

# Memorandum

**TO:** Rick McGuire, Town Manager  
**FROM:** Ken Belliveau, AICP, Director of Planning  
**DATE:** December 30, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Burnett Trail Easement  
Williston Road, Tax Parcel # 13:104:055.000

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The town has received a deed for signature that will allow for a public trail to be constructed across the Burnett property, a 38-acre parcel with a house and farm buildings located on the south side of Williston Road adjacent to the eastern edge of the right-of-way of the former Circumferential Highway.

This deed to the town granting a trail easement is part of a conservation easement agreement between the owner of the property and the Vermont Land Trust. The conservation and trail easements have been reviewed, discussed, and recommended for approval by the Williston Planning Commission and Conservation Commission.

## **Property and Trail Easement Description**

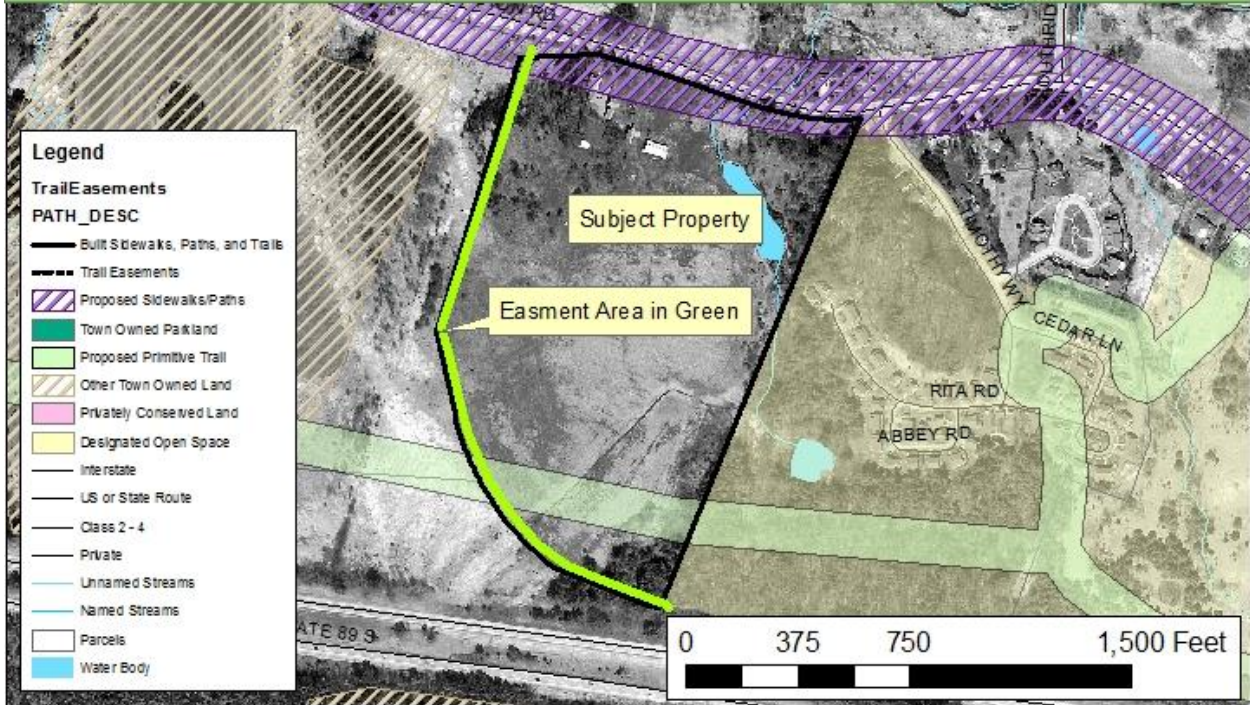
The proposed trail easement is for a 20-foot wide corridor running along the property's southern and western boundaries. The easement allows the town to construct and maintain a trail for non-motorized recreation. Motorized use for construction, emergency access, and access for persons with disabilities is allowed within the terms of the easement. The easement also allows the construction of signs, fences, and trail surface structures as are necessary to control access to and provide safe use of the trail.

## **Discussion and Recommendation**

The proposed easement would help create a desired trail corridor from Tower Lane in the Village to Maple Tree Place, as shown on Map 10 of the 2011-2016 Williston Comprehensive Plan.

# Burnett Property Proposed Trail Easement

Adapted from:  
Williston 2011-2016 Comprehensive Plan  
Map 10 - Sidewalks, Paths, and Trails



The planning office recommends that the Selectboard authorize the Manager to sign the Grant of Trail Easement across the Burnett property.