



# THE VERMONT RIVER CONSERVANCY

*Conserving Shorelands and Access*



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Dear Town of Bristol,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying Spring! My name is Erin De Vries, and I am the new stewardship manager for Vermont River Conservancy. VRC's mission to protect lands along our waters align with my background in watershed and lake education and environmental stewardship in Vermont and Michigan. After a couple of months of orientation by Lydia, I am very much looking forward to visiting your property and speaking with you about any changes or future plans on your land. Has the river moved? Is the 50-foot vegetated buffer growing well? Do you have concerns about Japanese Knotweed or other non-native species? Please expect a call from me or Ellie Schiappa, stewardship intern, in the next couple of weeks and we can discuss your land and our upcoming visit.

Vermont River Conservancy continues to actively conserve lands like yours throughout Vermont. We have added swimming holes to our protected public access list, and many farmers have worked with us to protect the land they work along rivers. Some non-agricultural lands have also been conserved for their value helping lessen flood impacts downstream. Please check out our website (<http://www.vermontriverconservancy.org>) to see the protected properties around Vermont, and areas you can enjoy a swim or paddle or cast on a beautiful summer day.

Thank you so much for keeping us informed and involved in protecting the land you love.

Sincerely,

Erin De Vries

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