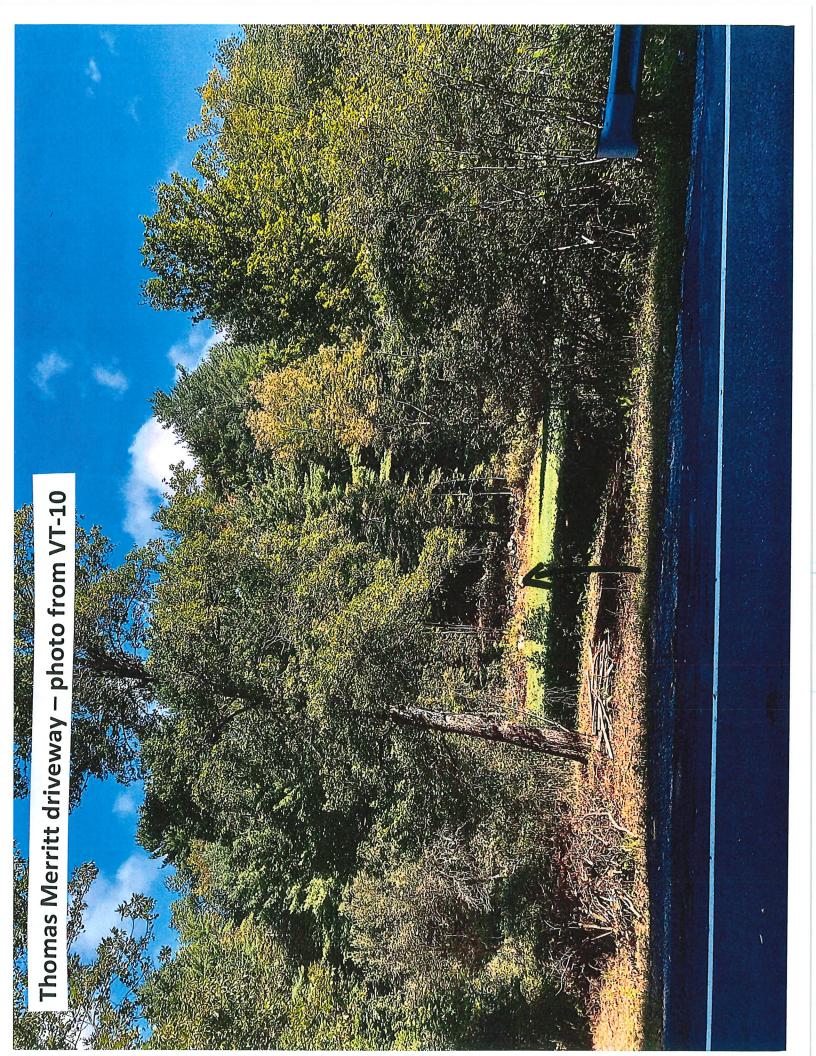
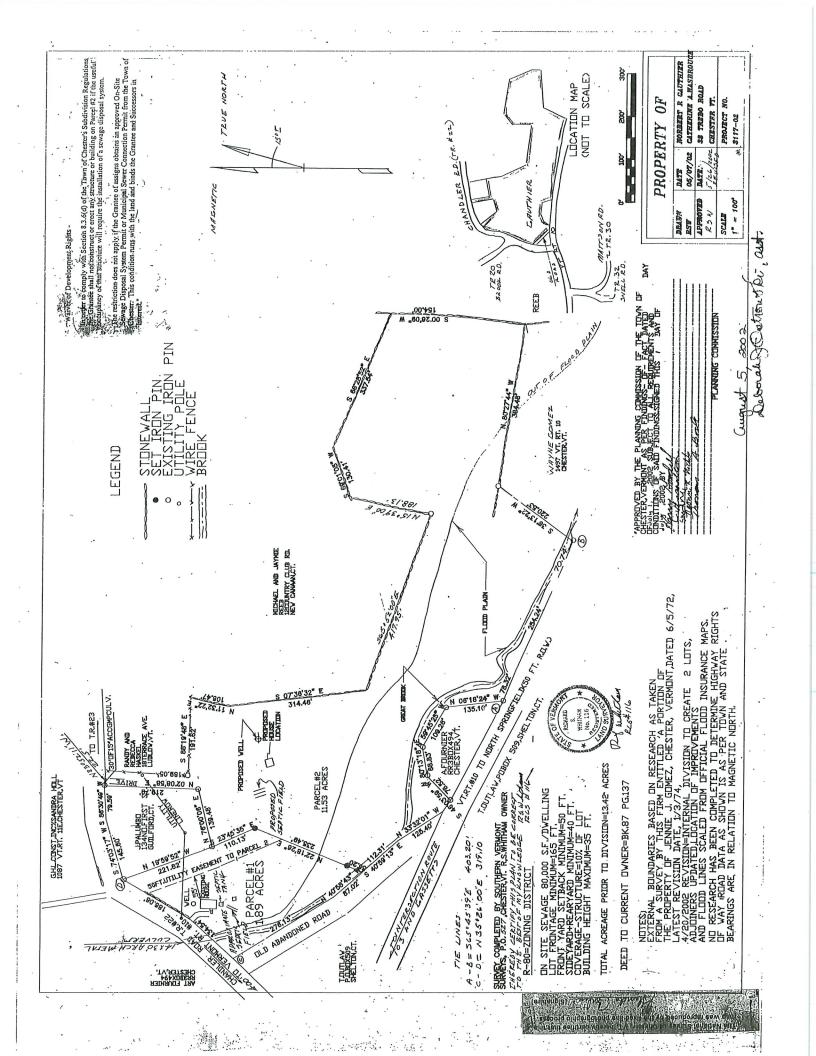


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# **Application for Hearing**

# before the Development Review Board









# Thomas Merritt driveway - ANR Atlas

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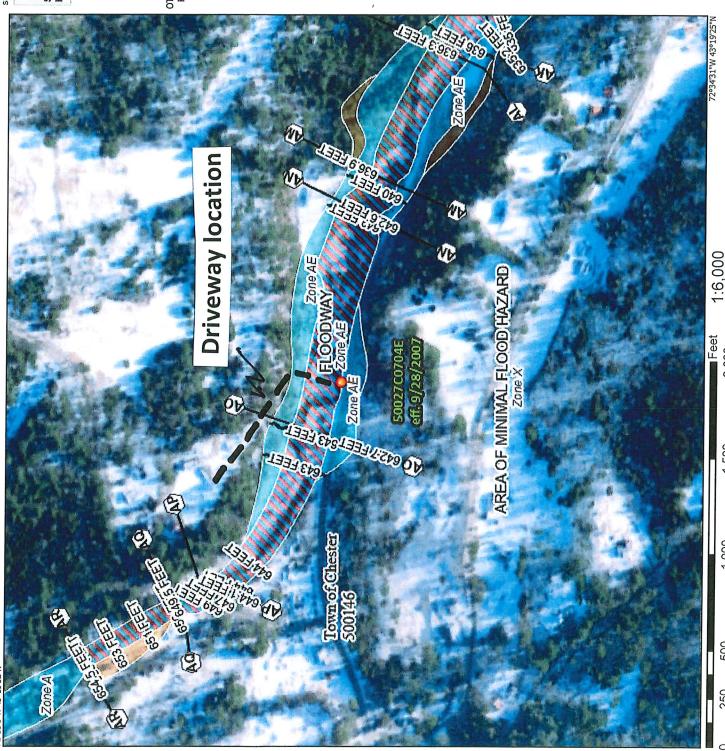
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# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette





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SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99

Regulatory Floodway

0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Area depth less than one foot or with drainag of 1% annual chance flood with average areas of less than one square mile zone.



Future Conditions 1% Annual

Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Chance Flood Hazard Zone Levee. See Notes. Zone X



Area with Flood Risk due to Levee zone D

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

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**Effective LOMRs** 

Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone

OTHER AREAS

Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer GENERAL | ---- Channel, Culvert, or Storr STRUCTURES | 1111111 Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE) Water Surface Elevation Coastal Transect ---- 513 ----

Limit of Study

Coastal Transect Baseline Hydrographic Feature Jurisdiction Boundary Profile Baseline

OTHER FEATURES

Digital Data Available

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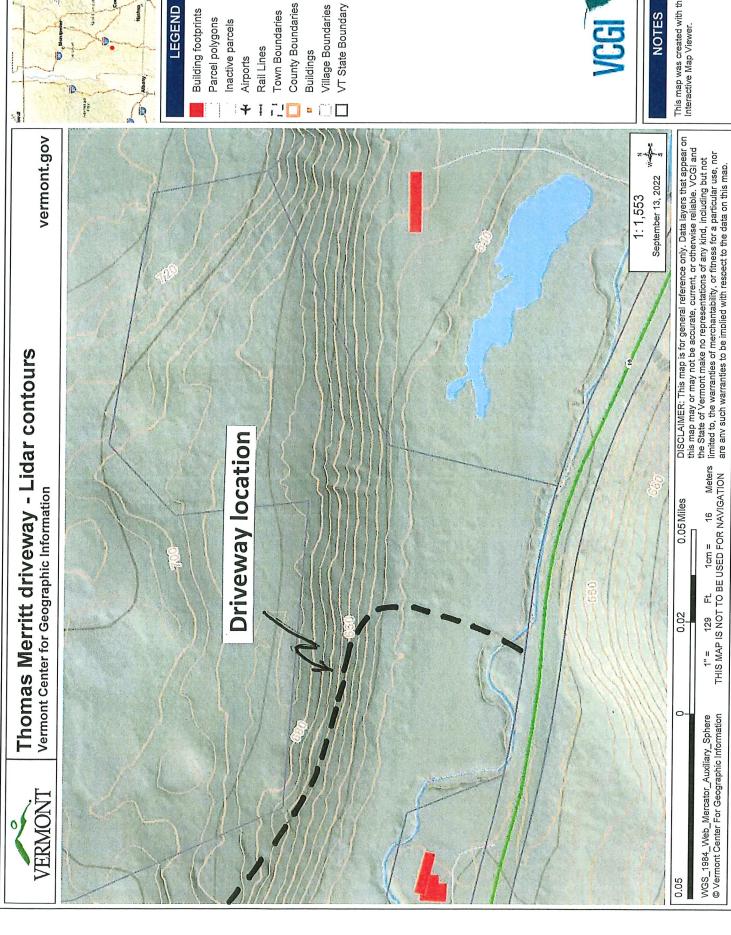
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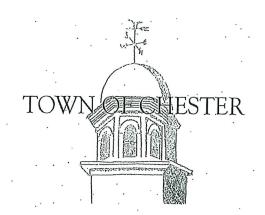
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PLANNING & ZONING 556 Elm Street P.O. Box 370 Chester, VT 05143 (802) 875-2173 office (802) 875-2237 fax zoning@chestervt.gov www.chestervt.gov

# TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REVIEW

Thomas and Elizabeth Merritt have applied for Flood Damage Prevention Review of a proposed driveway with bridge across the regulatory floodway of Great Brook at the location of approximately 1335 VT RT 10 in the Town of Chester.

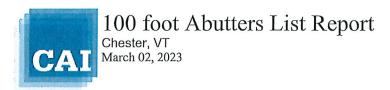
The Town of Chester Development Review Board will conduct a site visit at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 27, 2023, at the location of approximately 1335 VT RT 10 and will hold a hearing on this application at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 27, 2023, at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester. A copy of the application and additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

Participation in this hearing in person, via Zoom videoconference, or in writing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at <a href="https://www.chestervt.gov">www.chestervt.gov</a>.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2023.

Preston Bristow Zoning Administrator (802) 875-2173 zoning@chestervt.gov



mailed 3/4/23

Exhibit C

CHESTER,, INC. C/O

### Subject Property:

Abutters:

Parcel Number: 222020300 CAMA Number: 222020300

Property Address: 178 CHANDLER ROAD

Mailing Address: MERRITT, THOMAS & ELIZABETH

178 CHANDLER ROAD

CHESTER, VT 05143

Parcel Number: CAMA Number: Property Address:	222017 222017 219 BLOOD ROAD	Mailing Address:	ROCKY RIDGE OF OMIKE KENWORTHY 219 BLOOD ROAD
roporty Address.	210 BEGGB ROAD		CHESTER VT 051

CHESTER, VT 05143 Parcel Number: Mailing Address: HASKELL, RANDALL & REBECCA 222018

222018 206 CHANDLER ROAD CAMA Number: Property Address: 206 CHANDLER ROAD CHESTER, VT 05143-9699

Parcel Number: 222019 Mailing Address: PALUMBO, SANDRA CAMA Number: 222019 77 GLENMEADOW DRIVE

Property Address: 168 CHANDLER ROAD NORTHFORD, CT 06472

Parcel Number: 222020200 Mailing Address: SURETHING, BARBARA L & PATRICK T

106 CHANDLER ROAD CAMA Number: 222020200 Property Address: 106 CHANDLER ROAD CHESTER, VT 05143

222021400 Mailing Address: CROSBY, DEAN O & NORMA J Parcel Number:

**CAMA Number:** 222021400 20 CHANDLER ROAD Property Address: 20 CHANDLER ROAD CHESTER, VT 05143

232076 Mailing Address: REEB, MICHAEL & JAYMIE Parcel Number:

CAMA Number: 232076 456 CHANDLER ROAD CHESTER, VT 05143 Property Address: 456 CHANDLER ROAD

252019 Mailing Address: FOUGERE, PAUL & DEBBIE Parcel Number:

CAMA Number: 252019 1337 VT RT 10 Property Address: 1337 VT RT 10 CHESTER, VT 05143

Parcel Number: 252062

Mailing Address: OUTLAW, GARY OUTLAW, ROGER CAMA Number: 252062 3 GREENBRIAR ROAD

Property Address: 0 VT RT 10 OXFORD, CT 06478

Mailing Address: NELSON, ERIC Parcel Number: 262001

CAMA Number: 262001 959 ESSEX ROAD Property Address: 1497 VT RT 10 WESTBROOK, CT 06498

PERMIT ID#	45404	

Town:	Chester		
Route:	VT 10		
Mile Marker:	1.410		
Log Station:	74+45		

李	State Highway Access and Work Permit						
	Owner's/Applicant's Name, Address, E-mail & Phone No. Thomas L & FLizabeth w Merritt 178 Chardhar Rol Chesser VT05143 Tmerritt 23@outlook.con 802 952 9375 Co-Applicant's Name, Address, E-mail & Phone No. (if different from above)						
	The location of work (town, highway route, distance to nearest mile marker or intersection & which side)  RTID Ches Ter VI OLROSS From Marker 6100 14070140						
	Description of work to be performed in the highway right-of-way (attach plan)  New Drive way access a work Permit						
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Applicant to	Is a Zoning Permit required?  Yes \[ \] No \[ \forall \] - If Yes, #  Is a 30 VSA \( \) 248 permit required?  Yes \[ \] No \[ \forall \] - If Yes, #  Is an Act 250 permit required?  Yes \[ \] No \[ \forall \] - If Yes, #  Other permit(s) required?  Yes \[ \] No \[ \forall \] - If Yes, name and # of each						
App	Owner/Applicant: Thomas L Merritt Position Title: OW Ner						
のない	(Print name above)  Sign in Shaded area: Date: 8/2/22						
	Co-Applicant: Position Title:						
	Sign in Shaded area: Date:						
INSTRUCTIONS:  -Contact the Development Review and Permitting Services Section (802.828.2653) or your local area Transportation Maintenance District Office to determine your issuing authority. The issuing authority will determine what plans, fee and other documents are required to be submitted with your Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 1111, permit application request.  - Original signatures are required on an original Form. The Owner/Applicant and Co-Applicant (if applicable) declares under the pains and penalty of perjury that all information provided on this form and submitted attachments are to the best of their knowledge true and complete.  -See Fee Schedule for applicable administrative processing and application review fee.							
	PERMIT APPROVAL						
New driveway access following the attached standard.							
	The work is subject to the restrictions and conditions on the reverse page, plus the Special Conditions stated on the attached page(s)  Date work is to be completed 8/18/2023  Date work accepted:						
	Authorized Representative for Secretary of Transportation  By:						

NOTICE: This permit covers only the Vermont Agency of Transportation's jurisdiction over this highway under Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 1111. It does not release the petitioner from the requirements of any other statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations. This permit addresses only access to, work within, and drainage affecting the state highway. It does not address other possible transportation issues, such as access to town highways, use of private roads, and use of railroad crossings. If relevant to the proposed development, such issues must be addressed separately.

No work shall be done under this permit until the owner/applicant has contacted the District Transportation Office at:



State of Vermont
Policy, Planning & Intermodal Development Division
Policy, Planning and Research Bureau
Development Review & Permitting Services Section
Rarra City Plans 210 North Main Street

Barre City Place, 219 North Main Street Barre, VT 05641

vtrans.vermont.gov

[phone] 802-636-0037

Agency of Transportation

[ttd] . 800-253-0191

August 18, 2022

Thomas and Elizabeth Merritt 178 Chandler Rd Chester, VT 05143 [Via Email]

Subject: Chester, VT 10 MM 1.410 LT

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Merritt,

Your application for a permit to work within the State Highway right-of-way to construct a single family access to serve your property, at the location indicated, has been processed by this office and is enclosed.

Please note, this permit contains a one-page document entitled, "Notice of Permit Action" and as a condition of this permit,

"The Permit Holder shall file a municipal clerk certified copy of the recorded "Notice of Permit Action" within one (1) month of the permit issuance date in the Office of the Development Review and Permitting Services Section."

Please contact the District Transportation Office #2 prior to starting work in the state highway right-of-way to discuss the conditions of this permit and the planned construction schedule. In addition, following completion of the work, a final inspection is required with the District. The District's telephone number in Dummerston is (802) 254-5011.

Sincerely,

Tyler Birchmore District 2 Technician

Tyler Birchmore

VTrans District Maintenance and Fleet

**Enclosures** 

cc: [Via Email]

Brian McAvoy, Permitting Services Coordinator

# VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PERMIT ACTION

Grantor (Owner/Applicant): Thomas and Elizabeth Memit Received for recor Address: 178 Chandler Rd  Chester, VT 05143  Chester, VT 05143  Chester Land Re Attest: Deborah Al	PM d and recorded in 211 - 211 cords			
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Property Deed Reference: Book: 87 Page: 137 Additional Book: Additional Page: Permit ID #: 45404				
Description of Work: Single family residential access				
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Action Date:8/18/2022				
Signature: Tyler Birchmore District 2 Technician Authorized Representative for the Secretary of Transportation				
Location of Record:  Vermont Agency of Transportation Development Review & Permitting Se One National Life Drive Montpelier, Vermont 05633-5001				
Town/City of Clerk's Office  Received at a,m./p.m. and recorded in Book on Page of land records				
Attest: Assistant Town/City Clerk Revised	11/01/08 820.105			

# AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT STREAM ALTERATION ACTIVITIES

Pursuant to Section C.2.2, and C.2.3 of the Vermont Stream Alteration General Permit



Exhibit E

# (Reporting activities requiring Application or Registration)

A. Permitted Project Information:

Permit Number: SR-3099

Project Location: Route 10, Chester Applicant Name: Thomas Merritt

Mailing Address: 178 Chandler Rd, Chester, VT 05143

Waterbody: Great Brook

Lat:/Long: 43.32774N, 72.58080W

Email: tmerritt23@outlook.com

Phone: (802) 952-9375

### **B. Findings:**

The Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VT ANR) has determined that:

This project consisting of the construction of a new bridge that spans top of bank to top of bank of the stream.

- 1. The proposed activity is eligible for coverage under the Vermont ANR Stream Alteration General Permit.
- 2. The proposed activity will meet the terms and conditions of the General Permit provided:
  - a) The project will be completed as described in the attached sketch and determined adjusted to meet site conditions.

### C. Standard Conditions:

- The project will not adversely affect the public safety by increasing flood hazards.
- The project will not significantly damage fish life or wildlife.
- 3. The project will not significantly damage the rights of riparian owners.
- 4. The project will not obstruct the movement of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody beyond the actual duration of construction.
- 5. The project is conducted in a manner which minimizes or avoids any discharge of sediment or other pollutants to surface waters in violation of the Vermont Water Quality Standards.
- 6. An on-site preconstruction meeting was conducted with the landowner and RME on August 18, 2022.
- The River Management Engineer is notified by phone or email when construction begins and when the project is complete.
- In-stream working dates for all GP activities are from June 1st through October 1st; any in-stream work outside these dates will require consultation with and prior authorization from the River Management Engineer (RME).
- This permit will expire: December 31, 2027

If there are any changes in the project plan or deviation in construction from the approved plan, the Permittee must notify the River Management Engineer immediately. If the project is constructed as you have described, as shown on the above referenced approved plans and per the above conditions, there is no reason to expect any violation of Vermont Water Quality Standards.

Please be aware that the proposed project is in a municipality that participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Construction or storage within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as delineated on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map). 24 VSA, Section 4424 requires communities to submit SFHA permit applications to the ANR Regional Floodplain Manager for review and comment to ensure the project is compliant with local and NFIP minimum floodplain management standards.

Please be aware that this authorization does not constitute ANR's review and comment under 24 VSA Section 4424.

D. Authorization:

Signed this 13th day of September 2022

Julia S. Moore, Secretary, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

River Management Engineer

VT DEC Rivers Program, Watershed Management Division

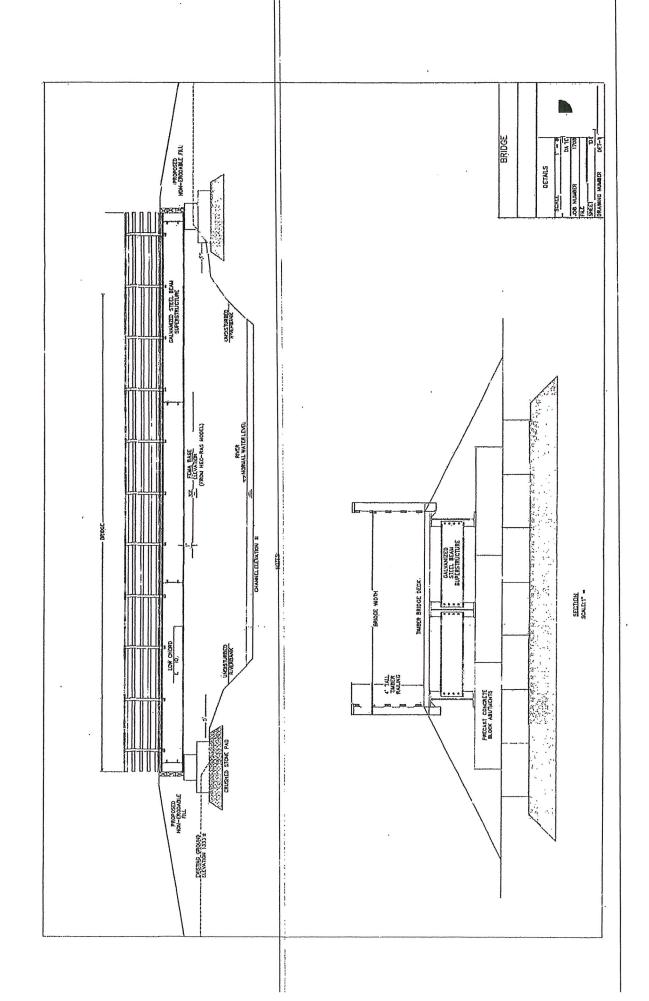
E. River Engineer Contact Information

Engineer: Scott Jensen, PE

Contact Phone: 802 490-6962

Email Address: scott.jensen@vermont.gov

State of Vermont – ANR Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Management Division - Stream Alteration Permitting 1 National Life Drive, Main 2 Montpelier, VT 05620-3522



# Zoning

From:

Jensen, Scott <Scott.Jensen@vermont.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 04, 2022 4:10 PM

To:

Zoning

Subject:

RE: Thomas Merritt, VT-10, Chester

Hi Preston,

The blocks will be set below grade to account for frost, so as long as they are pinned together and the bridge is attached to the blocks, I think that would qualify as being adequately anchored to prevent flotation.

Scott Jensen, PE

River Management Engineer



Department of Environmental Conservation

**Rivers Program** 

Telephone: (802) 490-6962 Scott.Jensen@vermont.gov

Click for: Stream Alteration General Permit

Click for: **APPLICATION** 

You may now submit permit applications, compliance reports and fee payments through our new online form to expedite its receipt and review:

https://anronline.vermont.gov/?formtag=WSMD\_Intake.

From: Zoning <zoning@chestervt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 3:19 PM

**To:** Jensen, Scott <Scott.Jensen@vermont.gov> **Subject:** RE: Thomas Merritt, VT-10, Chester.

EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

Hi Scott -

Attached is John Broker-Campbell's 4424 flood hazard review of the Merritt driveway bridge off VT-10 in Chester.

Any thoughts on how concrete waste blocks utilized as bridge abutments could be anchored into the stream bank?

# **Preston Bristow**

Town Planner and Zoning Administrator Town of Chester

**Office:** 802-875-2173 **Cell:** 603-359-5243

Email: zoning@chestervt.gov 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370

Chester, VT 05143 www.chestervt.gov

# INTRODUCTION

Dufresne Group completed a study of hydrology and hydraulics for the Merritt's proposed driveway and bridge crossing over Great Brook, a tributary to the Black River. The site is shown in **Figure 1.** This report investigates the flow characteristics at the site during the 100-year storm event.

Site information was collected from both topographic survey completed by Dufresne Group in January of 2023, and 1' Lidar data obtained from the Vermont Center for Geographic Information. Additional information was obtained from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) studies and output from the StreamStats USGS program. Data was analyzed using the stream flow analysis software program HEC-RAS.

The analysis was performed to assess the current flood elevations and the impact of a proposed pedestrian bridge structure on the flood elevations.

# **HYDROLOGY**

The site is in Chester, Vermont and receives flow from a drainage area that includes mostly wooded, hilly areas, some rural residential properties and some fields. The total drainage area contributing to the flow at the proposed bridge crossing is 5.3 square miles.

The storm event analyzed for this study is the 100-year storm. Under local regulations, the proposed bridge construction (classified as development) must not increase the flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood (100 year) since a portion of the structure is in the floodway.

The StreamStats program modeling reported the flow rate associated with the 100-year storm event at this location as 915 cfs +/- 47.3%. The HEC-RAS model of existing conditions was developed to simulate the 100-year storm event with a base flood elevation (BFE) of 642.5' at the crossing location and flow of 1,630 cfs. The BFE value of 642.5' at the project site was interpolated from cross sections AN and AO, as shown in the FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS) dated September 28, 2007. The flow of 1,630 cfs is interpolated from the FIS reported 100-year storm peak discharge at Chester Corporate Limits of 1,240 cfs and at State Highway 10 about 2,600 feet downstream of Baltimore Road of 1,920 CFS.

## HYDRAULIC EVALUATION

The HEC-RAS model simulations were performed using stream channel alignment and channel cross section information obtained from the topographic mapping as input data. The existing conditions were modeled to simulate the 100-year base flood elevation. The proposed improvements were also modeled to assess changes in the BFE. **Figure 2** shows the bridge site plan and profile.



During the 100-year storm event, the base flood elevation varies from 642.50 to 642.56 ft along the stream channel within the study area, according to the FIS data and the HEC-RAS results for the existing conditions model.

For modeling proposed conditions, with a simulated bridge in the HEC-RAS program, the proposed bottom chord of the bridge deck was set at 643.5', which is 1' above the 100-year BFE. The bridge is proposed to ramp down at 15% to meet existing grade. The Manning n roughness coefficient was reduced to account for the removal of existing vegetation for construction of the bridge and pathway. A minimum cleared width of 32 ft was used for the analysis.

The effect of the proposed project is no increase or decrease in the BFE at a flow of 1,630 cfs. Clearing a wider section will further reduce the flood elevation. A profile showing the water surface profile of the existing and proposed conditions is shown in Figure 3.

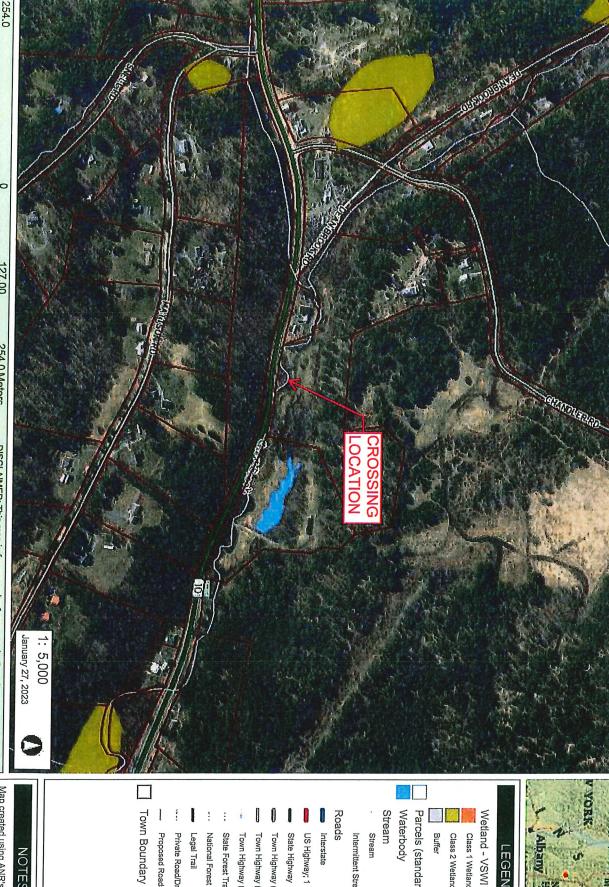
The proposed development will result in no increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood.

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Naomi R. Johnson, PE







Roads

Intermittent Stream Stream

Interstate US Highway; 1

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Town Highway (Class 2,3)

Town Highway (Class 1)

State Forest Trail Town Highway (Class 4)

National Forest Trail

Legal Trail

Private Road/Driveway

Proposed Roads

Parcels (standardized)

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