

October 7, 2009

Michael Zahner
Stewardship Committee Chair
Marshfield Conservation Commission
3061 Hollister Hill Road
Marshfield, VT 05658

Re: Agricultural activities in the vernal pool buffer

Dear Michael:

Please accept this letter as the written approval of the Vermont Land Trust to permit agricultural activities in that portion of the vernal pool buffer shown in red on the attached map. It is the understanding of The Vermont Land Trust that the Town intends to keep the agricultural field open and not allow it to grow up into forest. In the future, the open field portion of the vernal pool buffer will not be considered part of the Vernal Pool Special Treatment Area.

Sugaring activities, which are defined as agriculture by the State of Vermont, are permitted within the vernal pool buffer area so long as there is no negative impact to the ecological values and functionality of the vernal pools. Layout of pipelines should be designed to minimize disturbance to the vernal pools themselves and the 100' buffer area around each pool.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (802) 262-1222 at my office in Montpelier if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Kris Hammer
Regional Stewardship Manager

John Warshow, Chair
Marshfield Selectboard