

MEMORANDUM

August 10, 2023

TO: CORD

FR: Stephen Walker, CLSP Director



RE: Land Conservation Endowment (LCE)

- On June 30, 2023, the first of three (3) MOAs that allow contributions to the LCE expired, that with NH Fish & Game. The other two, with DNCR and DOJ, will expire on June 30, 2024. The initial MOAs were each for a 10-year term. CORD is a signatory to each of these, so I am providing an update to you in anticipation of at least the NHF&G one being renewed. All three agencies have been notified of the expiration dates. NHF&G was provided a draft for a new MOA to review, found below.
- Three contributions to the LCE were made in FY23:
 - Hinman Pond 3 – \$15,000 / NHF&G
 - Multi-site – \$9,000 / DNCR
 - Maidstone Bends – \$20,000 / NHF&G
- It is expected that a contribution to the LCE for the Forest Legacy “Dundee” conservation easement, in the amount of \$45,000, will be added by DNCR to the LCE within the next few weeks. This will bring the ‘Book Balance’ value of all DNCR sub-accounts to just over \$350,000. The ‘Book Balance’ for the entire LCE, ending June 30, 2023, is \$4,514,647. See FY 23 summary account statement below.
- FY24 is the last year of our ‘Monitoring’ MOA with DNCR. They will be consolidating their conservation easement responsibilities and hiring their own Conservation Easement Forester, who will be responsible for all DNCR’s non-LCIP easement monitoring. A key driver of this change is due to the large acreages that DNCR already monitors in the North Country, combined with the ever-increasing large acre properties being added both up north and in what has been the CLSP area. As such, I have inquired with Treasury as to whether it makes sense for the DNCR sub-accounts within the LCE to be extracted. Continuing to have co-mingled accounts when there is no longer a CLSP-DNCR relationship will likely only cause confusion. Further, if either or both CORD and CLSP choose not to renew the MOA regarding the LCE, then DNCR would need to have another place for what will be additional project stewardship fund contributions that will come in.
- After the soft closing of each FY year a withdrawal is made from the LCE of the amount needed to balance that year’s CLSP budget. Correspondingly, DNCR makes a withdrawal as well for the proportionate amount from their sub-accounts. A major purpose of setting up separate sub-accounts was so they could be extracted in a circumstance such as this. Treasury is taking this into consideration. We will keep CORD updated. We welcome any input.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between the
COUNCIL ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT
and the
CONSERVATION LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
and the
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
for the
Monitoring of Conservation Easements under Endowment

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is entered into by the Council on Resources and Development (CORD), Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP), and New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG).

Whereas, NHFG is mandated by RSA 206:4-a to conserve, protect and manage fish, wildlife, and marine resources and to acquire, develop and manage lands and waters for recreational purposes; and

Whereas, NHFG acquires conservation easements in perpetuity to protect fish and wildlife habitat and to provide public access to said lands; and

Whereas, NHFG periodically receives gifts, donations and grants as endowment to ensure that stewardship monitoring and enforcement will occur in perpetuity on said lands; and

Whereas, CORD is authorized under RSA 162-C:8 to accept gifts, donations, and grants to the Land Conservation Endowment to be utilized for monitoring and enforcing land conservation interests that may be acquired by the state; and

Whereas, CORD, through the CLSP, has the technical expertise to efficiently carry out easement stewardship, monitoring, and enforcement activities and currently carries out these activities pursuant to RSA 162-C for conservation interests acquired through the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP);

Now Therefore, all parties agree as follows:

- 1) This Agreement applies to all gifts, donations and grants deposited into the Land Conservation Endowment by NHFG pursuant to RSA 162-C:8, and to stewardship of the associated non-LCIP conservation easements held by NHFG for which the funds were received.
- 2) This Agreement covers a ten (10) year time period commencing on the date of Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2033. It is the intention however of the parties to continue the long-term stewardship of conservation lands through timely renewal of this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended in writing if necessary, with the consent of all parties.
- 3) CORD, CLSP, and NHFG agree to cooperate as follows:

NHFG agrees to:

- 1) at NHFG's discretion, deposit funds into the Land Conservation Endowment in accordance with RSA 162-C:8 for the purpose of providing conservation easement stewardship support for the

specific easement lands for which the funds were received. The donated amount shall be agreed upon by NHFG and CLSP prior to deposit into the endowment and shall be deemed to be sufficient to generate interest in the long-term to support stewardship efforts for the easement land in perpetuity; and

2) provide technical and enforcement support to CLSP regarding the prevention or enforcement of violations or diminution of the terms of any conservation easement deed which is part of this Agreement. NHFG shall have final determination of the disposition or enforcement of the terms of any easement; and

3) review and approve/disapprove actions of the Grantor as required by any conservation easement deed which is part of this Agreement; and

4) assign responsible staff to serve as the contact person with CLSP regarding any provision of the Agreement.

CORD agrees to:

1) at CORD's discretion, in consultation with CLSP, accept endowment contributions from NHFG into the Land Conservation Endowment and allow expenditures from the endowment in accordance RSA 162-C:8 for the purpose of providing conservation easement stewardship support for each of the specific easement lands for which the funds were received; and

2) authorize CLSP to carry out stewardship support responsibilities as stated herein.

CLSP agrees to:

1) conduct easement monitoring on each of the easement lands associated with the endowment contribution which generally will include:

a. conducting easement monitoring to ensure that conditions of the conservation easement are being met annually (every 12 – 14 months) on each parcel. This shall include, when practical, a personal contact/visit with the landowner(s) or their representative(s) to discuss the easement and any proposed or undertaken activities related to it; and

b. maintaining electronic copies of correspondence, monitoring reports and information regarding changes of address, changes in land management that may affect wildlife habitat, other land management issues etc. for each parcel; and

c. maintaining a database to track parcels, landowners, status, etc. and

d. conducting remote sensing and photography as necessary or desirable to document the condition of the parcels; and

e. resolving, to the extent practicable, any conflicts which arise from the enforcement of the conditions of the easement subject to NHFG approval; and

2) provide NHFG with copies of all monitoring reports and correspondence for each parcel; and

3) meet with NHFG as necessary to resolve any problems which may arise; and

- 4) serve as the point of contact for requests by the Grantor of activities requiring prior Grantee approval and coordinate with NHFG as necessary to ensure that review and approval/disapproval is conducted as required by any conservation easement deed that is part of this Agreement; and
- 5) coordinate with NHFG and State Treasury for the deposit of funds into the Land Conservation Endowment according to agreed upon policies and procedures; and
- 5) report annually to CORD on stewardship responsibilities under agreement.

In witness whereof, the respective parties hereunto set their hands on the dates indicated.

Approved By:

 Scott Mason
 Executive Director
 NH Fish and Game Department

 Date

 Stephen G. Walker, Director
 Conservation Land Stewardship Program

 Date

 Taylor Caswell, Chair
 Council on Resources and Development

 Date

Approved by the ATTORNEY GENERAL this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Assistant Attorney General _____

Approved by GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL

Deputy Secretary of State _____

Land Conservation Endowment Fund

Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 2023

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	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	SUMMARY
Beginning Book Value	4,377,456.54	4,432,575.02	4,436,601.25	4,436,602.56	4,438,352.97	4,419,270.43	4,483,958.55	4,482,716.46	4,477,071.07	4,492,159.87	4,489,490.42	4,485,310.53	4,377,456.54
Dividends and Interest	12,541.46	4,817.45	9,197.36	5,230.24	5,261.18	46,905.51	5,498.31	5,428.73	6,088.80	6,578.48	6,183.45	6,398.99	120,129.96
Additions to Fund						15,000.00			9,000.00				44,000.00
Realized Gains on Investments	57,759.80	2,783.76	1,735.11	216.03		7,580.62		438.43		2,666.44	2,198.54	2,938.38	78,317.11
Total Receipts	70,301.26	7,601.21	10,932.47	5,446.27	5,261.18	69,486.13	5,498.31	5,867.16	15,088.80	9,244.92	8,381.99	29,337.37	242,447.07
Payments to DNCR	(5,083.00)												(5,083.00)
Payments to Land Conservation													0.00
Investment Management Fees			(5,054.30)		(5,055.51)			(4,894.78)			(5,004.18)		(20,008.77)
Realized Losses on Investments	(10,099.78)	(3,574.98)	(5,876.86)	(3,695.86)	(19,288.21)	(4,798.01)	(6,740.40)	(6,617.77)		(11,914.37)	(7,557.70)		(80,163.94)
Total Disbursements	(15,182.78)	(3,574.98)	(10,931.16)	(3,695.86)	(24,343.72)	(4,798.01)	(6,740.40)	(11,512.55)	0.00	(11,914.37)	(12,561.88)	0.00	(105,255.71)
Net Change in Book value	55,118.48	4,026.23	1.31	1,750.41	(19,082.54)	64,688.12	(1,242.09)	(5,645.39)	15,088.80	(2,669.45)	(4,179.89)	29,337.37	
Ending Book Value	4,432,575.02	4,436,601.25	4,436,602.56	4,438,352.97	4,419,270.43	4,483,958.55	4,482,716.46	4,477,071.07	4,492,159.87	4,489,490.42	4,485,310.53	4,514,647.90	4,514,647.90
Beginning Market Value	4,407,475.62	4,639,999.73	4,482,532.50	4,149,672.35	4,290,161.12	4,546,864.48	4,424,519.53	4,682,787.07	4,556,564.90	4,665,540.84	4,711,406.69	4,668,426.54	
Net Change in Market Value	232,524.11	(157,467.23)	(332,860.15)	140,488.77	256,703.36	(122,344.95)	258,267.54	(126,222.17)	108,975.94	45,865.85	(42,980.15)	179,509.77	440,460.69
** Ending Market Value	4,639,999.73	4,482,532.50	4,149,672.35	4,290,161.12	4,546,864.48	4,424,519.53	4,682,787.07	4,556,564.90	4,665,540.84	4,711,406.69	4,668,426.54	4,847,936.31	4,847,936.31
Total Net Income	60,201.48	4,026.23	1.31	1,750.41	(19,082.54)	49,688.12	(1,242.09)	(5,645.39)	6,088.80	(2,669.45)	(4,179.89)	9,337.37	98,274.36
FIS Account (Money Market)	\$1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.59	3.10	3.11	3.12	4.31	4.33	4.35	7.12	
Fidelity PAS Account	4,639,998.15	4,482,530.92	4,149,670.77	4,290,159.54	4,546,862.89	4,424,516.43	4,682,783.96	4,556,561.78	4,665,536.53	4,711,402.36	4,668,422.19	4,847,929.19	
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FY 2023 Land Conservation
 June 30, 2023
 Income FY 2023

			0.00		9,337.37		
Principal	ACCOUNT NAME	Book BALANCE June 1, 2023	Add: Deposits	Less: Disbursements	Basis for Interest & Gains/Losses Allocation	Int, Fees & Gains/Losses Allocated	Book BALANCE June 30, 2023
2,000,910.00	LCIP 1993 Original LCIP	3,626,127.79		\$0.00	3,626,127.79	\$7,515.24	\$3,633,643.03
558.51	LCIP 2020 Mascoma Headwaters Management	7,257.60		\$0.00	7,257.60	\$15.04	\$7,272.64
5,000.00	DAMF 2005 Brooks	8,769.67		\$0.00	8,769.67	\$18.18	\$8,787.84
30,000.00	DOJ 2013 Torromeo	41,885.90		\$0.00	41,885.90	\$86.81	\$41,972.71
17,500.00	F&G 2007 White Farm - CT River - (4)	30,693.84		\$0.00	30,693.84	\$63.61	\$30,757.46
20,900.00	F&G 2008 Salmon Falls	21,775.37		\$0.00	21,775.37	\$45.13	\$21,820.50
12,500.00	F&G 2009 Philbrook Farm	36,605.38		\$0.00	36,605.38	\$75.87	\$36,681.24
12,500.00	F&G 2009 Croffie Farm	21,775.36		\$0.00	21,775.36	\$45.13	\$21,820.49
10,000.00	F&G 2009 Zito	17,348.05		\$0.00	17,348.05	\$35.95	\$17,384.01
10,000.00	F&G 2010 NHMS - Bumfagon	17,420.31		\$0.00	17,420.31	\$36.10	\$17,456.41
20,000.00	F&G 2010 Ashuelot Headwaters (2)	33,851.08		\$0.00	33,851.08	\$70.16	\$33,921.24
12,500.00	F&G 2011 Siemon	19,060.02		\$0.00	19,060.02	\$39.50	\$19,099.52
12,000.00	F&G 2011 Black Mtn	18,668.28		\$0.00	18,668.28	\$38.69	\$18,706.97
10,000.00	F&G 2011 Bear Paw - Duris	15,855.02		\$0.00	15,855.02	\$32.86	\$15,887.88
10,000.00	F&G 2012 Low Plains (3)	15,013.95		\$0.00	15,013.95	\$31.12	\$15,045.07
10,000.00	F&G 2012 Brett	14,999.20		\$0.00	14,999.20	\$31.09	\$15,030.29
15,000.00	F&G 2013 Bear Paw - Hinman Pond 1	21,285.75		\$0.00	21,285.75	\$44.12	\$21,329.86
15,000.00	F&G 2015 Carter	20,074.50		\$0.00	20,074.50	\$41.60	\$20,116.10
20,000.00	F&G 2015 Bear Paw - Hinman Pond 2	26,428.17		\$0.00	26,428.17	\$54.77	\$26,482.95
15,000.00	F&G 2015 Abjeh	20,321.01		\$0.00	20,321.01	\$42.12	\$20,363.12
22,000.00	F&G 2015 Green Hills (2)	29,442.60		\$0.00	29,442.60	\$61.02	\$29,503.62
35,000.00	F&G 2018 Stonehouse Forest	43,829.04		\$0.00	43,829.04	\$90.84	\$43,919.88
20,000.00	F&G 2020 Ammonoosuc River Forest	22,456.46		\$0.00	22,456.46	\$46.54	\$22,503.00
10,000.00	F&G 2020 Lamprey River - Walker	11,212.13		\$0.00	11,212.13	\$23.24	\$11,235.37
20,000.00	F&G 2020 Surry Mountain	22,424.27		\$0.00	22,424.27	\$46.47	\$22,470.74
✓ 15,000.00	F&G 2022 Bear Paw - Hinman Pond 3	15,142.22		\$0.00	15,142.22	\$31.38	\$15,173.60
✓ 20,000.00	F&G 2023 Maidstone Bends	20,000.00		\$0.00	20,000.00	\$41.45	\$20,041.45
12,000.00	DNCR 2012 Olson	17,605.00		\$0.00	17,605.00	\$36.49	\$17,641.49
62,000.00	DNCR 2018 Mahoosuc-Success Pond	77,678.40		\$0.00	77,678.40	\$160.99	\$77,839.39
95,000.00	DNCR 2018 Mahoosuc - Success Dillon	115,718.61		\$0.00	115,718.61	\$239.83	\$115,958.44
42,500.00	DNCR 2021 Beebe River - Beebe River Tract	43,381.69		\$0.00	43,381.69	\$89.91	\$43,471.60
32,500.00	DNCR 2022 Beebe River - Spencer Tract	34,549.80		\$0.00	34,549.80	\$71.61	\$34,621.40
7,500.00	DNCR 2022 Multi Site	16,654.07		\$0.00	16,654.07	\$34.52	\$16,688.58
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<u>2,652,868.51</u>		<u>4,505,310.53</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>4,505,310.53</u>	<u>\$9,337.37</u>	<u>\$4,514,647.90</u>

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From: Sales, Tracie
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 2:35 PM
To: Verdile, Stephanie
Cc: Marks, Nisa M; Michele Tremblay; Tom Quarles; Scott, Robert
Subject: RE: CORD SLR Application 2024-001
Attachments: RMAC Ltr to CORD SLR24-001 20240110.pdf

Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of the RMAC, thank you for the opportunity to comment on CORD SLR 24-001 regarding the Westboro Yard railroad property in Lebanon. The RMAC's response is attached.

Please note that I also reached out to the Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, the group responsible for the local perspective along the Connecticut River in Lebanon as part of the Rivers Management and protection program. Unfortunately, they were not able to schedule a meeting before the CORD deadline so were unable to provide a comment.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Tracie

Tracie Sales
Rivers & Lakes Programs Administrator
NH Department of Environmental Services
(603) 271-2959

From: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 1:45 PM
To: manager@sullivancountynh.gov; shaun.mulholland@lebanonnh.gov; Meghan Butts <mbutts@uvlsrpc.org>
Cc: Marks, Nisa M <nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>; Sales, Tracie <tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov>; Michele Tremblay <mlt@naturesource.net>; Tom Quarles <tquarles@devinemillimet.com>; Graaskamp, Garret <Garret.W.Graaskamp@wildlife.nh.gov>
Subject: CORD SLR Application 2024-001

Good afternoon,

The attached proposal will be on the agenda for the January 11, 2024, CORD meeting.

The meeting will be held from 3:00-4:00 PM located at 100 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301.

If you have specific questions about the application, please reach out to the Agency Contact person:

Louis A Barker, Railroad Planner
603-271-2425
Louis.a.barker@dot.nh.gov

If you have questions about the meeting, please feel free to reach out to me.

From: [Meghan Butts](#)
To: [Verdile, Stephanie](#)
Subject: RE: CORD SLR Application 2024-001
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[UVLSRPCcomments_CORD_LebanonNHDOTsale.pdf](#)

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Good Morning Stephanie,

Please find attached UVLSRPC's comments on the CORD SLR Application 2024-001.

Take Care,

Meghan

Meghan Butts
Executive Director
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Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission

Stephanie N. Verdile
Principal Planner
NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs
Office of Planning and Development

January 3, 2024

Re: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Lebanon, NH: 2024 SLR 001

Dear Stephanie N. Verdile,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on *2024 SLR 001* in relation to a land sale in the City of Lebanon. After reviewing the materials regarding this proposed transaction between NH Department of Transportation and the City of Lebanon, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) would like to submit the following comments in support of the transaction for consideration by the NH Council on Resources and Development:

- The City of Lebanon has a vast history of successful reuse and steward of publicly owned lands. The Commission believes the City will continue to provide great stewardship and responsibility of public lands in regard to the land purchase in question
- This proposed sale and future use of the land is a long-time desire of the City with significant public support and is supported by the West Lebanon revitalization efforts.
- This land sale supports strategies and implementation efforts to revitalize the Westboro Railyard that is referenced in the UVLSRPC Regional Corridor Transportation Plan (2019) and the UVLSRPC Regional Plan (2015).
- Public access to the Connecticut River for recreation and tourism has long been a topic of conversation and a challenge to the region's communities. The location of the land is within walking distance of a number of businesses, residences, and transit stops. This land purchase could allow for safe, accessible, and public access to the river.
- This land purchase is a significant link that will support the City's and Region's efforts to increase walkability, equity, recreation, and economic development by connecting Lebanon to West Lebanon and beyond through an extension on the Mascoma River Greenway and the Northern Rail Trail as supported by many plans including Lebanon's Multimodal: Walk, Bike, Ride Leb Plan and the UVLSRPC plans previously mentioned.

UVLSRPC supports this land sale and believe that the City will provide trusted stewardship of the land while also improving and implementing the projects mentioned in the proposal and above to increase connectivity and public access to the many transportation, historic, cultural, economic, and natural assets of the land.

Sincerely,



Meghan Butts, Executive Director

VOTING MEMBERS

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Public Water Suppliers

Vacant
Agricultural Community

Vacant
Recreational Interests

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NH Dept. of Natural and
Cultural Resources

Austin Brown
NH Department of
Safety (*Interim*)

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NH Department of
Transportation

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Department

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NH Rivers Management Advisory Committee

NH Rivers Management and Protection Program



January 10, 2024

Ms. Stephanie N. Verdile
Department of Business and Economic Affairs
Office of Planning and Development
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, NH 03301

RE: CORD SLR Application 2024-001 Lebanon

Dear Ms. Verdile,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on CORD SLR Application 2024-001, a proposed sale of 8.45 acres of former Westboro Yard railroad land in Lebanon to the City of Lebanon to build a park for river buffer and recreational purposes.

On January 5, 2024, the RMAC determined in a unanimous vote that the committee had no objection to the sale of the land on the condition that the city follow Natural Resources Conservation Service best management practices to minimize runoff and maintain a riparian buffer along the Connecticut River. The committee noted that development of the riverside park supports the RMAC's goal of providing public access to rivers.

Pursuant to RSA 483:14 I, "No state-owned property adjacent to or providing access to a river shall be disposed of by the state except upon the review and recommendation of the advisory committee."

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with NHDES to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele L. Tremblay".

Michele L. Tremblay
Chair

cc: RMAC Representatives
Thomas Quarles, Public Waters Access Advisory Board
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES
Tracie Sales, Rivers and Lakes Programs Administrator, NHDES

From: [Thomas Quarles](#)
To: [Sales, Tracie](#); [Verdile, Stephanie](#)
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Thank you all for the supportive comments here. I read the entire packet and it doesn't talk in any detail about actual development plans for the riverside park that will be built after this property transfer. Do any of you know of any planning process that has begun ? I was thinking of inviting the City Manager and anyone he designates to a PWAAB meeting to talk about all this. Do you think that is a good idea ? Do any of you have more details on this ? Thanks.

Thomas Quarles, Jr. Esq.

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Subject: RE: CORD SLR Application 2024-001

Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of the RMAC, thank you for the opportunity to comment on CORD SLR 24-001 regarding the Westboro Yard railroad property in Lebanon. The RMAC's response is attached.

Please note that I also reached out to the Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, the group responsible for the local perspective along the Connecticut River in Lebanon as part of the Rivers Management and protection program. Unfortunately, they were not able to schedule a meeting before the CORD deadline so were unable to provide a comment.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Tracie

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Subject: CORD SLR Application 2024-001

Good afternoon,

The attached proposal will be on the agenda for the January 11, 2024, CORD meeting.

The meeting will be held from 3:00-4:00 PM located at 100 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301.

If you have specific questions about the application, please reach out to the Agency
Contact person:

Louis A Barker, Railroad Planner
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If you have questions about the meeting, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you-

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Subject: RE: CORD SLR Application 2024-002

Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of the Rivers Management and Protection Program, thank you for the opportunity to comment on CORD SLR 2024-002 in Bennington, a proposed easement to the towns of Antrim and Bennington across a rail trail for water supply access.

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) was notified of this surplus land disposal at their meeting on January 5, 2024. However, the location of the proposed easement is more than 250 feet from the Contoocook River and does not provide access to the river, so disposal lies outside of the RMAC's area of interest.

The Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC) was notified of this proposed disposal on December 13, 2023 as the property lies within the corridor of the state designated Contoocook River. CNBRLAC discussed this disposal at their meeting on December 18, 2023 and responded that the committee had no concerns and voted to support the proposal as is.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about this response.

Sincerely,
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If you have questions about the meeting, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you-

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