

To add to Sec. 2 (Findings):

In acknowledgement that the land and waters, forests and farms, ecosystems and natural communities, the General Assembly seeks to protect are the traditional and unceded home of the Abenaki people, and that these lands and waters have been the site of meeting and exchange among Indigenous People for thousands of years, and that access to land and land-based enterprise has excluded BIPOC Vermonters and others from historically marginalized and disadvantaged communities in the centuries of European settlement, efforts to increase the rate of conservation and restore ecological function and connectivity must also include opportunities to increase access to land and land-based enterprise for Indigenous People and all who come from historically marginalized and disadvantaged communities.

To add to Sec. 2803 subsection 9

an equity assessment of existing land protection and conservation strategies and programs and recommendations to increase equitable access to protected and conserved lands and land-based enterprises for members of historically marginalized and disadvantaged communities.