



Public Visioning Workshop and Open House

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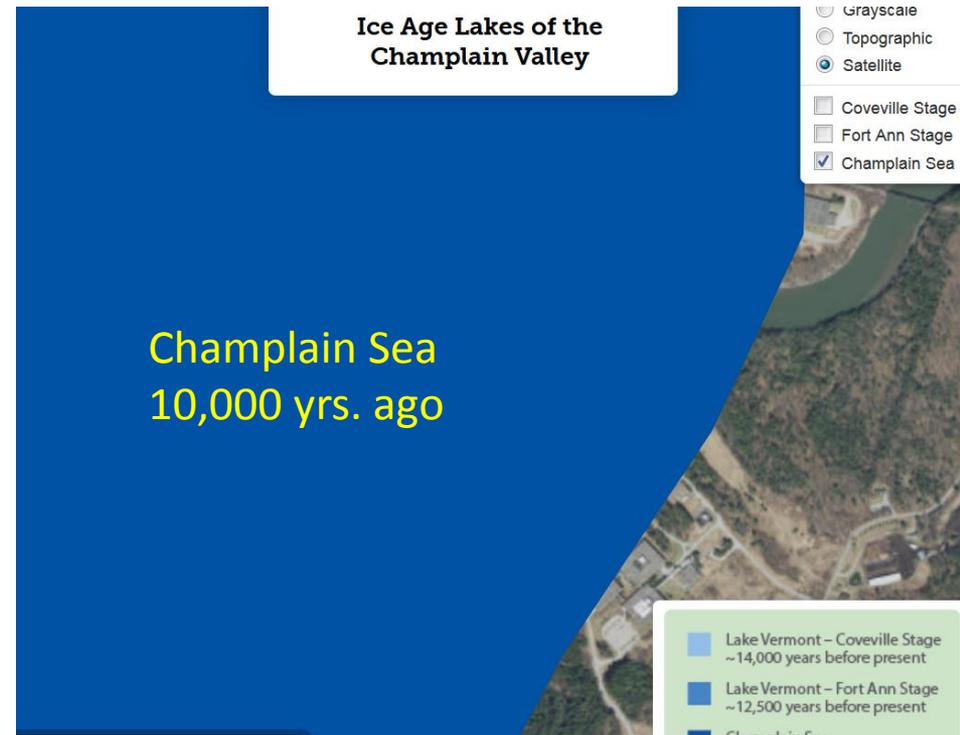
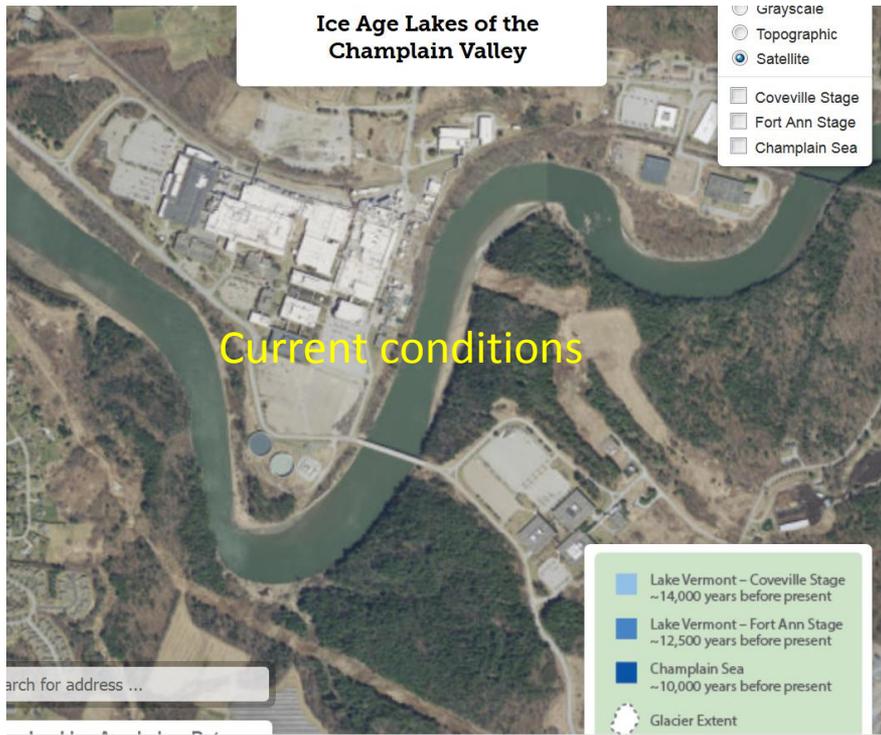


This 29-acre parcel was donated to the Town of Williston by Peter Jacob and Lloyd Krantz.

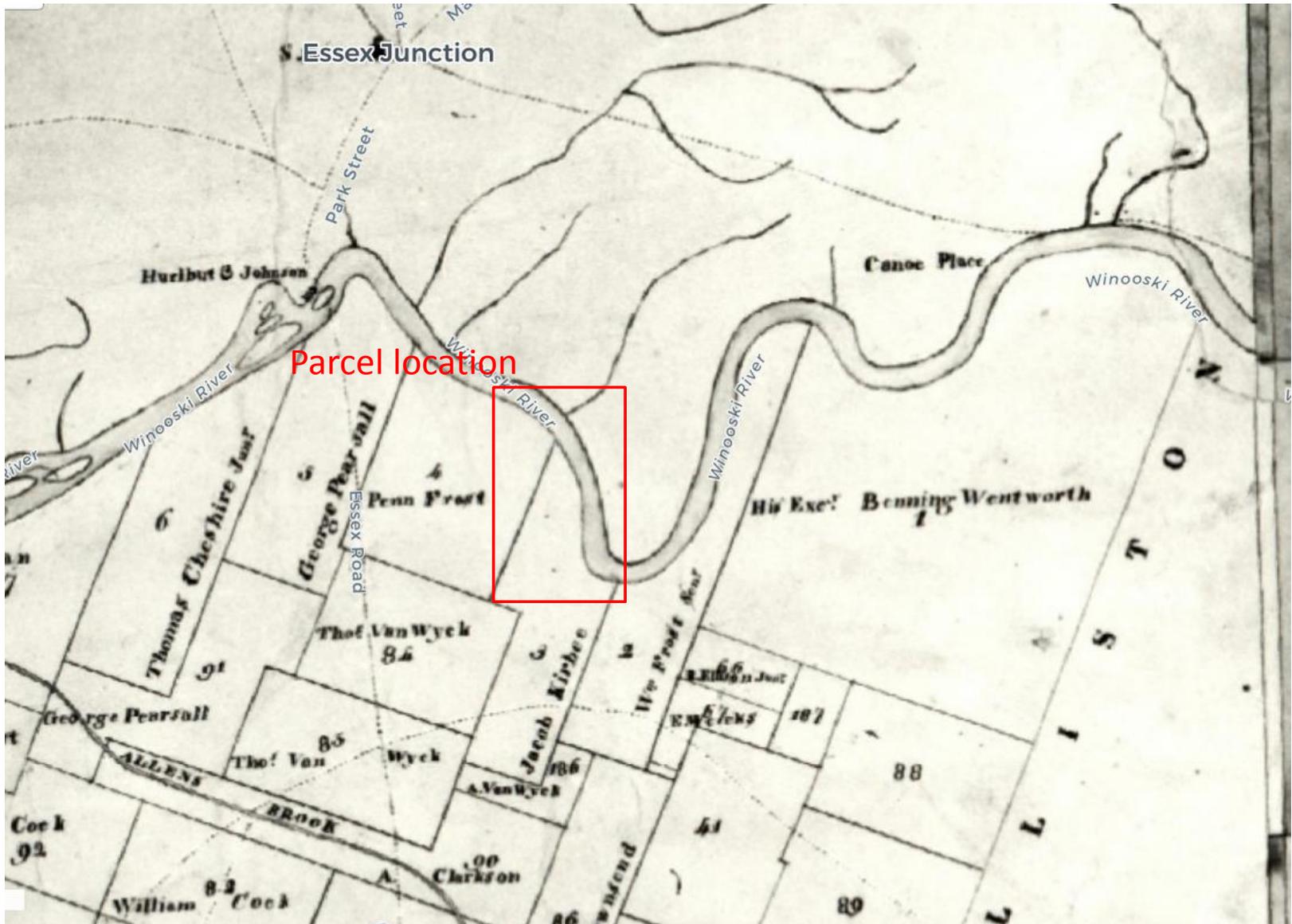
The Town of Williston seeks public input on the future of this parcel, already being used for hiking by local residents.



This Google earth image shows the site in relation to area development



The parcel is located at the approximate shoreline of the Champlain Sea, which covered a huge area about 10,000 years ago after the glaciers receded. This presents some interesting opportunities for archeological study as there has been evidence of Paleoindian settlement verified elsewhere in Williston related to the ancient shoreline



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from 1810

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1857 map of Williston



This 1937 orthophoto shows the parcel wooded from the river up to the ridgeline, more open west of the ridge.

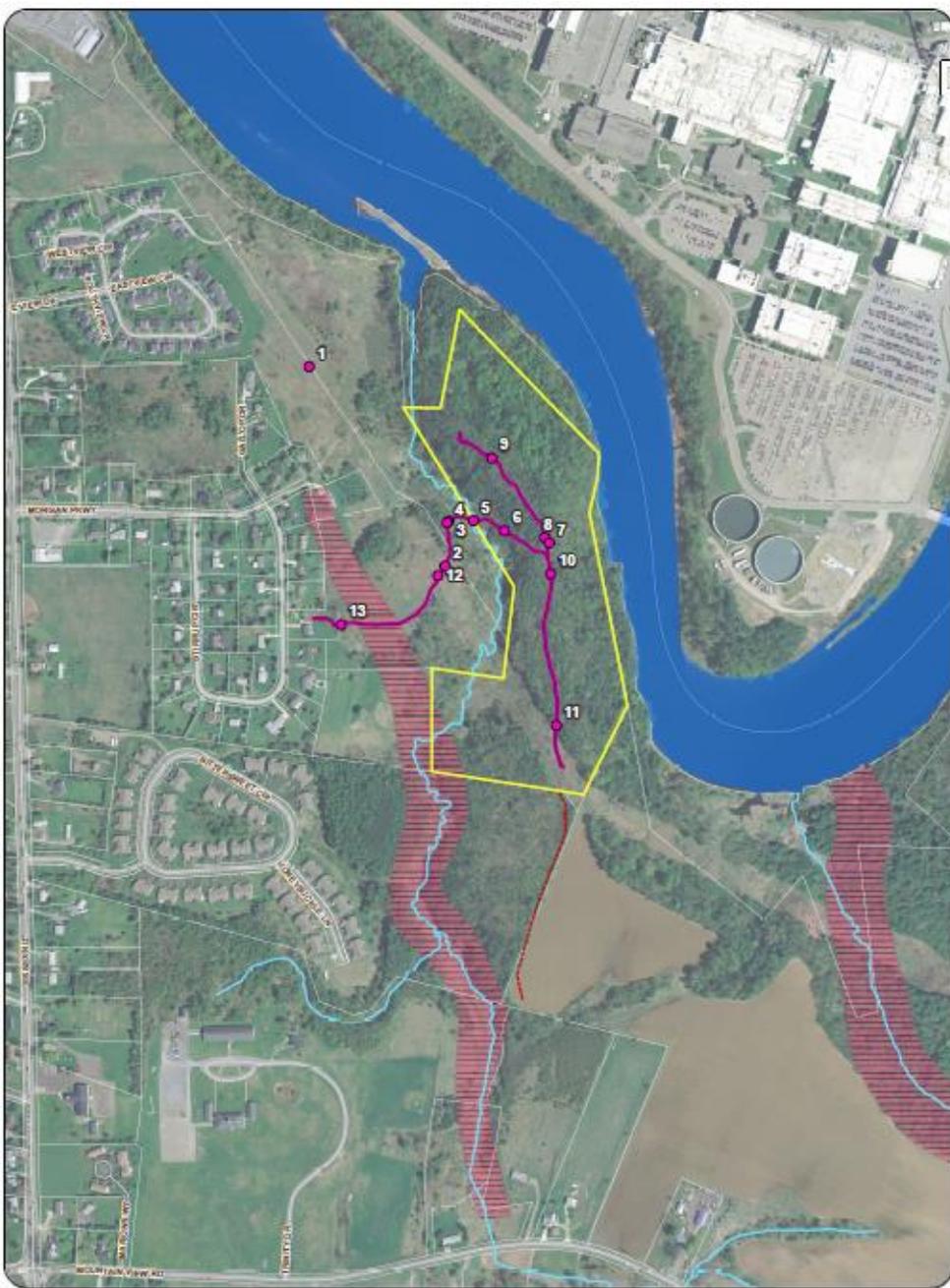
FROM VERMONT BIOFINDER: CONSERVATION VALUATION SYSTEM

Dark green area shows “highest priority” for *landscape conservation*, light green shows “priority” areas for *landscape conservation*, and dark grey areas show highest priority areas for *species conservation*.

Red line shows approximate course of unnamed tributary that runs into the Winooski River.



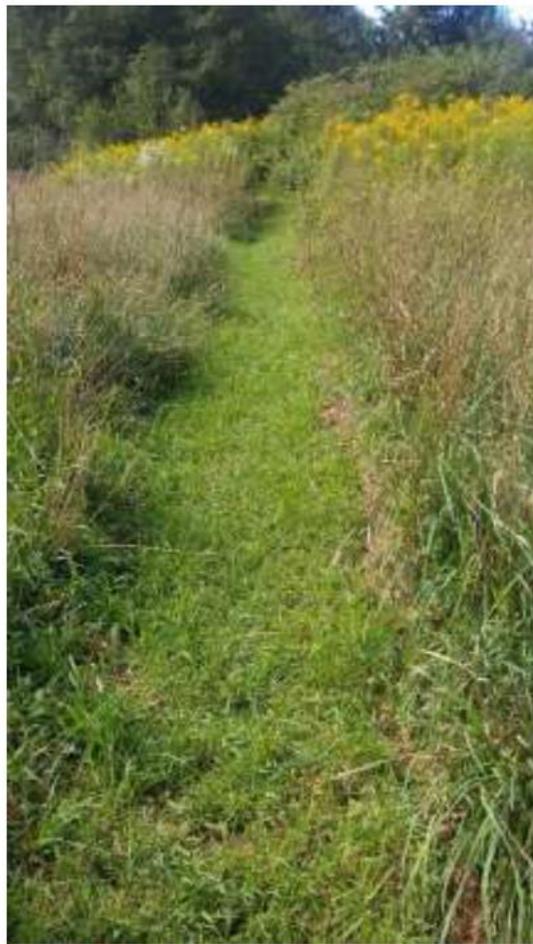
The “Vermont Biofinder” system utilizes multiple layers of data to establish place-specific conservation values. Available online to the public, this system provides a quick and data-rich method for analyzing the ecological importance of specific properties. this parcel rates quite highly -



This image was created using a mapping software program, and shows existing trails and points of interest



Photopoint 1: Access from Eastview Circle via powerlines

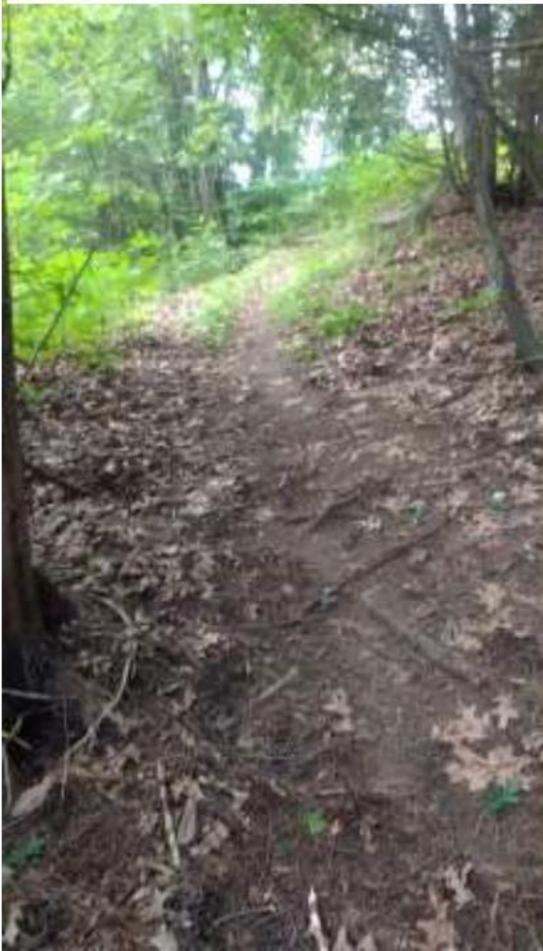


Photopoint 2: Intersection with mowed path

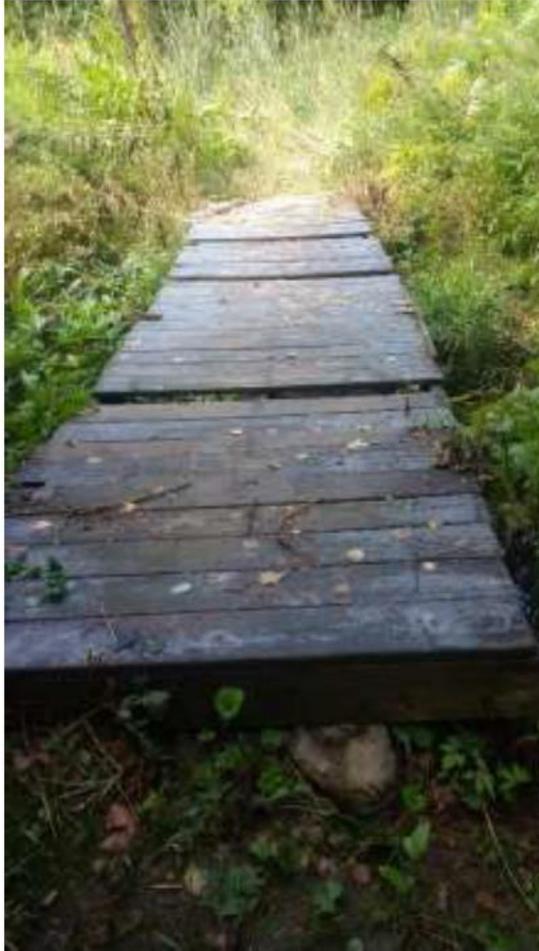


Photopoint 3: Trail heads into woods from powerlines

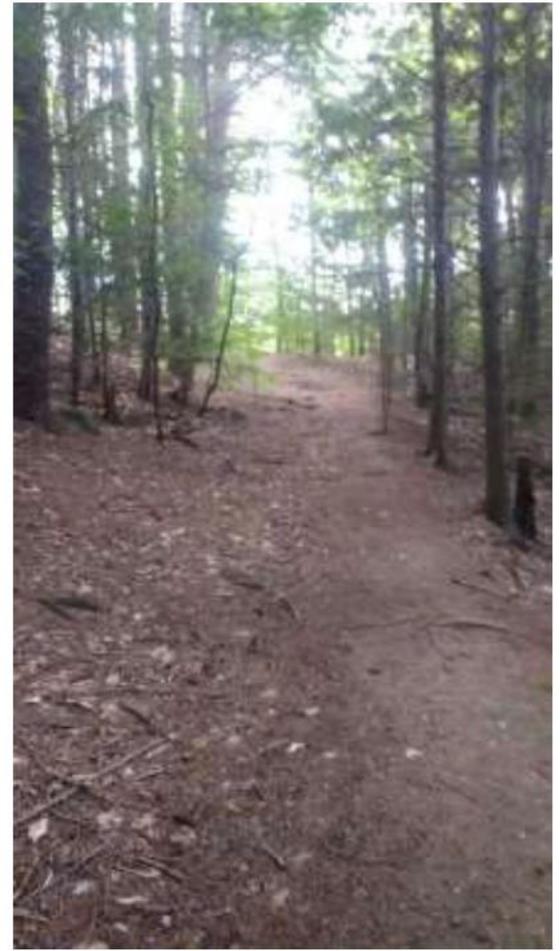
Trails on the property have been in place for many years, and there is a utility Right of Way that also functions as an access to the site



Photopoint 4: Trail continues heading downhill from powerlines



Photopoint 5: Bridged crossing of tributary at boundary of Jacobs property



Photopoint 6: Trail heads uphill from stream through hemlock forest.

In a few spots, some improvements were made over time to cross streams and create access. This forms the basis for an improved trail system, and highlights the need for bridges/puncheons and erosion control



Photopoint 7: Trail heading north from intersection along the plateau



Photopoint 8: View overlooking Winooski from trail

Offering a surprising amount of variety in a relatively small area, the site offers a mixed terrain, dense forest, a stream delta, and access to the Winooski River



Photopoint 9: Trail peters out at north end of property



Photopoint 10: Trail heading south from intersection



Photopoint 11: Trail exits woods and passes through powerline

The challenge of creating permanent trail networks is balancing ease of public access and recreational uses with ecological protection

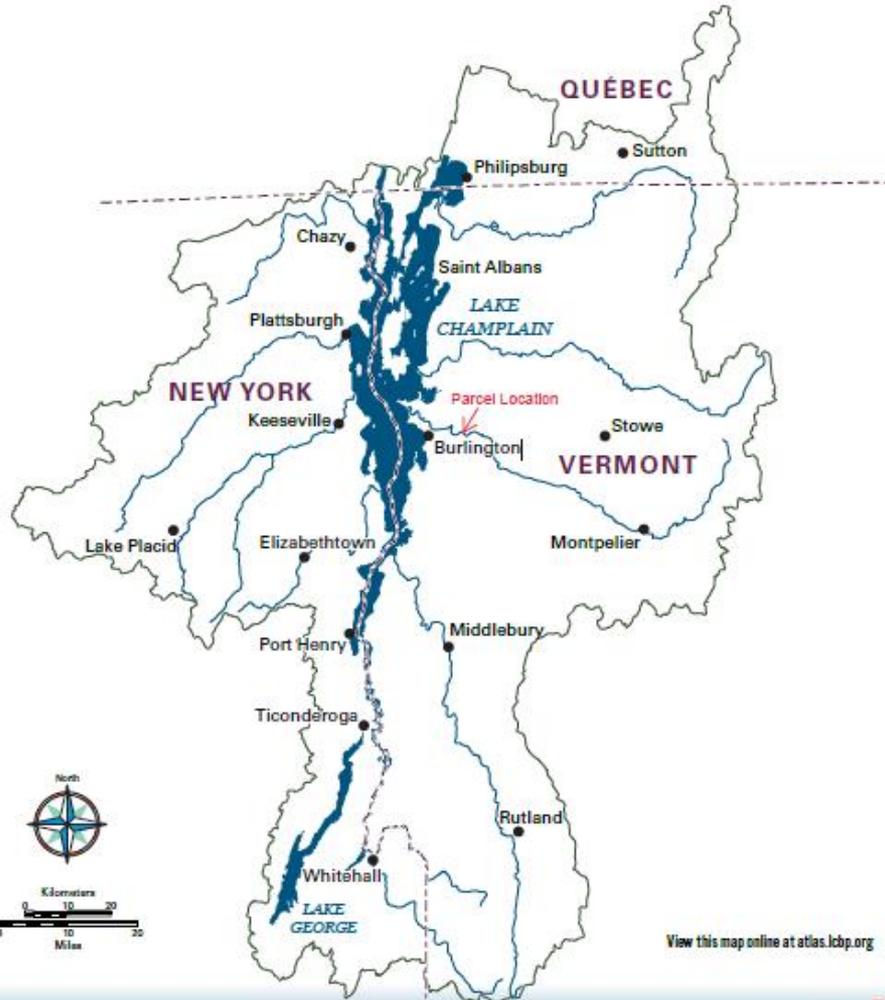


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Lake Champlain Basin Boundary



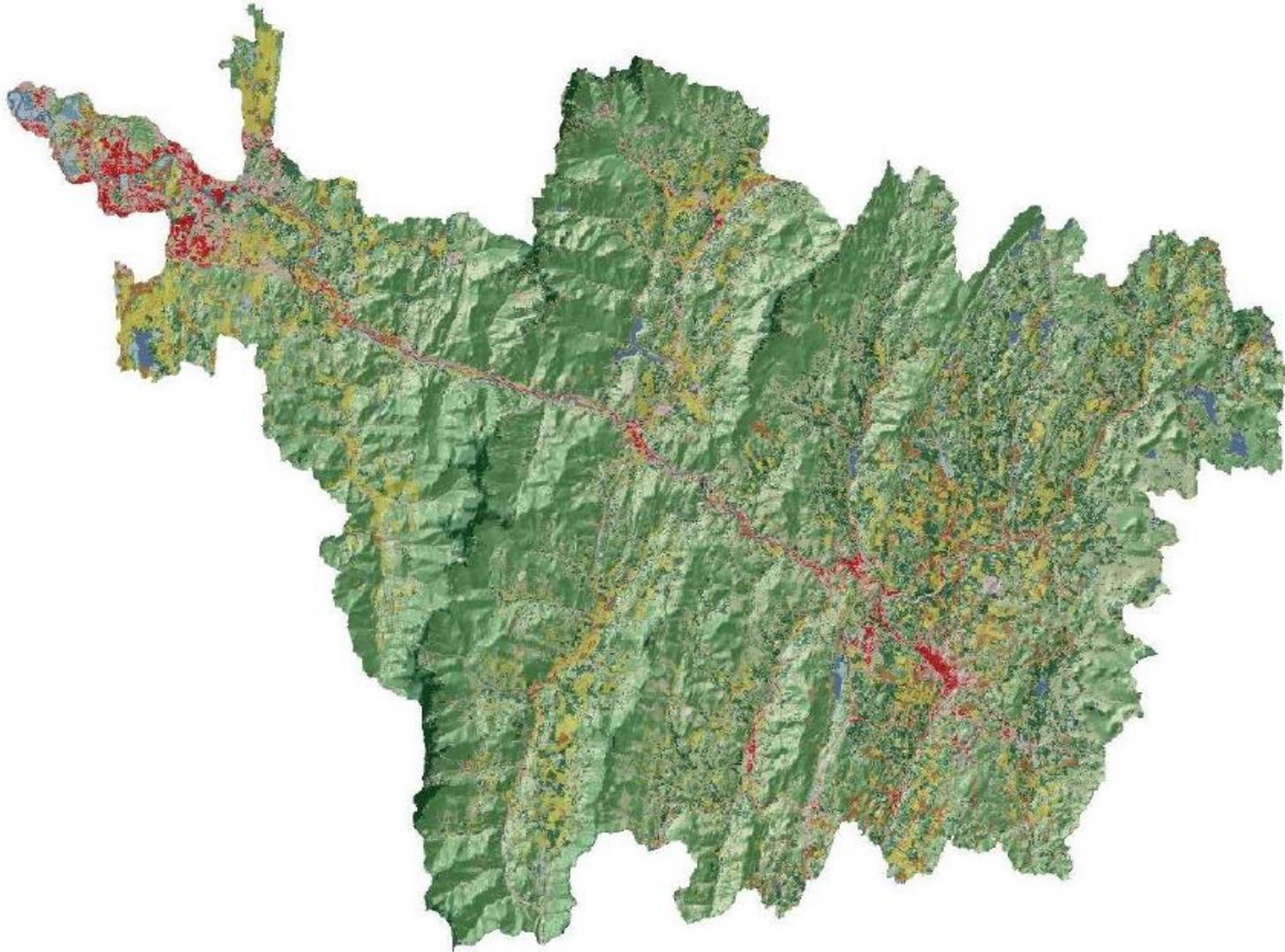
Lake Champlain
Basin Atlas



View this map online at atlas.lcbp.org

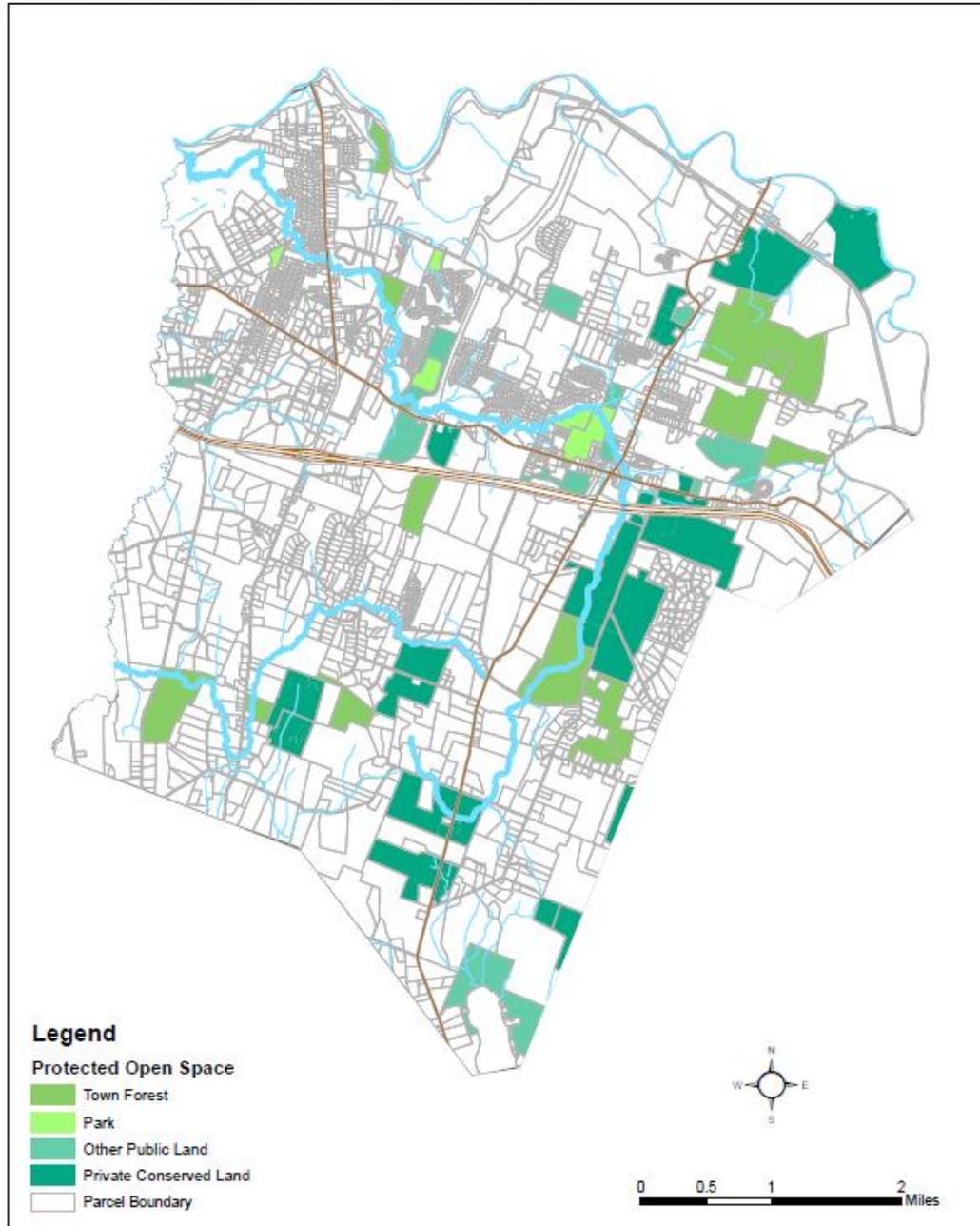


The parcel is located in the center of the Lake Champlain Watershed



The Winooski River Watershed...the source is in Cabot Vermont, stretching to the river mouth at the border of Burlington and Colchester

Protected Open Space Lands, Williston, VT



Since the late 1980's, the Town of Williston has used its Open Space Plan to guide the acquisition of Conservation lands, easements, and Rights of Way. This parcel is the first to offer direct river access.