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Subject: RE: UVA PLAN UPDATE: SPAN 354-109-10679, Lincoln, Town of Bristol
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:15:22 AM
Attachments: [For Man Plan - Town of Bristol - Seth Hill 2024.pdf](#)
[Seth Hill Property Map FINAL 2024.pdf](#)
[APPENDIX E 2 Form\[1\]SethHillWaterworks2024.pdf](#)
[Organic Forest Ecosystem Conservation Checklist 2_5_2023.pdf](#)

Hi Valerie,

We have completed the draft UVA plan for the Town of Bristol's Seth Hill Waterworks. PDFs are attached. I will drop off three hard copies of the complete document today. You will note that the focus for the next ten-year period is erosion control and maple sugaring. Much more could be added, and it will be great to have the Bristol Conservation Commission actively involved. But this plan 'as is' is simple, doable, and good for the health and productivity of this unique and special Town Forest. We welcome your feedback as we turn our attention to the Water Quality grant.

May the forest be with you!

David



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Hi David,

That is awesome news—thank you! And thank you for your efforts to submit a competitive application and proposal to improve management of the property, reduce erosion, and improve water quality. We will look forward to learning more as the initiative progresses.

--Valerie

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Hi Valerie,

I hope you are doing well. We are making great progress on the 2024 UVA plan for the Town of Bristol's Seth Hill Waterworks. What a treat it is to be back there! I will have the completed plan to you by February 15 or sooner.

Yesterday we learned that our application through ACRPC for sprucing up the erosion control

has been approved. It was very well received. That grant will provide funds to install earthen structures in key places to slow, spread, and sink storm flows. It will also provide funding for a modest educational outreach to explain and celebrate the work.

Thank you for involving VFF!

David

From: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>
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Thank you, David!

--Valerie

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Hi Valerie,

Many thanks for your note.

I plan to have the finished plan and map for the Town of Bristol's Seth Hill Waterworks to you

by February 15, 2024.

Best,
David

From: Bristol Town Administrator <townadmin@bristolvt.org>
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Hi David,

Can you give us an update on the UVA Plan Update and when it might be ready for Selectboard review? We understand the updated plan needs to be submitted no later than April 1, 2024.

Thanks,

--Valerie

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Hi Valerie,

I hope all is well with you. VFF has begun working on the inventory of the Town of Bristol's Seth Hill Waterworks. In the process we learned of a grant opportunity through the Otter Creek Basin 3 Clean Water Service Provider administered through ACRPC. We submitted a mini-description of the erosion control work we anticipate at Seth Hill – about 120 waterbars on key spots on the existing skid trails especially on the steep sections. OCB folks ran it through their calculator, and it appears the project would be very positive in reducing phosphorus loading in Lake Champlain. It will also be a great demonstration project that Bristol will be proud of. Also, it would go a long way in getting the forest into full compliance with Vermont's AMPs and improve resilience in the face of a changing climate. I suspect we can get \$15,000 to cover the actual erosion control and reporting. There would be no out-of-pocket cost to Bristol for the application or erosion control work. We will need a letter of support that we are pleased to draft. I am delighted to talk with you. The completed application is due December 15, 2023.

Happy Thanksgiving

David Brynn

From: Vermont Family Forests <info@familyforests.org>
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Dear Valerie,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to update the Use Value Assessment Forest Conservation Plan for the Town of Bristol's Seth Hill Waterworks Property located in Lincoln. As I understand it, the goal is to essentially stay the course as outlined in the March 2014 plan. This would mean staying with the landowner objectives listed for the 113-acre parcel as well as the seven identified stands. It may require some limited changes in the 2014 map.

The focus of the updated plan would be to gather new forest stand data and to reassess the prescriptions based on these new data as required for a UVA plan. We would not be conducting a timber valuation or leading a public involvement process. Our assessment would involve gathering data from 38 BAF-10 sample points and summarizing the current forest stand conditions. In addition, we will systematically examine the condition of the access

network.

We will examine the existing areas of actively managed sugarbush. This likely will include a brief conversation with Don and Jody Gale, who have long held a sugaring lease on the property.

We estimate that the work outlined above will require a total of 27 hours – 16 hours inventory, 3 hours mapping, and 8 hours planning. We charge \$60 per hour plus travel. There will be miscellaneous printing costs bringing our fee to \$1,750.00. We will provide a detailed description of our work. We are licensed and fully insured.

Thanks again Valerie.

David

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