

VT AOT

Chittenden County Circumferential Highway

File No.: 199101814

City and State: Colchester, VT

General Impacts:

- 1.7 acres emergent
- 19.7 acres scrub-shrub
- 5.4 acres forested
- 3.4 acres combination

Functions and Values Lost: (From EA/SOF)

- Groundwater Discharge
- Floodflow Alteration
- Sediment/Toxicant Retention
- Nutrient Removal
- Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization
- Wildlife Habitat
- Recreation

Year(s) Mitigation Constructed: October 1996

Size and Type of Mitigation as Proposed: 80 acre parcel had its drainage ditches plugged to increase wetland hydrology; up to 50 acres may revert back to wetlands

Proposed Functions and Values of Mitigation: (From EA/SOF)

- Floodflow Alteration
- Sediment Retention
- Shoreline Stabilization
- Nutrient Removal
- Wildlife Habitat
- Recreation

Mitigation Special Condition(s):

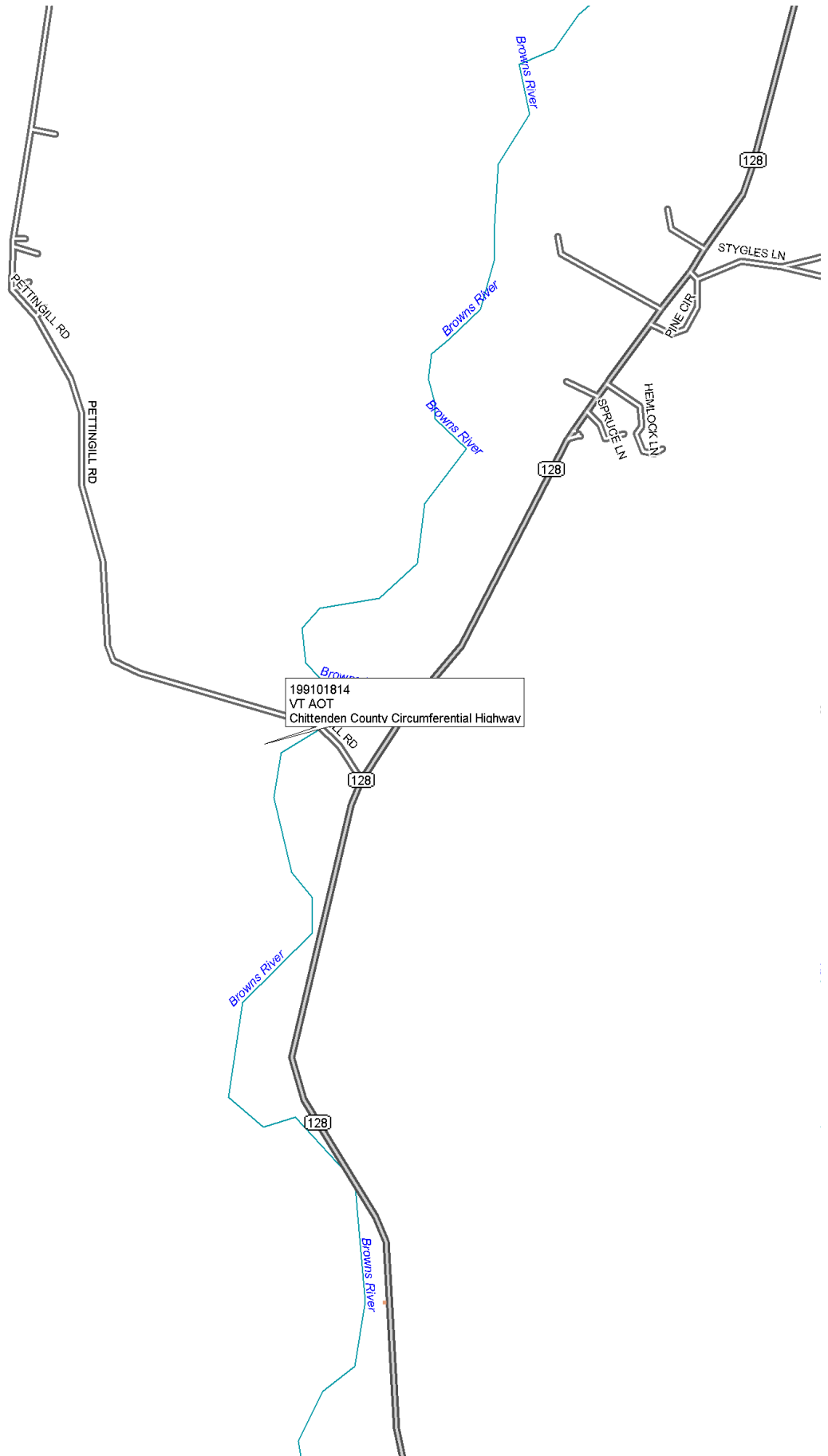
6. The mitigation site shall be subject to a conservation easement. Such conservation easement shall ensure that the mitigation sites are preserved in perpetuity. Documentary evidence, sufficient to establish the completed acquisition of the mitigation site and granting of the conservation easement shall be furnished to the Corps. The conservation easement shall be deeded to and managed by a responsible, qualified state (including the VT AOAT or VT Agency of Natural Resources) or federal agency or a non-profit conservation organization.

Remarks:

None

Directions:

Take 128/95 north. Take exit 37B, I-93 north, toward Concord, NH. Take I-89 north. Take exit 11, US-2, toward VT-117/Richmond/Williston. Take a slight right onto US-2/Theodore Roosevelt Highway. Take a slight right onto VT-117/River Road. Continue on VT-117. Turn right onto Sand Hill Road. Take a slight left onto VT-15/Jericho Road/Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Turn right onto VT-128/Browns River Road. Turn left onto Pettingill Road. It is just past the river on the left side.





MITIGATION SITE FIELD DATA FORM

Site Name: VTAOT - CCCH 3 & 4 - Colchester **File No.** 199101814
City/Town: Colchester **State:** VT **Waterbody:** Browns River
Monitor(s): Keith Wright, Paul Minkin, Beth Alafat (EPA), Mike Adams **Date:** 8-20-02

Was site constructed? yes

Is site wetland? yes

Size of proposed wetland: TBD

Actual size of wetland: TBD

Landscape position: TBD

Lat/Long Points: 44.55532N 73.05864W

Saved GPS Waypoint name: CCCH

GPS Tracking Log Name: N/A

Perimeter: TBD

Surrounding land use:

River, hayfield, upland forest

Is wetland function compromised by surrounding land use?

Snowmobile access may diminish wildlife function and contribute pollutants

Plant health:

Overall healthy, but some of the alders that had been planted were dead.

Invasive species:

Phalaris arundinacea

Wildlife use:

Great blue heron, deer tracks, dragonflies, frogs, minnows, kingfisher, goldfinch, beaver, hummingbird, snails

Plants:

Oxbow:

Alisma sp.

Carex sp.

Conium maculatum

Equisetum sp.

Larix laricina

Phalaris arundinacea

Polygonum sp.

Potamogeton sp.

Salix nigra

Scirpus atrovirens

Scirpus cyperinus

Sparganium sp.

Utricularia sp.

Viburnum dentatum

Field:

Carex sp. (giant)

Eupatorium maculatum

Eupatorium perfoliatum

Impatiens capensis

Onoclea sensibilis

Phalaris arundinacea (dominant)

Polygonum sagittatum

Solidago sp.

Verbena hastata

Soils Data:

Soils data not collected at this site.

Sketch approximate mitigation site, noting areas and types of wetlands, waters, other features, landscape position, landmarks, etc., and data and photo point(s)

See file.

Overall Description of site:

The site consists of a large riverside field. It was formerly drained farmland. Its ditches are now plugged. The vegetation is dominated by a 100% cover of *Phalaris arundinacea*. The major functions of this site are water quality protection and floodflow retention.

Comments, problems, recommendations:

Nearly the entire site is covered by invasive species. Additionally, a snowmobile trail crosses directly over one of the channel blocks.

Wetland Function-Value Evaluation Form

VT AOT CCCH –

Total area of wetland ~50 ac Human made? Is wetland part of a wildlife corridor? yes or a "habitat island"? no

Adjacent land use agriculture Distance to nearest roadway or other development 100 feet

Dominant wetland systems present PEM Contiguous undeveloped buffer zone present no

Is the wetland a separate hydraulic system? no If not, where does the wetland lie in the drainage basin? low

How many tributaries contribute to the wetland? Wildlife & vegetation diversity/abundance (see attached list)

Wetland I.D. Segments 3, 4 199101814













Latitude N44.55532 Longitude W37.05864

Prepared by: Minkin Date 8/20/02

Wetland Impact:
Type Area

Evaluation based on:
Office Field X

Corps manual wetland delineation
completed? Y N X

Function/Value	Suitability Y N		Rationale (Reference #)*	Principal Function(s)/Value(s)	Comments
 Groundwater Recharge/Discharge		X			
 Floodflow Alteration	X		1,5,6,8,9		large emergent wetland surrounded by agriculture
 Fish and Shellfish Habitat		X			some minnows in small open water areas
 Sediment/Toxicant Retention	X		1,2,3,10,14	X	agricultural fields, snowmobile trail adjacent, river
 Nutrient Removal	X		1,3,4,8,9	X	agricultural fields
 Production Export	X		1,2,4,7		
 Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization		X			
 Wildlife Habitat	X		4,6,7,8,13,19,21		some adjacent upland forest; great blue heron, deer, frogs, beaver, kingfisher, goldfinch, dragon flies, humming bird, snails
 Recreation		X			snowmobile trail present but not wetland related
 Educational/Scientific Value		X			
 Uniqueness/Heritage		X			
 Visual Quality/Aesthetics		X			
ES Endangered Species Habitat		X			
Other					

Notes:

* Refer to backup list of numbered considerations.

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Browns River on side of site



View of field dominated by *Phalaris arundinaceae* with a few *Populus deltoides* trees.

USGS Essex Center, Vermont, United States 25 Apr 1999



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0 1.25Mi

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USGS 15 km NE of Burlington, Vermont, United States 25 Apr 1999



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