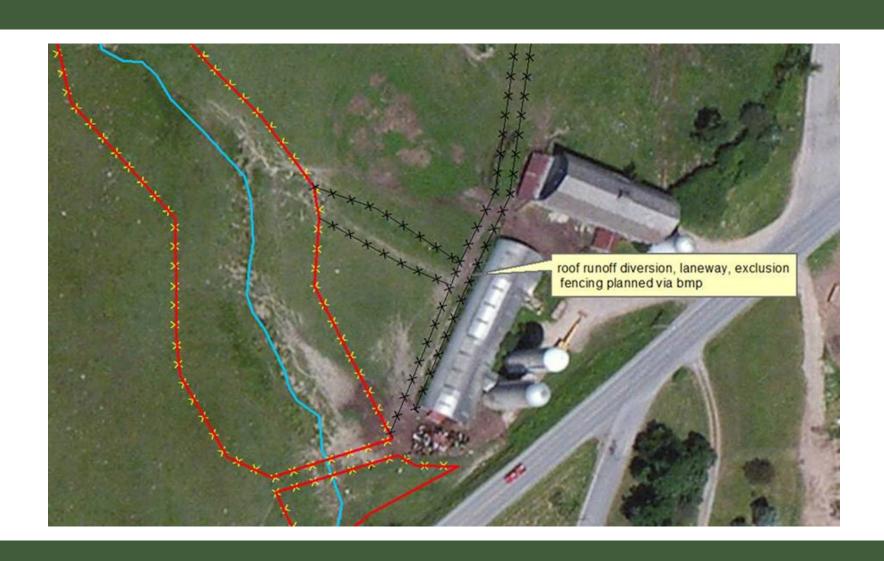




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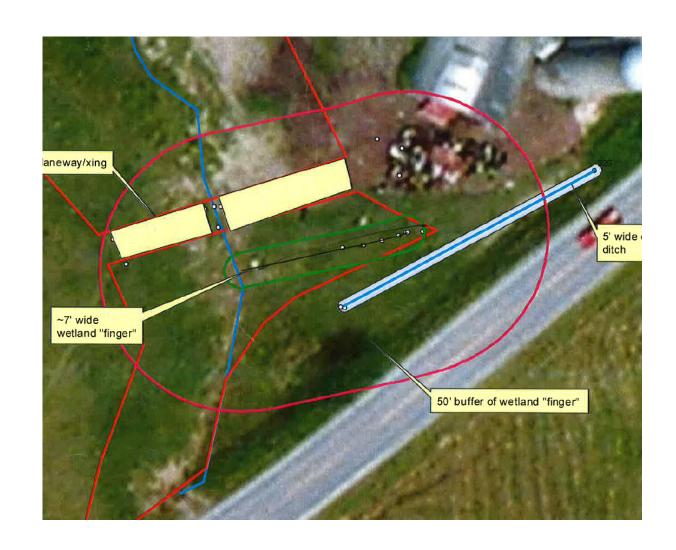
June 20, 2016 Wetland Visit

- "There is a Class II wetland present originating along Main Street, extending along a stream and is part of a larger wetland complex. The determination is this project would be, 1. Change to land use of a Class II wetland and its buffer zone and, 2. Improvement to a preexisting stream and associated riparian wetland and cattle fording area."
- "A formal delineation was not completed, although the upper extent of the wetland within the wetland swale near the barnyard was identified in order to measure and apply the wetland buffer zone to determine the area of potential impacts... Impacts to a Class II wetland that are not considered an Allowed Use or exempt under Vermont Wetland Rules requires a wetland permit."



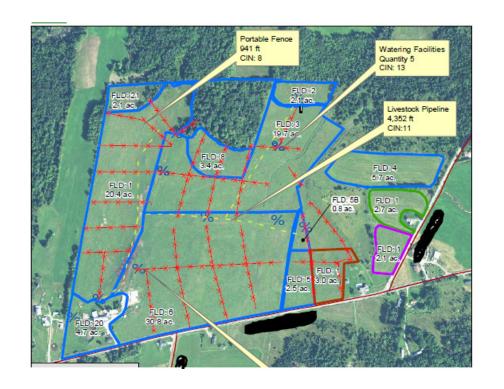
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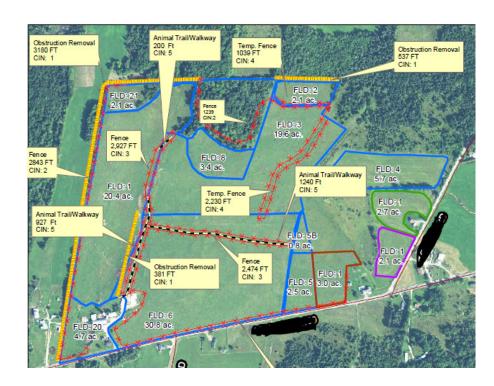
- \$611.25 Impact Fee and Application Fee
- Farmer has stopped moving forward with plan because of wetland permit issue



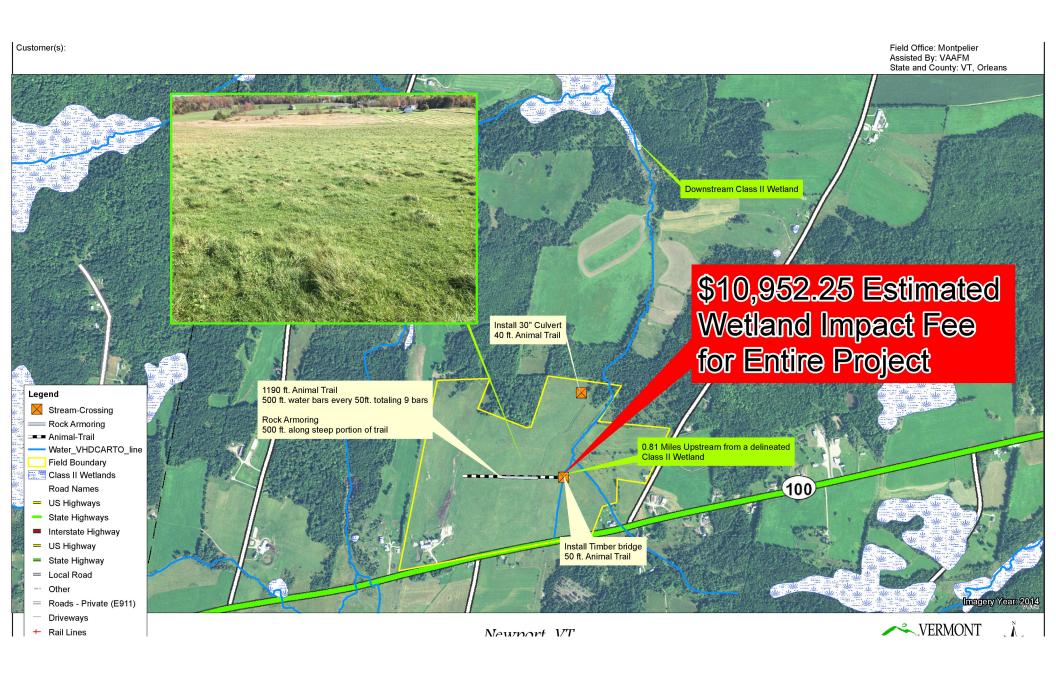
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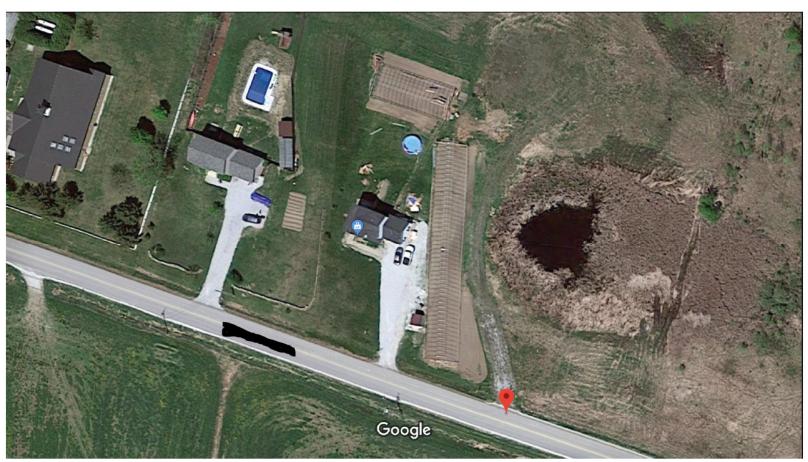




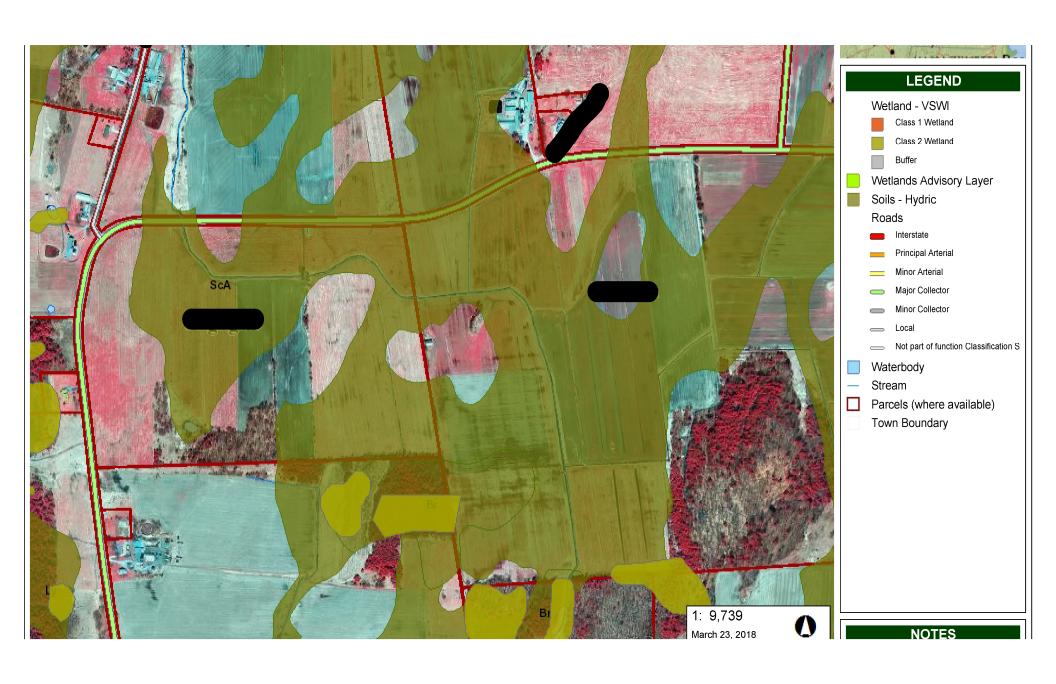


Planned Conservation Practices





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Section 404 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (1972)

- Exemptions to Permit Requirements
- In general, <u>Section 404</u> of the <u>Clean Water Act</u> requires permits for the discharge of dredged or fill material into <u>waters of the United States</u>, including wetlands. However, certain activities are exempt from permit requirements under Section 404(f)(1).
- Activities Exempt under the Clean Water Act, Section 404(f)(1)
- Established (ongoing) farming, ranching, and silviculture activities such as plowing, seeding, cultivating, minor drainage, harvesting for the production of food, fiber, and forest products, or upland soil and water conservation practices
- Maintenance (but not construction) of drainage ditches
- Construction and maintenance of irrigation ditches
- Construction and maintenance of farm or stock ponds
- Construction and maintenance of farm and forest roads, in accordance with best management practices
- Maintenance of structures such as dams, dikes, and levees