

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department – Draft Results-based Accountability Indicators

Outcome #3: Vermont's environment is clean and sustainable.

Vermonters want to protect and improve the network of ecologically important fish and wildlife habitat.

- 85% of Vermonters think habitat fragmentation is a big problem (Responsive Management, 2015)
- 97% of Vermonters believe it is very (75%) or somewhat (22%) important to protect and preserve ecologically important habitats (Responsive Management, 2015)

Indicators

#1: Percent of state's lakes, ponds, rivers and streams open to unrestricted fish and wildlife movement.

#2: Percent of Vermont's most ecologically important wildlife habitat safeguarded by legal protection and/or plans for improvement or restoration.

Potential Performance Measures

Proxy #1, Aquatic:

- Number of aquatic organism passage related projects

Proxy #2, Terrestrial:

- Percent of land containing the highest priority wildlife habitat in some form of protection, improvement or restoration, as identified in Vermont Conservation Design.
- Acres of habitat protected through permitting
- Acres of habitat conserved through purchase and easement