

Clean Water Funding Bill
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Existing Language

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Sec. 8. 10 V.S.A. § 325c is added to read:

§ 325c. WETLANDS RESTORATION; ACQUIRED LANDS

When the Board expends monies from the Fund established under section 312 of this title to acquire agricultural land, wildlife habitat, natural resources, or other land, areas, or property under this chapter for conservation, the Board shall require wetlands that have been farmed or otherwise converted to be restored to a natural condition where future development or agricultural use is limited. As used in this section, wetlands shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 902 of this title.

VHCB Proposed Replacement Language for Section 8

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