

# ***Vermont River Conservancy***

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## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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VRC preserves undeveloped land along rivers, lakes, and wetlands to protect public access, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, and ecological integrity. VRC primarily works to acquire riparian (riverside) conservation easements including on agricultural lands. VRC also provides conservation planning and site management assistance. Easements generally transfer vegetation management, river channel management rights, and development rights to VRC.

**Assistance Type:** Easements, Technical

**Financial Assistance:** Easements can be donated or sold; donation provides tax advantages while sale provides up front payment that includes compensation for lost crop production.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

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**Landscape Type:** Riparian, Wetlands, Agriculture

**Resource Type:** Water quality, Wildlife, Recreation

**Criteria:** Properties of interest for easements must be adjacent to or include rivers, lakes, and wetlands. Agricultural lands are eligible, though cropping may not be permitted on land covered by easements; easements transfer some vegetation management rights to VRC.