

H.926 Connecting Habitat Proposals

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<p>10 V.S.A. § 6086(a)(8) <u>(C) Will not have an undue adverse impact on forest blocks and connecting habitat. A permit shall be granted only if impacts to forest blocks and connecting habitat are avoided, minimized, and mitigated in accordance with rules adopted by the Board. After avoiding and minimizing any impacts on connecting habitat, mitigation shall only be allowed in order to maintain the functionality of the connecting habitat and shall not allow the connecting habitat to be severed.</u></p>	<p>10 V.S.A. § 6086(a)(8) <u>(C) Will not have an undue adverse impact on forest blocks and connecting habitat. A permit shall be granted only if impacts to forest blocks and connecting habitat are avoided, minimized, and mitigated in accordance with rules adopted by the Board. Mitigation shall not be available when the proposed subdivision or development will result in a forest block or connecting habitat that no longer exhibits each of the characteristics that define a forest block or connecting habitat pursuant to Board Rules.</u></p>	
<p>Sec. 10. CRITERION 8(C) RULEMAKING <u>(3) Criteria to identify when a forest block or connecting habitat is eligible for mitigation.</u> <u>(4) Standards for how impacts to a forest block or connecting habitat may be mitigated. Standards may include:</u> <u>(A) appropriate ratios for compensation;</u> <u>(B) appropriate forms of compensation such as conservation easements, fee interests in land, and other forms of compensation; and</u> <u>(C) appropriate uses of on-site and off-site mitigation.</u></p>		<p>Sec. 10. CRITERION 8(C) RULEMAKING <u>(3) Criteria to identify when a forest block or connecting habitat is eligible for mitigation, and criteria to identify when a forest block or connecting habitat is not eligible for mitigation due to the unique value of the area and need to maintain the functionality of the forest block or connecting habitat.</u> <u>(4) Standards for how impacts to a forest block or connecting habitat may be mitigated. Standards may include:</u> <u>(A) appropriate ratios for compensation;</u> <u>(B) appropriate forms of compensation such as conservation easements, fee interests in land, and other forms of compensation; and</u> <u>(C) appropriate uses and limitations of on-site and off-site mitigation.</u></p>