

Conservation Planning Interview

Client Name:

Client Telephone:

Property or Farm Name:

Client Email:

Client Mail Address:

Land Location

County:

Town:

General Information

Please provide a short description of the farm enterprise.

If possible, please provide some history regarding past ownership of this farm or of any of the tracts you manage.

What are the objectives or goals for the farm enterprise?

If applicable, list other decision makers for the land and their involvement. (Include contact information.)

YES

NO

Is your farm a certified LFO, MFO or SFO?

Has your farm been inspected by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture?

If so, who was the inspector and can we get a copy of the inspection report?

Are you working with any other agencies or non-profits (UVM Extension, Conservation District, Vermont Land Trust, etc.)

YES

NO

Are you currently enrolled in any conservation programs, including easement programs? If yes, which?

Are there any conservation practices which have been installed on your farm recently?

Are there USDA Programs or conservation practices that you have heard about and/or are interested in?

If yes, please explain.

Are there existing resource concerns on your farm that you are aware of? (Examples: soil erosion, streambank erosion, water quality, invasive plants, poor habitat, etc. If yes, what are they and which of these concerns do you plan to address? Please locate areas of concern on a map)

Are there any existing plans to expand the herd size and/or land base? If yes, what are the plans?

Is your operation certified organic for land or livestock, or are you considering transition to organic production?

Are wells/springs, either active or abandoned, located on the farm? If yes, please locate them on a map. Also, if applicable, provide information such as yield gallons per minute and who drilled well(s).

Do any wells or springs on or near the farm have documented water quality problems?

If yes, please explain. If well tests have been taken, what are the results?

Are you aware of any archeological or historic sites on or near your property? If yes, what sites and where are they located?

Do you know of any threatened, endangered or rare plant or animal species on or near your farm? If yes, what species and where are they located?

Does your property have utilities passing through it? If yes, what utilities and where are they located?

Pasture Information

What types of livestock are pastured?

Are grazing livestock allowed access to streams, ponds or other open water sources?

Does the current pasture system provide adequate forage?

How many acres of pasture are currently used?

Describe spring, summer and fall forage availability and quality:

Do you use hayland for pasture? If yes, which fields and when?

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How many hours/day are milkers in the barn during grazing season?					Other livestock?	
Please check the management type that best describes your pasture system:	Prescribed/Intensive Grazing:		Notes:			
	Randomly Rotated (within a few large pastures):					
	Continuous Stocking:					
	Grazed Forest / Wetland:					

Describe the current livestock water system and anticipated need for improvements (include other potential sources of water):

Describe the existing fencing system, and anticipated need for improvements:

YES

NO

Do you use temporary fencing for any of your pasture? If yes, where or under what conditions is it used?

Describe desired changes to the pasture system:

Wildlife

Do you have any goals or objectives for managing fish, wildlife or natural areas on your land?

If yes, what are your objectives, and where would you propose to do management? Locate areas on a map.

Do you have an existing wildlife management plan?

Are your wildlife management objectives, if any, currently being met? Describe:

Do you have any unused or idle fields, old orchards, low productivity forest stands, etc. on your land?

If yes, what management takes place on these areas (time and schedule of cuttings, release or pruning, etc.?)

Do you know or any rare natural communities or unique or important habitats on or near your land? Describe:

(Examples: clayplain forest, vernal pools or seeps, mast stands, cliffs or ledges, large cavity trees, softwood stands, thickets.)