



# VERMONT RIVER CONSERVANCY

*Conserving Shorelands and Access*

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Dear Town of Bristol,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the outdoors with family and friends! My name is Erin De Vries and last year I managed the easement stewardship program for Vermont River Conservancy. In May 2022, I started full-time with VRC as the Conservation Program Manager, overseeing the creation of river corridor easements as well as managing the easement monitoring and stewardship. I am happy to continue the important work of conserving shorelands and public access to Vermont's waterways.

It's been a busy month of onboarding as well as reorienting to easement monitoring. Thank you for your patience, I look forward to visiting your property and speaking with you about any changes or 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 this summer and we can discuss your land and upcoming visit.

Vermont River Conservancy continues to actively conserve lands like yours throughout Vermont. We have added riverside trails as well as swimming holes to our protected public access list and have collaborated with many farmers to protect the land they work along rivers. Several non-agricultural lands have also been conserved for their value helping lessen flood impacts to downstream communities. Please check out our website, soon to be relaunched under a new format, (<http://www.vermontriverconservancy.org>) to see your protected property and others, and view areas you can enjoy a swim, 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,

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