

Administrative Procedures – Public Input Statement

Instructions:

In completing the public input statement, an agency describes what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule. This form must be completed for the following filings made during the rulemaking process:

- Proposed Rule Filing
- Final Proposed Filing
- Adopted Rule Filing
- Emergency Rule Filing

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

Vermont Wetland Rules

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Agency of Natural Resources

3. PLEASE LIST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The LaPlatte River Marsh was proposed for Class I designation through a petition filed by the Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC). The Department consulted with VNRC on the details of the proposed designation, and VNRC provided notice of the petition to impacted landowners and the town of Shelburne. Impacted parties were sent a package of materials about the Class I proposal including the petitioner's draft mapping. The Department held a public meeting on August 30, 2017, in Shelburne, to discuss the proposed designation of the Marsh with members of the community. Several site visits were also conducted to answer stakeholder questions about the impact of the designation on individual properties.

Public comments were solicited regarding the designation of the LaPlatte River Wetlands, and the response summary of those comments is available on the Department's website here:

https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/vtANR/DocBrowser.aspx?Directory=DEC/WSMD/Wetlands/stakeholder/2018_rule_change/.

Peacham Bog was proposed for Class I designation on the Department's own motion. The only impacted landowner in

Peacham is the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation, and a meeting was held with that Department on July 18, 2016, to discuss the designation.

4. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Vermont Natural Resources Council

Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation

Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife

The Nature Conservancy

The Town of Shelburne

Myra Hardy

Crea Lintilhac

Alice Brown

Don Rendau

Josh Dein

Andrea Morgante

The Lewis Creek Association

John Kerr

Peter Young

Vermont Rail

Joplin James

Peggy Day

Charlie Burnham

Aogine Simenon

Frank Talbutt

Rose Paul

Laurie Smith

Michael Koper

Louise Koper

Arrowwood Environmental

Susan Smith

Brian Precourt

Al Gilbert

Jody Russell

Gordon Russell

John Kohler

Michaela Ryan

Krista Hoffsis

Tom Tomkins

Shaina Kasper

James Stanis

Gail Albert

Michael Clayton

Sara Clayton

Steve Parren

Sally Waldhams

Mark Sammot

Robin Jeffers

Ron Gagnon

Susan Moegenberg