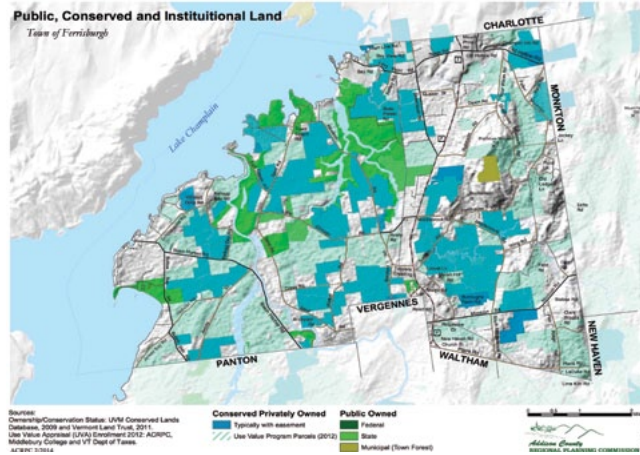




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## The Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont

comprises roughly 61 square miles of land in the Lake Champlain Valley. The town's landscape is generally flat to rolling, with hilly areas, fine forestlands and extensive areas of excellent, productive agricultural soils.

Ferrisburgh is well watered by the Lewis, Little Otter, Dead and Otter Creeks; it also has large areas of ecologically significant wetlands. Ferrisburgh enjoys the longest shoreline frontage of any Vermont town bordering Lake Champlain, 21 miles.

There are 28 operating dairy farms in Ferrisburgh, several of which are certified organic, other diversified farm businesses and some maple syrup production.

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# A Resident's Guide to Protecting Natural Resources in the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont



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# Ways to Protect Natural Resources: A Guide for Residents

## Prevent Forest Fragmentation

Preserve hedgerows along your property to reduce the impact of forest fragmentation.

## Enroll Your Property in Vermont's Use Value Appraisal Program

For landowners practicing long-term forestry & agriculture.

[fpr.vermont.gov/UseValueAppraisal](http://fpr.vermont.gov/UseValueAppraisal)

## Avoid Invasive Plant Species

These plants can dominate a habitat and threaten other species that depend on native plants. Don't plant invasives.

## Help Prevent Flooding & Erosion

Preserve, protect and reforest wooded riparian areas along streams and rivers.

## Protect Shoreland & Conserve Wetlands

Protect critical habitat and mitigate erosion to protect shoreland and wetlands.

## Manage Land for Wildlife & Bird Habitat

Develop a plan to manage your land to benefit and enhance its value for wildlife.

## Be a Responsible Hunter, Angler, Hiker

Know whose land you are crossing and ask for permission. Respect posted signs.

## Respect Trail Closures

and other notices posted by agencies or organizations.

## Participate in Green Up Day

1st Saturday in May.

## Volunteer

for invasive species control opportunities.

## Get Involved

in Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission activities and programs.

## Use "Leave No Trace" Principles

- Plan ahead and prepare.
- Travel and camp on durables surfaces.
- Dispose of waste properly.
- Leave what you find.
- Minimize campfire impacts.
- Respect wildlife.
- Be considerate of other visitors.



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## RESOURCES for Residents

### GENERAL

#### Agency of Natural Resources

Management & Oversight of Natural Environment  
[anr.vermont.gov](http://anr.vermont.gov)

#### BioFinder

Database & Mapping Tools  
[anr.vermont.gov/maps/biofinder](http://anr.vermont.gov/maps/biofinder)

#### VT Coverts

Woodlands for Wildlife  
[vtcoverts.org](http://vtcoverts.org)

### WATER

#### VT Water Management Division

Management & Permitting  
[dec.vermont.gov/watershed](http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed)

#### Addison County River Watch Collaborative

River Health & Stewardship  
[acrpc.org](http://acrpc.org)

### FOREST

#### VT Forest Information & Technical Assistance

[fpr.vermont.gov/CountyForesters](http://fpr.vermont.gov/CountyForesters)

#### Current Use Program

Landowner Long-Term Management  
[vermontwoodlands.org/guide-to-current-use](http://vermontwoodlands.org/guide-to-current-use)

#### Invasive Species

Invasive Insects, Plants & Pathogens  
[vtinvasives.org](http://vtinvasives.org)

#### VT Family Forest

Forest Health & Fragmentation  
[familyforests.org](http://familyforests.org)

### WILDLIFE

#### Landowner Wildlife Habitat Management

[vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/landowner-resources](http://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/landowner-resources)

#### Forestry for Birds

Timber & Songbird Management  
[vt.audubon.org/conservation/foresters-birds](http://vt.audubon.org/conservation/foresters-birds)

#### Otter Creek Audubon Society

Bird Conservation  
[ottercreekaudubon.org](http://ottercreekaudubon.org)

#### Hunting & Fishing

Regulations, Safety Courses & Licenses  
[vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt](http://vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt)

#### Green Mountain Conservation Camp

Youth Wildlife Education & Outdoor Skills  
[vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/gmcc](http://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/gmcc)

#### Keeping Track

Wildlife Tracking & Conservation  
[keepingtrack.org](http://keepingtrack.org)