

Hello Rep. Sheldon

I'll be sitting in for Sharon Murray tomorrow. We had a chance to discuss the drafts this afternoon.

We continue to be very thankful for the Commission's hard work and the fruits of that labor, and intend to support the effort as it moves forward.

We have a few simple comments to offer on the draft bill (3.2):

1. On p. 13, line 18: We would suggest including an exception after river corridors in the critical resource areas, much like the exception under the interchange areas of *"except for land in an existing settlement"*. Much of Vermont's historic downtowns and village centers would be captured within the meander corridor included in the river corridor definition.

2. On p. 15, line 20: the ongoing discussion on make-up of the Environmental Review Board: Sharon, rather than I, was present for the group discussion at the last meeting. We're strongly in support of a return to a Board, from the Court. We believe it should not be a professional board like the PUC, but *a board of citizens who represent both a geographic range and balanced range of professions relevant to the interests protected by this statute*. Including economic development - John Ewing, a bank president, was one of the most beloved Board Chairs (but also a lawyer).

3. On p. 32 - line 16: Can we gain this insertion: *"...the effects of climate change, including extreme heat effects, reasonably projected..."* ? I'll continue to emphasize that our most critical and immediate source of projected loss of human lives in Vermont is directly related to extreme heat events, which can be mitigated via landscape and building design if prompted by a few words in the statute.

4. On p. 32, line 21: Can we get the outdated language *"availability of streams for disposal of effluent"* deleted? Since this is the list of what should be considered, it could be revised to *"proximity and impact on streams"* or just deleted?

Again, thank you for your hard work and efforts to gain input, and I will see you tomorrow!

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