



Vermont Land Trust

CONSERVING LAND FOR THE FUTURE OF VERMONT

When to Call the Vermont Land Trust

A variety of land use activities require VLT consultation and approval ahead of time, so call us as soon as you think you might want to do any of these activities. We evaluate requests for approval based on the activity's consistency with the purposes of your conservation easement.

Examples of Activities or Changes that Require VLT Approval

- Siting, building, or relocating a reserved house right
- Converting a single-family house to a multi-family house
- Constructing barns, sugarhouses, or other agricultural and forestry structures
- Building any structure that is not for agriculture or forestry
- Building or siting a driveway, utilities, septic systems or a water supply
- Building or enlarging ponds or reservoirs
- Harvesting timber (except for your own firewood)
- Creating or amending a forest management plan
- Converting woodland to agricultural use
- Granting a right of way (ROW) or any easement on your land
- Changing any boundary
- Giving or selling a deed on your land, or on an approved lot excluded from the easement
- Changing who owns the corporation, trust, partnership or other entity that owns your land
- Requesting to waive VLT's Right of First Refusal or Option to Purchase at Agricultural Value
- Any lease exceeding 15 years, including renewals or extensions
- Any accessory business on your land or in a home on your land
- Any conflicts with or changes to public access that is protected by your easement
- Any changes to designated historic buildings
- Any activity in a special zone (this could be an ecological protection/habitat clause, a riparian buffer along water bodies, or an archaeological area)