open Meeting Law. 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314. Meetings of the Selectboard of Morristown must be always open to the public, except as provided in 1 V.S.A. § 313. Rules of procedure is a set of rules for conducting orderly meetings that accomplish goals fairly.

APPLICATION

This policy setting forth rules of procedure shall apply to the Selectboard of Morristown, referred to below as “the body.” These rules shall apply to all regular, special, and emergency meetings of the body.

ORGANIZATION

1. The body shall annually elect a Chair and a Vice Chair. The Chair of the body or, in the Chair’s absence, the Vice Chair shall preside over all meetings. If both the Chair and the Vice Chair are absent, a member selected by the body shall act as Chair for that meeting.
2. The Chair shall preserve order in the meeting and shall regulate its proceedings by applying these rules and making determinations about all questions of order or procedure.
3. A majority of the members of the body shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum of the members of the body is not present at a meeting, no meeting shall take place.
4. No single member of the body shall have authority to represent or act on behalf of the body unless, by majority vote, the body has delegated such authority for a specific matter at a duly noticed meeting and such delegation is recorded in the meeting minutes.
5. Motions made by members of the body do require a second. Any member of the board, including the Chair of the body, may make motions and may vote on all questions before the body. A motion will only pass if it receives the votes of a majority of the total membership of the body. In the event of a split vote, the motion will fail.
6. There is no limit to the number of times a member of the body may speak to a question. A member may speak or make a motion after being recognized by the Chair. Motions to close or limit debate will be entertained by a motion to call the question which requires a second. To succeed in calling the question the motion must receive two thirds vote of the board.
7. Any member of the body may request a roll call vote. Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 312(a)(2), when one or more members attend a meeting electronically, voting must be done by roll call.

8. Meetings may be recessed to a time and place certain.
9. These rules may be amended by majority vote of the body and must be readopted annually.

AGENDAS

1. Each regular and special meeting of the body shall have an agenda, with time allotted for each item of business to be considered by the body. Any organization or individual, excluding Selectboard members, who wish to be added to the meeting agenda shall contact the Town Manager via email or other written form, to request inclusion on the agenda. Selectboard members who wish to request an agenda item shall communicate their request in writing via email directly to the Chair and may copy the Town Manager. The Chair shall determine the final content of the agenda. Appeals on the decision of the Chair may be made to the entire board and determined by majority vote.
2. At least 48 hours prior to a regular meeting, and at least 24 hours prior to a special meeting, a meeting agenda shall be posted on the town website www.morristownvt.gov, in or near the municipal office and at the following designated public places in the municipality: Morrisville Post Office, 16 Portland Street, and Morristown Centennial Library, 7 Richmond Street, Morrisville. A meeting agenda may be posted on Front Porch Forum by the Selectboard Chair or their designee. The agenda must also be made available to any person who requests such agenda prior to the meeting.
3. All business shall be conducted in the same order as it appears on the noticed agenda, except that any addition to or deletion from the noticed agenda must be made as the first act of business at the meeting. No additions to or deletions from the agenda shall be considered once the first act of business at the meeting has commenced. Any other adjustment to the noticed agenda, for example, changing the order of business, postponing or tabling actions, may be made by majority vote or consensus of the body.

MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings shall take place on the first and third Monday of the month at 5:30PM at the Tegu Building, Community Meeting Room, 43 Portland Street, Morristown.
2. Special meetings shall be publicly announced at least 24 hours in advance by giving notice to all members of the body as instructed under Agendas, Item 2.
3. Emergency meetings may be held without public announcement, without posting of notices, and without 24-hour notice to members, provided some public notice thereof is given as soon as possible before any such meeting. Emergency meetings may be held only when necessary to respond to an unforeseen occurrence or condition requiring immediate attention by the public body.
4. A member of the body may attend a regular, special, or emergency meeting by electronic or other means without being physically present at a designated meeting location, so long as the member identifies him or herself when the meeting is convened and is able to hear

and be heard throughout the meeting. Whenever one or more members attend electronically, voting must be done by roll call. If a quorum or more of the body attend a meeting (regular, special, or emergency) without being physically present at a designated meeting location, the agenda for the meeting shall designate at least one physical location where a member of the public can attend and participate in the meeting. At least one member of the body, or at least one staff or designee of the body, shall be physically present at each designated meeting location.

DEFINITIONS

1. Motion – A formal proposal made to bring a subject before an assembly for its consideration and action. Begins with “I move that”
2. Second – A statement by a member who agrees that the motion made by another member be considered. Stated as “Second, “or “I second the motion.”
3. Amendment – Before the vote is taken on a motion, it may be amended by:
 - Striking out words
 - Inserting or adding words
 - Striking out words and inserting others in their place
 - Substituting one (1) paragraph or resolution for another
4. Presiding Officer/Chair – The individual who facilitates the meeting, usually the Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair is next.
5. Role of the Chair – To introduce business in proper order per the agenda, to recognize speakers, to determine if a motion is in order, to keep discussion focused on the pending motion, to maintain order, to put motions to a vote and announce results.
6. General procedure for handling a main motion:
 - A member makes a main motion
 - A motion must be seconded by another member before it can be considered
 - If the motion is in order, the Chair will restate the motion and open debate
 - The main motion is debated along with any secondary motions that are debatable.
 - Debate is closed when: discussion has ended, or a 2/3 vote closes debate.
 - The Chair restates the motion, and if necessary, clarifies the consequences of affirmative and negative votes.
 - The Chair calls for a vote by asking “All in favor?” “Those in favor say “Aye.” Then asking, “All opposed?” Those opposed will say “nay.”
 - The Chair announces the result.
7. General rules of debate:
 - All discussion must be relevant to the immediately pending question.
 - All remarks should be addressed to the Chair – no cross debate is permitted
 - Debate must address issues not personalities.
 - All debate must remain civil, and all viewpoints shall be treated with respect.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. All meetings of the body are meetings in the public, not of the public. Members of the public shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to express opinions about matters considered by the body, so long as order is maintained according to these rules.
2. At the conclusion of discussion of each agenda item, but before any action is taken by the public body at each meeting, there may be 10 minutes afforded for open public comment. By majority vote, the body may increase the time for open public comment and its place on the agenda.
3. Comment by the public or members of the body must be addressed to the Chair, once they have identified themselves, and not to any individual member of the body or public.
4. Members of the public must be acknowledged by the Chair before speaking. Members of the public must introduce themselves prior to speaking.
5. If a member of the public has already spoken on a topic, they may not be recognized again until others have first been given the opportunity to comment. Members of the public shall be afforded a maximum of 2 minutes each time they speak on a topic.
6. Order and decorum shall be observed by all persons present at the meeting. Neither members of the body, nor the members of the public, shall delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the meeting or interrupt or disturb any member while speaking. Members of the body and members of the public are prohibited from making personal, impertinent, threatening, or profane remarks. Personal remarks or side discussions during debate are out of order. Only one question at a time may be considered, and only one person may have the floor at any one time.
7. Members of the body and members of the public shall obey the orders of the Chair or other presiding member. The Chair should adhere to the following process to restore order and decorum of a meeting, but may bypass any or all steps when they determine in their sole discretion that deviation from the process is warranted:
 - a. Call the meeting to order and remind the members of the applicable rules of procedure.
 - b. Declare a recess or table the issue.
 - c. Adjourn the meeting until a time and date certain.
 - d. Order the constable/Morristown Police Department to remove disorderly person(s) from the meeting.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS PROCEDURE

1. Each Regular Selectboard Meeting shall include a “Community Comments” agenda item. This item will occur at the beginning of the meeting, immediately following “Agenda Changes/Additions.”
2. Comments during this period must be limited to topics not already included on the agenda for that meeting. Speakers wishing to address items on the agenda should wait until those items are discussed.
3. Speakers will address their comments solely to the Chair. “Community Comments” is not a forum for dialogue or debate; comments are to be a one-way communication from the speaker to the Chair.
4. Each individual will have one opportunity to speak and will be allotted up to two minutes. The Chair may extend this time at their discretion.
5. The “Community Comments” period will continue for a maximum of 15 minutes, unless extended by the Chair.
6. The Chair is responsible for maintaining order during the “Community Comments” period and may enforce these rules as necessary to ensure a respectful and efficient meeting

This amended policy supersedes and replaces all previous versions of this policy or procedure and any other policies or provisions inconsistent with its terms.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2025 by the Morristown Selectboard


Don McDowell


Christopher Palermo


Laura Streets



Richard Craig


George Cormier

CERTIFICATE - NO APPEAL OR SUIT PENDING

We hereby certify that on this date, (NO EARLIER THAN THE FIRST TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY FOLLOWING THE LODGING OF THE GRAND LIST) there are no appeals pending from the action of the listers nor suits to recover taxes paid under protest.

Under the provisions of 32 VSA, section 4157, from this date on when offered in evidence in any court in this state, this list shall be received as a legal Grand List and its validity shall not be put in issue by any party to any action in any hearing or trial in any court.



Selectmen or Mayor

Listers or Assessors

Attested this _____ day of _____.

Town/City Clerk



SELECTBOARD MEMORANDUM

To: Selectboard
From: Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant
Date: March 4, 2026
Subject: Authorization for the Town of Morrystown to submit a request for Tier 1B designation through the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to the Land Use Review Board (LURB).

Background: November 2025 - Planning Commission meeting:

The Commission discussed the details of the Act 250 Tier 1a and Tier 1b Area Designation with Seth Jessen representing the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC). Act 250's new purpose statement and Act 181's changes follow the theme that has guided Vermont's land-use and planning laws since Act 250's inception: maintaining Vermont's historic settlement pattern of compact villages and urban centers separated by rural countryside. Act 181 updates Vermont's planning framework for coordinating state, regional, and municipal land use. This includes shifting Act 250's jurisdiction from being triggered by the size of the development to being location-based. This document outlines two major elements of location-based jurisdiction that are informed by municipalities: Tier 1A areas and Tier 1B areas. Both include Act 250 exemptions.

After reviewing Tier 1a criteria versus Tier 1b, it was decided that Tier 1b would be most appropriate for the town. LCPC noted that they need to provide a future land use map to the Land Use Review Board by the end of December. Preparation for the deadline would include the logistics of meetings with the Trustees and Selectboard, and a public hearing. If the town wished to pursue tier 1b status, it would require further revising the zoning bylaws to include language to address ACT 250 criteria. It was also noted that the Development Review Board would need to be comfortable administering ACT250 criteria. Seth explained the timeline for submitting preliminary maps and plans to the Land Use Review Board in January, with public hearings starting in March and potential approval by September of the following year. The board agreed to further deliberate on the 1b designation and its implications for local resources and administrative capacity. Concern was expressed about rushing the process, suggesting that it would be beneficial to further discuss Tier 1b. The group also considered the need for increased application fees to cover additional costs associated with reviewing Act 250 developments if the town opted to pursue Tier 1b.

December 2025 - The Selectboard discussed a potential Tier 1B designation for Morrystown's downtown and village centers, which would change Act 250 review thresholds for developments with housing elements. Seth Jensen from LCPC explained the requirements and benefits, noting that while it would simplify development review, local zoning and subdivision regulations would still apply. The board agreed to continue discussions and make a decision by early March, after community input and further review of the proposal's pros and cons.

Attachments:

1. Tier 1B Support letter
2. Discover Act 250's New Secret Sauce, Tier 1A and B 10-17-25
3. Morrisville_FLU_Draft (1)
4. _Presentation to LURB_



To: Morristown Selectboard and Village Trustees

RE: Recommendation to Opt in to Tier 1B

Members of Morristown Selectboard and Village Trustees,

This letter is intended to inform you that the Morristown Planning Commission supports applying for a tier 1b designation in the area noted in the map presented by the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) at the 2/24/2026 planning commission meeting. The commission recommends that the Selectboard and Village Trustees of the Town of Morristown pursue Tier 1B designation.

Sincerely

Etienne Hancock

Planning Commission Chair

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Date: Feb. 27, 2026



Discover Act 250's Secret Sauce:

Tier 1A and Tier 1B Status Areas

State-level land use review increases



Tier 3
Enhanced jurisdiction



Tier 2
Status quo + expanded road construction jurisdiction



Tier 1B
Jurisdiction over housing is limited



Tier 1A
No jurisdiction



Act 181 of 2024:

- Interim Act 250 Exemptions
- Consistent Regional Planning: Future Land Use Areas
- State Designation Programs: Steps
- Location Based Act 250 Jurisdiction: Tiers
- New Act 250 Governance: Land Use Review Board

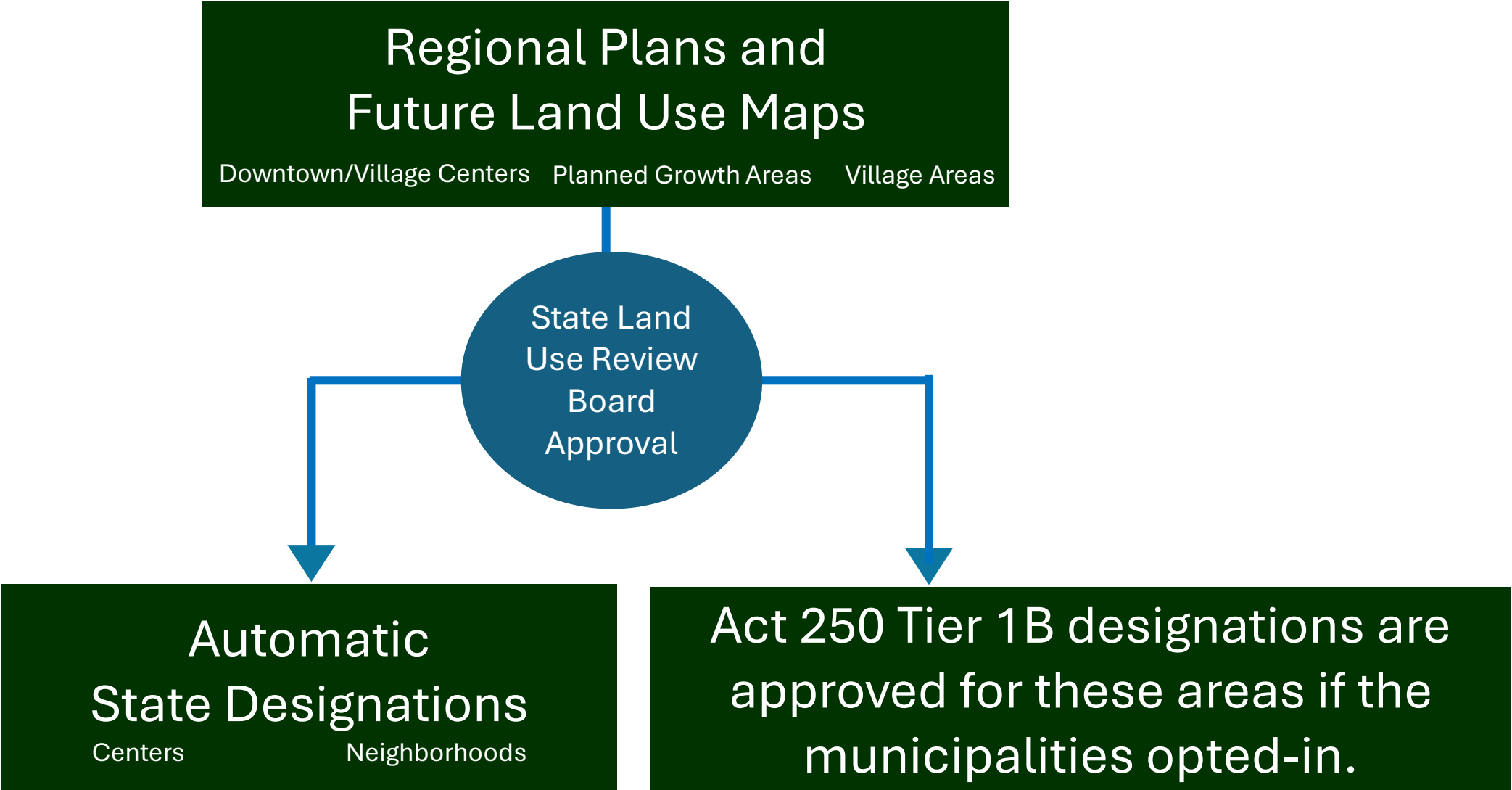
Regional Plans

- The state's 11 **Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs)** will apply to the **Land Use Review Board (LURB)** for affirmative determinations for **regional plans**.
- The **regional plans** will include new **future land use (FLU) maps** that include 10 consistent FLU areas, as mandated in Act 181. [24 V.S.A. § 4348a\(12\)](#)
 - Downtown/Village Centers
 - Planned Growth Areas
 - Village Areas
 - Transition/Infill Areas
 - Resource-Based Recreation Areas
 - Enterprise
 - Hamlet
 - Rural – General
 - Rural - Agricultural and Forestry
 - Rural - Conservation

Regional Plan Determinations

- When **LURB** determines a **regional plan compliant** it confers **state designations** for **centers** and **neighborhoods** and it determines whether **Tier 1B** areas meet requirements.
- **Downtown centers, village centers, planned growth areas, and village areas** shown on the regional **FLU maps** are the areas eligible for **state designation as centers and neighborhoods**. [24 V.S.A. §§ 5803 and 5804](#)
- **RPCs** will request **Tier 1B** status for these areas for municipalities that have opted-in.
- All 11 **RPCs** must adopt Act 181-compliant **regional plans** by the **end of 2026** and have them **confirmed** by the **LURB** or **legacy state designations** within the region **expire**.

Regional Plan Approvals confer state designations



Starting 12/31/26

How regional plan maps will confer new state designations:

Starting in 2027:

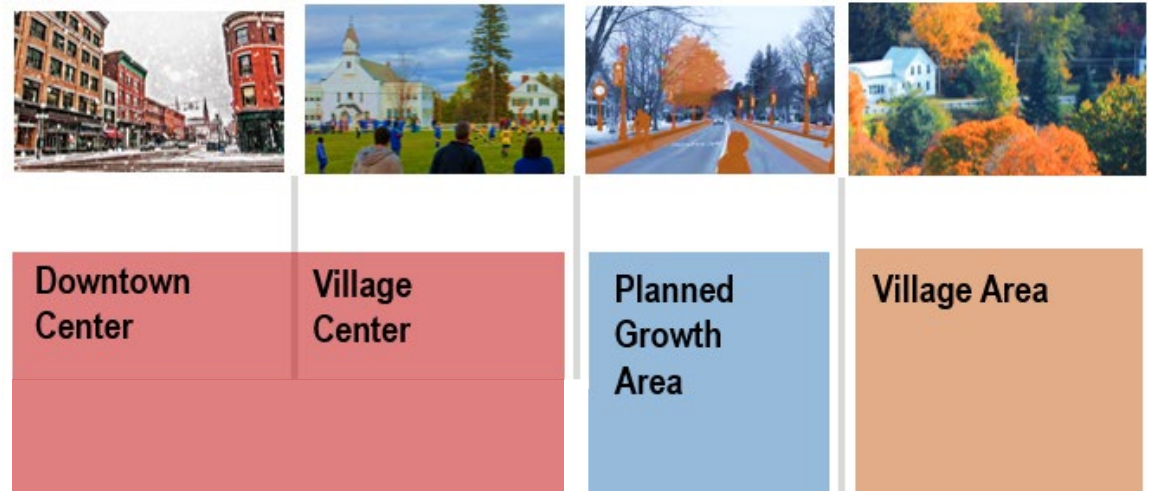
Legacy state designations:

New state designations:

Village Centers	Centers
Downtowns	
New Town Centers	
Neighborhood Development Areas	Neighborhoods
Growth Centers	

The **Community Investment Board** will implement the new system of smart growth incentives based on **2 state designations consistent with future land uses mapped in the new regional plans.**

Four of the 10 **Regional Plan Land Use Categories:**



When **LURB** approves **regional plans**, they approve the following **state designations** for the above categories:



What are Tier 1B & Tier 1A?

Tier 1B

- Area of Act 250 exemption for up to 50 units of housing (including mixed-use) on tract(s) of land involving 10 acres or less
- RPC applies with Regional Plan or later as a separate application
- Continues until modified or Board revokes

Tier 1A

- Area of Act 250 exemption for any subdivision, development, or change to an existing project
- Municipality administers and enforces transferred Act 250 permits within Tier 1A area
- Municipality applies after Board issues affirmative determination on Regional Plan
- Continues until modified or Board revokes

Tier 1B & Tier 1A Requirements

Tier 1B

- Must be qualifying future land use map category.
- Municipality must have a confirmed plan, zoning, and subdivision bylaws.
- If the area has floodplain and river corridors, the municipality must have flood hazard and river corridor bylaws.
- Municipality must have water or wastewater infrastructure or soils to accommodate compact housing.
- Municipality must “opt-in” with resolution affirming capacity to support development review and zoning administration in Tier 1B area.

Tier 1A

- All the requirements of Tier 1B.
- Required review of determinations at least every four years.
- Preapplication and application meetings.
- Fee (\$295).
- Application guidance in development with requirements for map data layers and narrative.
- Municipal resolution must include an explanation of its capacity to administer and enforce previously permitted Act 250 permits.

Tier 1A Application Narrative Highlights

- Form & Scale
- Historic & Cultural Resources
- Natural Communities & Rare, Threatened, & Endangered Species
- Water & Wastewater



Form & Scale



Detail how the proposed Tier 1A area will create a compact settlement oriented toward pedestrian activity including an identifiable center with higher density than the surrounding area. For those proposed Tier 1A areas that extend to a municipal boundary, surrounding area density may instead be addressed by describing how the Tier 1A area relates to the development trends and plans for the adjacent municipality.



Explain regulatory provisions for public buildings, open spaces, and other visual features that act as landmarks, symbols, and focal points for community identity within the Tier 1A area.



Describe how the Tier 1A area will enable a variety of housing types, businesses, services, and facilities all within close proximity and interwoven within the area.



Describe how the regulations for the Tier 1A area govern the arrangement, building bulk, form, design, character, and landscaping of sites to ensure compatibility of buildings and other improvements.



Provide an overview of the transportation system serving the Tier 1A area and how it provides or will provide a hierarchy of appropriately designed facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, automotive vehicles, and public transit, if present.



Provide an overview of the historic settlement pattern and street pattern within the Tier 1A area noting existing edges. Explain how the regulations provide for public and private buildings that are oriented toward streets and further maintaining or creating a defined edge around the Tier 1A area.



Describe how the regulations provide for open spaces within the Tier 1A area that incorporate natural features and undisturbed areas as well as historically compatible squares, greens, landscaped streets, greenways, and parks woven into the pattern of the center.



If the Tier 1A area is served by sewer and water, detail how regulations provide for a minimum of four-story buildings within a portion of the Tier 1A area. A story may be a below ground story or a story within the roofline so long as the majority of the floor area is occupiable.

Historic & Cultural Resources

If the Tier 1A area is adjacent to or inclusive of a National Register Historic District, National or State Register Historic Place or significant resource as identified by the municipality or State Historic Preservation Office, the applicant must provide a narrative noting historic, cultural resources in or adjacent to the proposed Tier 1A area and submit proof of one of the following:

Designation of the municipality as a Certified Local Government community.

Municipality adoption of a local historic district for the Tier 1A area in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 4414(1)(F).

Municipal adoption of a design review district for the Tier 1A area in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 4414(1)(E) or comparable design regulations (including form-based code) that sustains the historic character of the Tier 1A area.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the municipality and the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation to provide binding recommendations for development applications seeking to alter significant historic resources within the Tier 1A area.

Natural Communities & Rare, Threatened, & Endangered Species

If a proposed Tier 1A area contains a significant natural resource as defined by the Vermont Natural Heritage Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species list and classified as a conservation rank of S1, S2, S3, or contains a significant natural community shown on the *Vermont Natural Resources Atlas*, the municipality should consult with the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife and submit proof of one of the following:

A determination from a qualified professional or from the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife that the Tier 1A area does not include the identified significant natural resource.

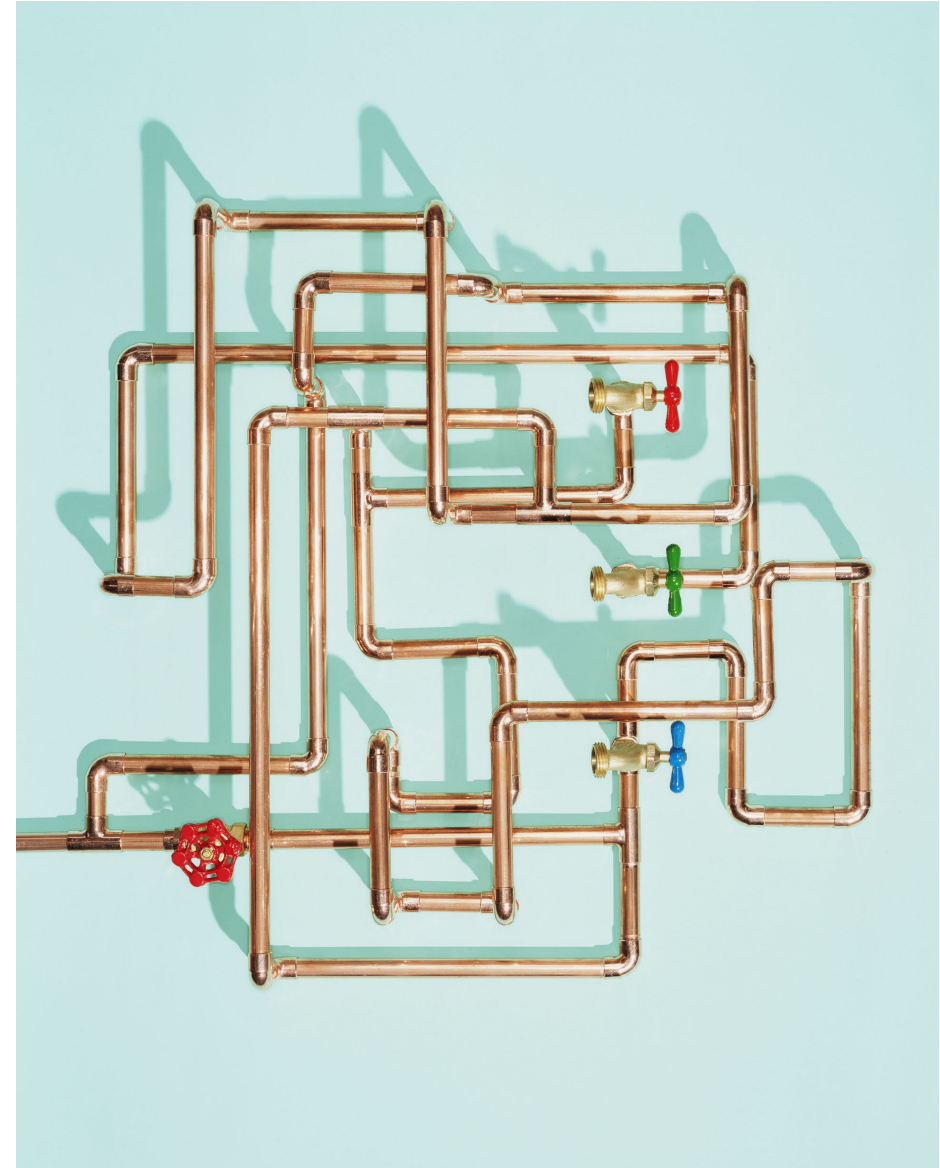
A *Natural Resources Atlas Map* depicting mapped RTE species and significant natural community occurrences within and adjacent to the proposed Tier1A and municipal regulations for the Tier 1A and adjacent areas that:

Ensure no jeopardy to rare species or adverse modification to significant natural communities and compliance with State and Federal Threatened and Endangered species regulations.

Require project-specific natural resource inventories and assessments conducted by a qualified professional when occurrences of RTE species and/or significant natural communities are predicted or otherwise known to occur in a project vicinity. The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife must be provided a copy of the application and the opportunity to provide the municipality with technical input if an undue adverse impact on RTE species or significant natural communities is proposed.

Water & Wastewater

The municipality shall demonstrate capacity by providing available water and wastewater allocations in the proposed Tier 1A area or planned capacity noting any existing or proposed water/sewer infrastructure in the Tier 1A area and the status of any planned improvements, noting status of engineering and financing, ownership of infrastructure or planned improvements, and possible timeline to implement. Decentralized infrastructure shall be acceptable improvements.



Tier 1A Administration

24 V.S.A Section 4460(g) provide municipalities may amend Act 250 permits through municipal permit process. The DRB's decision must include conditions contained within the Act 250 permit unless the panel determines the condition relates to:

the construction phase of an already constructed project;

compliance with another State permit that has independent jurisdiction;

federal or State law that is no longer in effect or applicable;

an issue that is addressed by municipal regulation and the project will meet the standard; or

a physical or use condition that is no longer in effect or applicable to the new project.

The DRB must issue a decision in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 4464(b) and include specific findings.

Tier 1A Enforcement

- Municipalities will need local regulations to amend existing Act 250 permits.
- 24 V.S.A Section 4460(h) provides for municipal enforcement of Act 250 permits.
- A listing of all amended and enforced Act 250 permits must be provided to the Board annually.
- The Board is working on FAQ for municipalities to address Act 250 permit administration and enforcement.



Tier 1A

- Board begins receiving applications from Cities and Towns in **2026**.
- Process starts with a **preapplication meeting**
- Upon **final application** submission, a **hearing** will be held. The RPC and the municipality will be responsible for providing **notice of the hearing**.
- Law requires Board to issue a **decision** on each Tier 1A application within **45 days** of receiving a complete application from a municipality.



2034

- **24 V.S.A., Chapter 76A** (Historic Downtown Development) expires on July 1, 2034.
- This law governs **the current state smart growth designation incentives program**, which is being phased out.
- By this date, all **benefits** for state **designated centers** and **neighborhoods** that received their designation by virtue of their legacy status being transitioned into the new system via a LURB-approved regional plan shall **sunset**, and the then-current benefits for centers and neighborhoods shall apply.

2034

In less than a decade, the way that the State of Vermont regulates land use and incentivizes growth and development should be completely revised.

- Integration of local, regional, & state planning.
- Simplification of State Designation Programs.
- Tiered Act 250 jurisdiction.

The State will continue to incentivize growth close to existing centers to protect the state's historic development pattern while minimizing impacts on natural resources and resource-based industries.



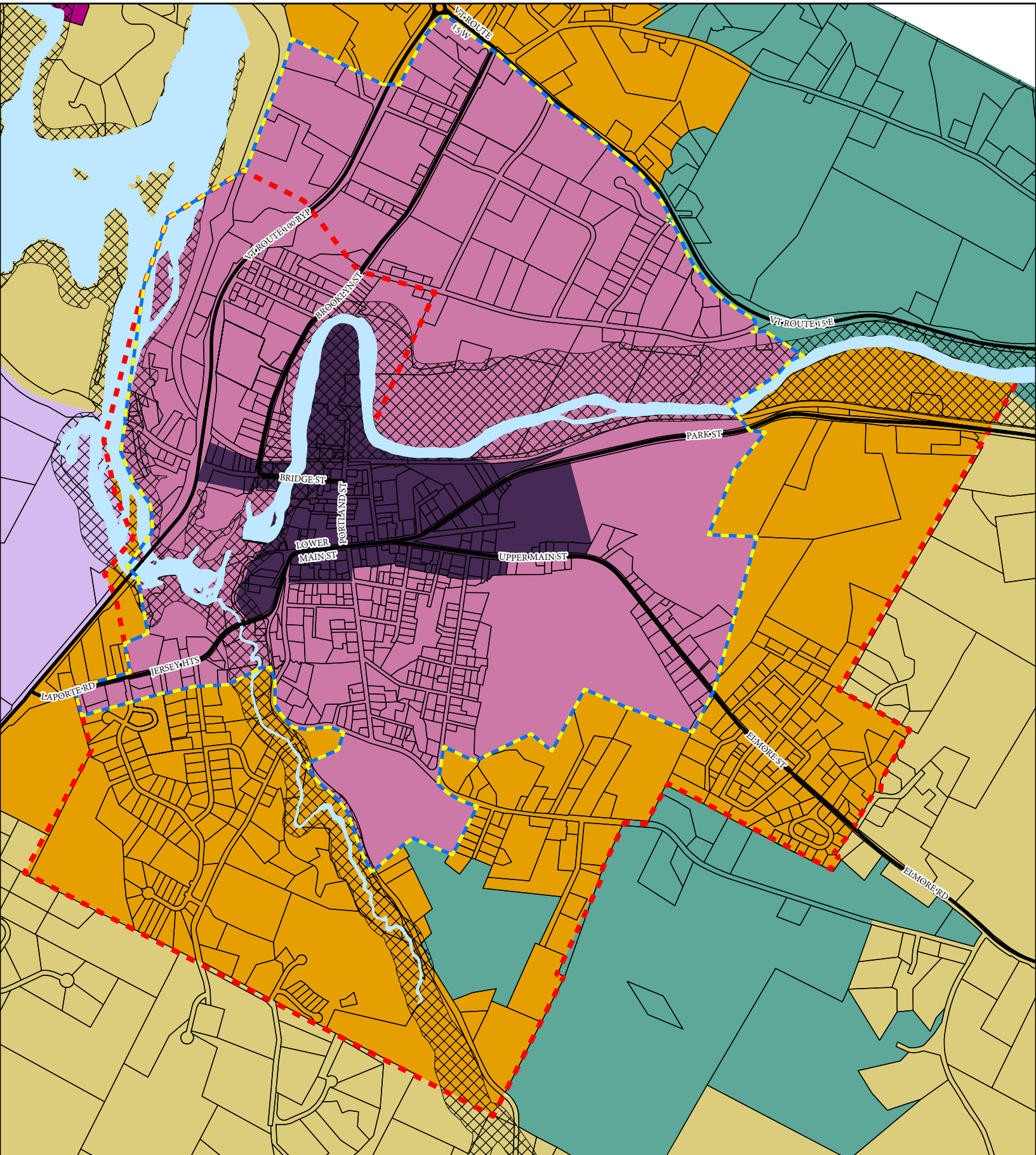


Questions?

Board Chair and Tier 1B Guidance Lead – Janet Hurley – 802-480-1850

Board Member and Tier 1A Guidance Lead - Sarah Hadd - 802-480-1886

DRAFT Morrisville Future Land Use



- - - Village Boundary
- Parcels
- LC_FloodOverlay
- LC_Hamlets
- LC_AsbestosMine
- LC_Resource Based Recreational Areas

- LC_PlannedGrowthAreas
- LC_Enterprise
- LC_VillageAreas
- LC_VillageCenters
- LC_TransitionInfill
- LC_DowntownCenters

- LC_RuralConservation
- LC_RuralAg_Forestry
- LC_RuralGeneral
- Surface Water
- Tier 1B Opt-in Area
- Tier 1B Eligible Areas

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WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERMONT LAND USE REVIEW BOARD ON THE LAMOILLE COUNTY REGIONAL PLAN

2026 Regional Plan Update Overview:

Tasha Wallis, LCPC Executive Director

Tier IB Areas Overview:

Seth Jensen, Deputy Director

Virtual Tour of Proposed Lamoille County Future Land Use Map:

Alec Jones, LCPC GIS & Transportation Planner

WHAT MAKES LAMOILLE COUNTY UNIQUE

- ❑ Frequent flooding, steep valleys and mountains, no interstate
- ❑ Rural, limited infrastructure wastewater/water
- ❑ High percentage of conserved land
- ❑ 10 towns, 5 villages and 10 utilities
- ❑ Half of Lamoille County towns don't have zoning



Belvidere Bog



July 2023 Flood, Johnson Village

WHAT YOU WILL NOTICE IN OUR FUTURE LAND USE MAP: HOW THE COUNTY'S UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS TRANSLATE TO OUR FUTURE LAND USE MAP



FEW TIER 1B ELIGIBLE AREAS

- Tier 1B eligible = 1.26% of the County
- Tier 1B Opt-In = .6% of the County (North Hyde Park, Morristown, Stowe)
- Lack of municipal water/wastewater
- Lack of zoning
- Small communities with limited staffing capacity



TRANSITION INFILL AREAS

- Frequent flooding in village centers
- Where communities can consider infrastructure investments (municipal water/sewer) and various planning tools to accommodate additional housing growth/ small-scale commercial development.
- Allow communities to develop housing outside the floodplain.
- Transition compact development outside the floodplain while still being located near a village/downtown center.
- Conducted extensive flood modeling of the Lamoille River and tributaries. Our mapped Transition Infill Areas are based on flood data and modeling results.

Johnson Village, July 2023 flood

FLOOD HAZARD AREA/RIVER CORRIDOR OVERLAY

- ❑ LCPC mapped the flood hazard area/river corridor as an overlay.
- ❑ The area under that overlay has been mapped as the most appropriate land use category per the Act 181 Future Land Use Mapping Guidance.
- ❑ The overlay approach especially makes sense as every parcel retains its own unique characteristics and permitting requirements.



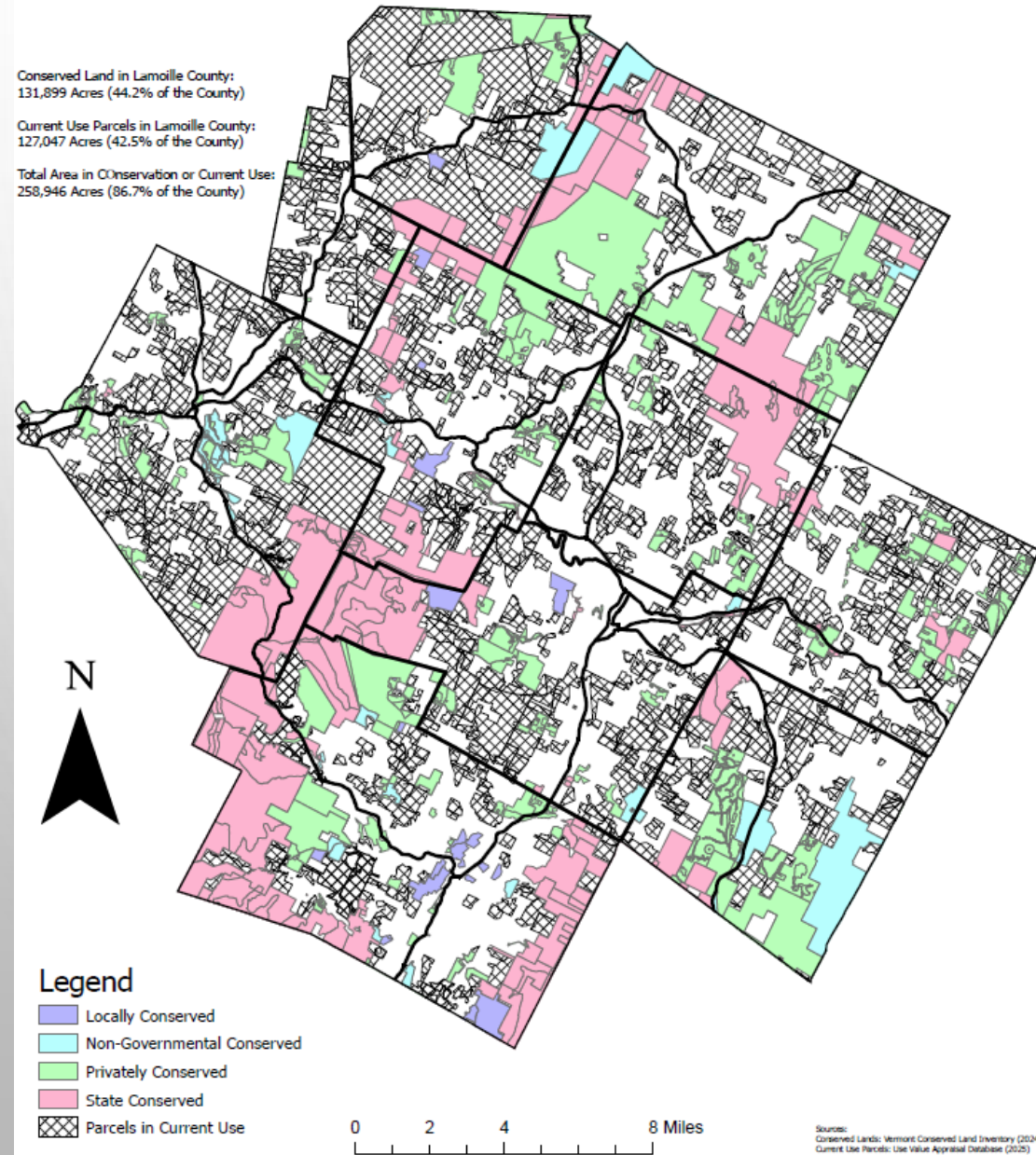
VERY RURAL COUNTY

- ❑ Rural Area on the Future Land Use Map=93% of Lamoille County
 - ❑ This leaves limited land available for housing growth outside the floodplain.
 - ❑ Transition Infill Areas are also key to meeting Lamoille County's housing needs.



STATE CONSERVATION GOALS

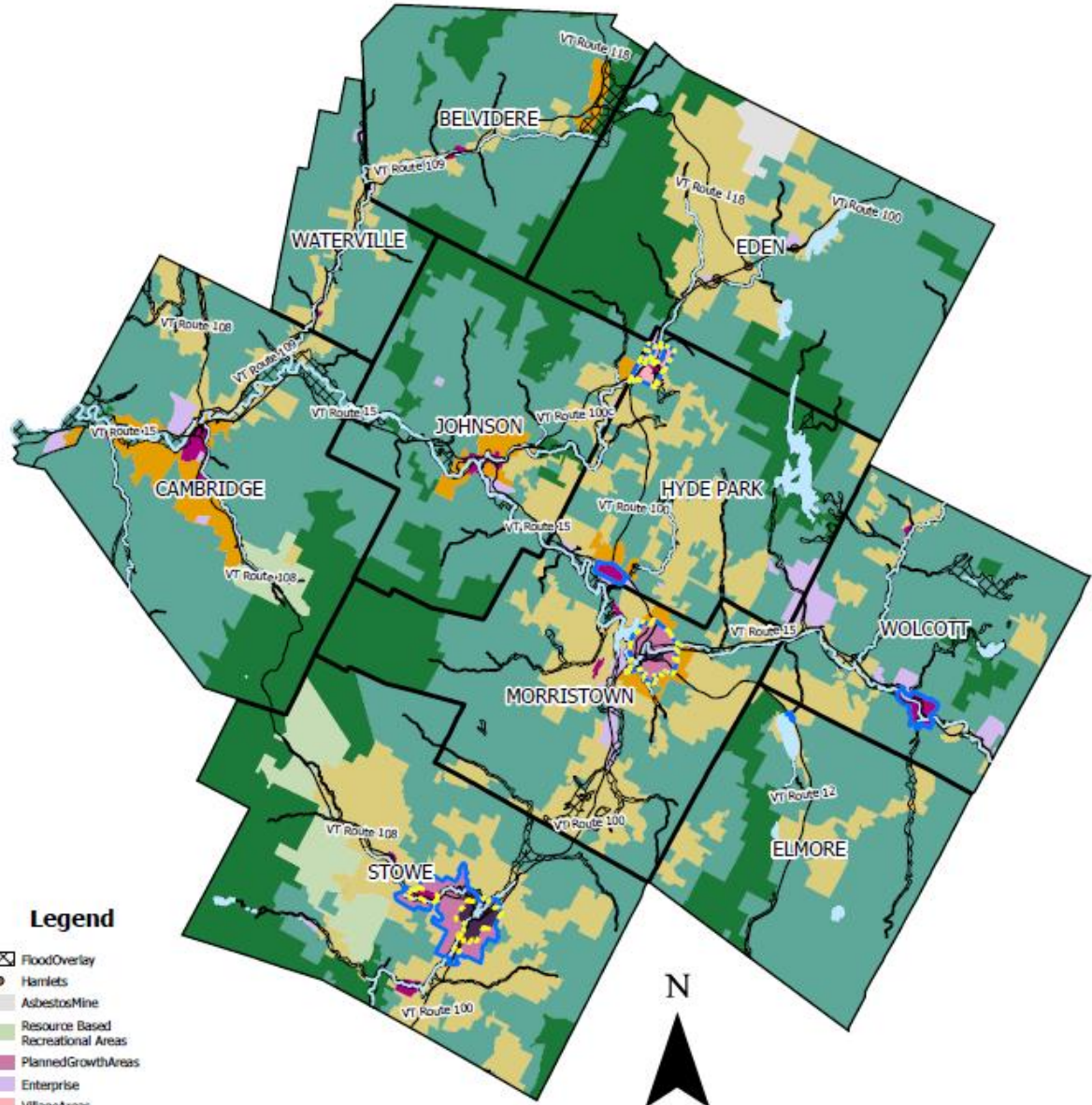
- Lamoille County meets the Vermont Conservation Goals** of meeting 30% conserved land by 2030 (does not include Current Use parcels) and 50% conserved lands by 2050 (this does include Current Use parcels).
- The total area in Conservation or Current Use accounts for 86.7% of the County (258,946 Acres).
 - 42.5% of those acres are land in Current Use
 - 44.2% are conserved land



2026 LAMOILLE COUNTY REGIONAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Plan was developed with extensive public input
- Incorporates housing targets consistent with Act 181 and Act 47
- Municipal housing targets were broken down by town population derived from regional targets provided by the Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development
- Incorporates health equity and environmental justice language throughout the Plan content, strategies, and policies
- Previous Lamoille County Regional Plan update adopted on October 24, 2023
 - Enhanced Energy Plan update adopted on July 23, 2024

DRAFT LAMOILLE COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP



- Legend**
- Flood Overlay
 - Hamlets
 - Asbestos Mine
 - Resource Based Recreational Areas
 - Planned Growth Areas
 - Enterprise
 - Village Areas
 - Village Centers
 - Transition Infill
 - Downtown Centers
 - Rural Conservation
 - Rural Ag_Forestry
 - Rural General
 - Surface Water
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Future Land Use layers were digitized by LDC staff in 2022, staff coordinated with Town Selectboards, Planning Commissions and Village Trustees. This map is for planning purposes only and not for regulatory use.

- Now join us for a virtual tour.
- Tier 1B Areas
- Transition Infill Areas
- Other areas of interest

Examples of How Towns Manage Recreational Trails

Compiled by Hilary Warner 2/2025, updated 2/2026

Cabot (pop 1468)- The Cabot Trails Committee (7 people) manages a growing network of non-motorized trails on public and private land in Cabot. Their Master Plan developed in 2020 envisions an interconnected network of trails linking scenic, historic, and recreational areas to downtown businesses and cultural venues (“Hub+Spoke”). Cabot Trails has partnered with numerous landowners to open several trails and set the foundation of a trail system network. I spoke with Trails Committee chair, Gary Gulka, on 7/26/25. He is also a member of the Cabot Conservation Commission. He said their Trails Committee is appointed by the Selectboard- he said they had good rapport and felt it would be good for getting grants. They are happy with this arrangement and he feels the CC and Trails Committee should be separate. The Master Plan they created in 2020 helped them get VOREC grants (\$62,500 in 2022 for building connections between the Village of Cabot, the Town’s four-season trail network, the Cross Vermont Trail and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT). Also for making infrastructure improvements to enhance access and wayfinding, purchasing equipment to support ongoing maintenance, and building capacity for Trails Committee to be a sustainable and effective organization AND \$75,000 in 2023 to replace and make more resilient two bridges in the network that were damaged in the floods of Summer 2023). They have a written agreement that they use for trails on private land. <https://cabotvt.us/trails-committee/> Gary: gary.gulka@gmail.com 802-793-4744

Calais (pop 1668) Trails: Development of recreational trails was begun by the Conservation Commission almost a decade before the Town Trails Committee was authorized by the Selectboard in 2008. The Conservation Commission had - and still has - responsibility for trails in the Town Forests. 10 people on Committee. <https://www.calaisvermont.gov/trails>

During 2008, the Conservation Commission continued to discuss possible ways to develop public trails for non-motorized recreation, apart from those in the Town Forests. Three models were presented: (1) Forming a private, nonprofit organization, similar to what had been done

in E. Montpelier; (2) Continuing with a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission, similar to the “Lakes & Ponds” sub-committee; or (3) Asking the Selectboard to appoint a Trails Committee, which would be a new unit of Town government, reporting directly to the Selectboard. It was argued that reporting directly to the Selectboard would allow more efficient operation and control. By being a public rather than private entity, the operation could be covered by the Town’s insurance. The East Montpelier model might perhaps be appropriate if Calais were thinking of raising considerable money to purchase trail corridor easements, rather than relying primarily on year-to-year trail use agreements with landowners. In the end, Reed Cherington, a member of the Conservation Commission, was given permission to ask the Selectboard to go with option (3) and appoint a new Committee. This was accomplished in October, 2008, when the Selectboard appointed a committee of six, to be chaired by Reed. The other initial members were: Erlene Leonard, Charlotte Hanna, Toni Kaeding, Bill Russell, and Gail Graham. The new Calais Trails Committee was given a three-year mandate. Within the first year it was expanded to nine.

Early on, the Committee adopted two key principles: (1) The Committee will not accept Town Tax dollars; and (2) No trails will be established on town-owned rights-of-way without the consent and cooperation of abutting landowners.

Cambridge Trails (pop 3685)- 7 member trails committee that works on issues related to the LVRT, Cambridge Greenway, the Brewster Uplands trails, the Peter Krusch Nature Preserve, etc. There is a separate committee for the Krusch Nature Preserve. Both of these committees are appointed by the Cambridge Selectboard and their finances are managed by the committee and approved by the Selectboard. The 2 committees have separate goals and objectives but work together with their projects. The monthly meeting minutes reflect discussion about LVRT and all other trail

concerns in town. https://www.cambridge.vermont.gov/cambridge_at_a_glance/rail_trail_committee.php
https://www.cambridge.vermont.gov/cambridge_at_a_glance/krusch_nature_preserve.php

East Montpelier Trails (pop 2604): trails enthusiasts created a non-profit called East Montpelier Trails Inc "to responsibly build and maintain a local network of trails...it was established with the mission of working with willing landowners to create and maintain a permanent network of multi-use trails on private and protected lands." They have been getting \$4000/yr approved at town meeting. 2024 Town Report states that they spent \$1750 for professional mowing of 5 trail sections, 2 times each. They plan to increase this to 3 times in 2025, due to rise in Lyme disease, which will cost \$2625. I received this e-mail in 2024 from Mary Stone: "Our trail group started with a town forum in 1992. There was great interest in establishing a network of trails at that time, and we were lucky to have a motivated nature aficionado living in town. Nona Estrin had already walked through most of the woods and fields of the town and had a vision for a "necklace" of trails winding from border to border. Early on we created the Non-profit East Montpelier Trails, Inc, allowing us to receive donations for creating the trails. We work with Vermont Land Trust, VHCB, and Trust for Public Land to secure permanent public access corridors on land the is being conserved. We now have 10 people on the board, all volunteers, to manage, maintain and continue to expand the trail system. It is a huge job! We have considered moving the trail management to Town administration, but for now, are reluctant to give over that role to an uncertain funding future. We rarely receive donations at this point so we have made an annual request for funding at town meeting, and this has fortunately passed unanimously each year. When we began, we were careful to include other trail groups such as the local snowmobile club and bike clubs. We had the horse riding connection, but time has shown that horses don't mix as well with the wet weather and certainly with the bike riders, etc." [https://emtrails.org/#:~:text=\(EMTI\)%20is%20a%20non%2D,trails%20in%20East%20Montpelier%2C%20Vermont.](https://emtrails.org/#:~:text=(EMTI)%20is%20a%20non%2D,trails%20in%20East%20Montpelier%2C%20Vermont.)

Greensboro (pop 783)- Conservation Commission mapped town trails and has links on town website.
<https://greensborovt.gov/parks-lakes-trails/>

Hardwick Trails Committee began in 2003 (pop 2968)- The committee reports to the Town Recreation Committee. They oversee a professionally designed and built network of trails on land behind Hazen Union High School that is owned by the school, Hardwick Electric, and a private landowner. <https://hardwicktrails.com/about/> In 2025, East Hardwick Neighborhood Org received a Recreational Trail Program grant for \$49,700 to develop a trailhead with an open-air cedar pavilion, wayfinding signage, and an accessible parking space along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT). The Hardwick Town website indicates that the Hardwick Trails Committee and the LVRT Committee are separate subcommittees of the Recreation Committee.

Hinesburg (pop 4742): 9 member Trail Committee appointed by Select Board. Mission is to support the development, maintenance, and enjoyment of an interconnected set of sidewalks, trails, and unpaved roads for recreational and non-motorized transportation uses. The Committee will work to assure that Hinesburg is a community where sidewalks, trails, and unpaved roads provide a safe way for residents to travel, to connect with each other, and to enjoy both the village and surrounding rural area by foot, bicycle, and on horseback. Includes significant acreage of Town Forest with trails as well as trails on private property.

Hyde Park (pop 2958)- the Crickett Hill Trails behind LUHS are maintained by the Brewster River Mountain Bike Club, a chapter of the Vermont Mountain Bike Club. 2025 received \$5200 from VMBA for a pump track and extension of another trail.

Johnson (pop 3378)- has a Rail Trail committee that meets monthly.
<https://www.facebook.com/JohnsonVermont/posts/1036576982011611/>

Mad River Valley: Mad River Trails Collaborative created in 2010 to identify new ways to sustain a high quality trail network and steward the natural resources and heritage in the area. Now the Mad River Valley Recreation District.

Consists of 9 members and includes 2 representatives appointed by each of the member towns of Waitsfield, Warren, and Fayston plus 3 at-large members- Moretown is joining in 2026. In 2022 they received a \$408,000 VOREC grant to create a recreation hub: an indoor Welcome Center with maps, recreation resources, and visitor information staffed by the MRV Chamber of Commerce; construction of a pedestrian/bike bridge over the Mill Brook by the Mad River Riders; and a new, adjacent trailhead area with port-o-lets and parking, incorporating environmental protection measures such as erosion control, runoff mitigation and an enhanced riparian buffer. Mad River Riders received \$7000 from VMBA in 2025 to create a permanent solution (boardwalk) to a perpetually muddy trail. <https://www.mrvrd.org/who-we-are>

Marshfield (pop 1583)- Stranahan Town Forest, 622 acres deeded as a gift to the Town via the VT Land Trust in 2007. The Selectboard initially appointed a Stakeholders' group in coordination with the Conservation Commission to draft a Management Plan for the Towns' benefit. This document will be updated as necessary. For continuing oversight, the Selectboard created a stewardship committee. Also, Martin Covered Bridge Park is a 120-acre town park. The park includes a one mile walking trail, a covered bridge , and great fishing spots. There is a parking lot off of Route 2.

Montpelier (pop 7915)- parks and the trails in them fall under the Parks Commission. Hubbard Park is adjacent to downtown and was started in 1899. Now 200 acres, it includes 7 miles of hiking and skiing trails, a sledding hill, picnic shelters, and a soccer and ball field. In 2023 they received a Recreational Trails Program grant for \$15,500 to complete a universally accessible trail in Hubbard Park. In 2022 they received a RTP grant for \$20,000 to build a 0.25-mile Universal Access Trail at North Branch Nature Center. <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/464/Parks-Commission>

Morristown (pop 6094): Conservation Commission designed, built and maintains hiking trails in 349 acre Town Forest abutting Mount Mansfield State Forest. There is also >300 acres of Town owned land that includes a gravel pit and extensive mountain bicycle trails (29 miles according to VTCNG) off the end of Duhamel Road. Morristown participates in monthly LVRT meetings hosted by LCPC.

Richmond (pop 4157): The mission of the Trails Committee is to establish paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to maintain these paths, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths. 9 members with 3 year terms. They also have a Conservation Commission and a Recreation Committee (that has no one on it!). <https://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-meetings/trails-committee>

Stowe Trails (pop 5292)- started as Stowe Mountain Bike Club in 2013 when a group of trail enthusiasts got 5013c status but the roots go back before 2000. In 2017, it morphed into the Stowe Trails Partnership. They have signed agreements with the Town of Stowe and the Stowe Land Trust as formal stewards of trails. <https://stowetrails.org/about/>

The St. Johnsbury Town Forest is an easily accessible "hidden gem." Within walking distance of downtown St. Johnsbury. This 97 acre municipal forest features a scenic trail network with views looking back to town and alongside the Moose River. There is also a large picnic pavilion constructed by the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club that is great for family picnics. The trail head is located off of Concord Avenue on Alms House Rd.

St. Johnsbury (pop 5962): On their recreation webpage:

Also close to town is the Observatory Knob, 117 acres protected in 2021 by Vermont Land Trust and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Has an out and back trail with a view.

Worcester (pop 960)- has a Recreation Committee. Meeting minutes indicate that they discuss issues pertaining to trails in town, the ball field, management plan with VT Land Trust, soccer club, Little League, etc. <https://worcestervt.org/wp/recreation>

Waterbury (pop 5434) Area Trails Association- founded in 2015 as a chapter of the Vermont Mountain Bike Association. WATA represents a growing segment of trail users and businesses that are committed to enhancing and maintaining

Waterbury area trails for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. 6 person board. Received \$7000 from VMBA 2025 to rebuild some trails and improve long term sustainability. <https://www.waterburytrails.com/about>

Wolcott (pop 1668)- has a Community Forest Committee started in 2022 when the town knew they might be acquiring as many as 700 acres. Worked with Trust for Public Lands and Northern Rivers Land Trust on land acquisition. In 2022 they received a \$197,000 grant from VOREC for "building a multi-use trail network in the Town of Wolcott's new Town Forest, including installing trail signage, a network map, and trailhead infrastructure. Trail network will provide a safe route between the Elementary school, recreation field and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT)." Trails built by Sinuosity, opened summer 2025, map on website- from their website: "The forest's planned multi-use trail network will become a regional destination for recreation, providing unique economic and health-related values to the people of Wolcott and surrounding communities." <https://wolcottvt.org/committees/forest/>

MUDDY MOOSE

Community Input Requested

The Town of Morristown is reviewing a proposed conservation easement for approximately 150 acres of undeveloped land at the end of Cote Hill Road, known as Muddy Moose.

The property includes:

- Existing trail system
- Forested wildlife habitat
- Scenic waterfalls along Jacob Brook
- Floodplain forest along the Lamoille River

Stowe Land Trust has proposed transferring the property to the Town at no cost. A conservation easement would permanently protect the land and define allowed uses. The draft easement will be reviewed this month, with final recording anticipated in mid-April.

For more information on the Muddy Moose Property visit: <https://www.morristownvt.gov/conservation-commission/page/muddy-moose-property>

WHAT IS BEING DECIDED?

The conservation easement will define:

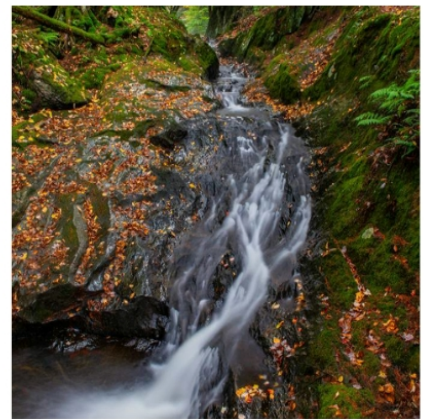
- How the land is permanently protected
- What types of recreational uses are allowed
- Whether limited structures may be permitted
- Long-term stewardship responsibilities

Once recorded, a conservation easement is permanent.

SHARE YOUR INPUT.

The Town is requesting community input to help inform it's review. Please take the short survey.

<https://forms.gle/CL1ysb6yDuGS2iMq9>



Scan for Survey



Survey closes: March 12

QUESTIONS OR NEED THIS IN ANOTHER FORMAT?

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