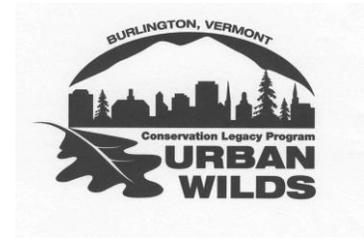


Burlington Conservation Legacy Program

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Burlington Conservation Legacy Program Fund Application

Property Owner Name Trustees of the Diocese of Vermont

Owner Address 5 Rock Point Road, Burlington, VT 05408

Owner Phone (802) 863-3431 day _____ evening _____

Contact Person Name The Rev. Craig Smith

Contact Address 5 Rock Point Road, Burlington, VT 05408

Contact Phone (802) 652-0908 day _____ evening _____

CLP Fund Grant Requested: \$19,720.00

Values of other funds: \$30,080.00

Total Cost of Project: \$49,800.00

Property Address & Acreage 5 Rock Point Road, Burlington, VT 05408 57 acres, 20 acres of
(Please attach map of your property, include location map and major property features
such as wooded areas, developed areas, wetlands, etc.) which will be conserved
See attached "Conservation Plan"

Please describe the proposal (Attach extra sheet as needed.) _____
See Attached "Project Description"

General Property Characteristics:

Do you wish to sell the property outright or continue to own it and establish a conservation easement? The Trustees of the Diocese of Vermont will continue to own the property.

The Lake Champlain Land Trust will hold a conservation easement on the property.
What's the dollar amount of the requested expenditure? \$19,720.00

What other funding sources and partners are committed to this project?
The Lake Champlain Land Trust, on top of being committed to this project, will conduct a public fundraising campaign to raise the project costs. The City of Burlington Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for starting the project and remains the key partner on the project. The City personnel's in-kind staff time is not listed in the budget.

What's the fair market value as determined by a professional appraiser? \$28,800.00

Is the land contiguous with other conserved land? If yes, briefly describe that parcel.

Yes, the land abuts the City of Burlington's Arms Park, will lengthen the Arms Park trail system, and contribute to the urban forest block created by the Arms Park, Rock Point, Burlington High School and Elks Lodge properties.

What threats, if any, face the land? Natural resource impacts caused by unmanaged use.

What is the current use of the property? Public use as a park

Is the title to the property free of encumbrances that would defeat the conservation goals of the transaction or subject the City of Burlington to undue legal risk? Prior to closing, the Lake Champlain Land Trust will conduct a thorough Title Search.

Are there other legal issues surrounding the transaction that would subject the City of Burlington to undue financial costs or risks? None are known at this point in time.

Does the property contain any hazardous waste sites, significant trash dumps, fire hazards, polluted water courses or bodies that would present legal risk or burden to the City of Burlington or defeat the conservation purposes of protecting the property? None are known at this point in time.

Open Space Land Values:

(Check all that apply.)

Natural Values

- Forest Community
- Other Natural Communities
- Important Plant Habitat
- Important Wildlife Habitat
- Lake or River Shoreline
- Wetland
- River/Wetland Buffer Zone
- Important Geological/Soil Features
- Wildlife Travel Corridors
- Natural Heritage Program Sites
- Unique Topography
- Floodwater/Stormwater Treatment
- Potential Restoration Area

Scenic Values

- Vista
- Viewshed
- Greenway

Recreational & Educational

- Public Park
- Trails
- Passive Recreational Activity
- Educational Resource

Working Values

- Agricultural Potential
- Current Agricultural
- Working Forest

Historical, Cultural, Archaeological Values

- Archaeological Site
- Historic/Cultural Site

- National Register

- Community Open Space
- Stormwater Retention
- Community Garden

Other Urban Open Space Values

- Access/Connectors to Protected Areas
- Greenbelts

Open Space Types:

(Check all that apply.)

Is all or a portion of the property identified in the 1999 Open Space Inventory?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Does the property include one or more of the following features or locations?

- Lake Champlain Shoreline
- Winooski River Corridor/Intervale
- Englesby Brook/Watershed
- Centennial Woods/Brook
- Vermont Natural Heritage Site
- Neighborhood Green Space
- Urban Waterfront
- Recreational Linkage
- Community Garden

For assistance contact:

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Rock Point Natural Area Project Description

The Lake Champlain Land Trust and the City of Burlington are proposing to conserve the northern 20-acre portion of the larger Rock Point property. (The larger Rock Point property stretches from the shores of Lake Champlain to the City of Burlington's Arms Park). The 20-acre Rock Point Natural Area will protect an undeveloped natural area containing a diverse variety of forests, rare species, and recreational opportunities. The private landowner, the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, agreed to sell the development rights of their parcel, as well as permanent public access to the trails of the protected portion of the parcel. We are respectfully requesting a Conservation Legacy Program Fund grant of \$19,720 to catalyze our project fundraising efforts.

The permanent protection of this parcel contributes to the conservation of forested land in the City of Burlington. One of the last sections of mature forest in Burlington, Rock Point's land stands as a model natural area in the now-urban landscape. With its proximity to Lake Champlain, the Rock Point Natural Area also helps to contribute to the overall protection of water quality in the Burlington area.

The site contains a wide array of important natural communities and threatened species. Conservation of this land protects a state-significant example of a Mesic Maple-Ash-Hickory-Oak Forest Natural Community, as well as populations of state threatened Harsh Sunflower, Sweet Joe-Pye Weed and Squareroose Goldenrod plant species. The conservation proposal also includes a Wildlife Protection Zone, which will provide important plant and animal habitat for grassland or shrubland species.

The project uniquely combines private ownership with public access trails. Conservation of the site will help to tie the current trails to the greater trail network of the area, which includes connectivity between the City of Burlington's Arms Park and the Burlington Bike Path. Permanent conservation will also enable the City of Burlington to actively manage and improve the trails to create one coherent trail network (which also includes the cross-country running trails of the adjacent Burlington High School). In addition to biking and hiking, the low impact access area is appropriate for bird watching, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing. The project represents a unique partnership between the landowner, the City of Burlington, and the Lake Champlain Land Trust.

Rock Point

City of Burlington, VT
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Elks Lodge

Arms Park

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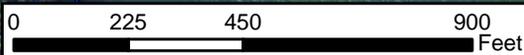
North Beach Campground

North Beach

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Imagery Source: Vermont Center for Geographic Information
Color Imagery Service: Best of Color State Plane

This map is not a survey and must not be construed as one. The information imparted with this map is meant to assist the Lake Champlain Land Trust, Inc. in its efforts to clearly depict property boundaries, and describe the placement of certain retained, reserved or excluded rights. Map drafted by the Lake Champlain Land Trust.
THIS IS NOT A SURVEY.



- Subject Land
- Excluded Land
- Additional Trustees of the Diocese of Vermont Property
- Future ROW
- Existing Crow's Path Area
- Wildlife Protection Zone
- City of Burlington Tax Parcels