



**VERMONT DEPARTMENT
OF
FISH & WILDLIFE**

**SUMMARY OF 2005
PUBLIC ACCESS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

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House Fish, Wildlife and Water Resource Committee

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REPORT

The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains over 180 developed access areas. These sites provide public access to waters in Vermont for shore fishing and launching of water craft. Thirteen of the F & W access areas are equipped with universal shore fishing platforms that provide access for anglers with disabilities and anglers of all ages. One more fishing platform was constructed this summer at Kent Pond in Killington. The Department has also assisted in the construction of three other sites.

The development and maintenance costs for access areas range from several hundred to several hundred thousand dollars. Projects of considerable size are formally advertised for bid. Projects of lesser size, involving minor maintenance, are completed by equipment rental through various local contractors. Eleven Community Restitution Crews provided by the Vermont Department of Corrections complete access area routine maintenance. In remote locations, where the number or concentration of access areas is not cost effective to have a Community Restitution Crew, local contractors are hired.

Popular access areas are provided with portalets and waste management contractors provide bids for areas they are interested in servicing. The contractors are responsible for providing and maintaining portalets for sites they are awarded. During the winter months, only access areas providing ice fishing opportunities retain a portalet. Vermont has many secluded access areas. Portalets at these areas are often vandalized. As a result, the majority of the portalets have been secured to concrete pads and protected with large boulders. Access areas where vandalism continues to be a problem and facilities are necessary are equipped with manufactured steel portalets. Five steel portalets, each costing over \$1,000 have been constructed and installed. The approximate cost to maintain a portalet is \$20 per week.

The department continues to take part in joint venture projects with municipalities that allow for access areas to be constructed or upgraded. The newest access that was constructed during the summer of 2005 is at Chipman's Point in Orwell. Fish and Wildlife purchased land from the adjacent marina and constructed a parking area. An agreement was signed with the Town of Orwell to construct a reinforced concrete boat ramp on land they own. The public benefits from these projects because towns receive improved launching and fishing facilities and in most cases the department does not increase their annual maintenance cost. We are presently considering two additional access projects in Newport and South Hero.

As in previous years, the adopt-a-dock program continues. Unfortunately not all the groups have continued with the installation and maintenance of docks that has resulted in increased maintenance cost to the department. Two new docks are proposed at Lake St. Catherine and Benson Landing. The annual cost to maintain these docks at access areas statewide typically runs between \$ 12,000 and \$ 15,000 annually.

In 2005, the Department added a page on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Web Site that includes information on Vermont Public Access Areas. Users may now search and gain information about access areas including location, parking, ramp type, as well as the fish species one might expect to encounter in the water body where the access is located. Further improvements to this web page are forthcoming as public interest about Fishing and Boating Access Areas appears to be on the increase.

The department is looking forward to 2006 and the completion of more non-motorized access improvement projects made possible by House Bill H.832. The department continues to work with municipalities, river commissions, and interested groups to add to the list of present and potential sites.

Any questions or concerns regarding the access maintenance and construction program should be directed to:

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MINOR PROJECT SUMMARY

Project	Town	Work	Cost
Allen Point	South Hero	Clearing hazard trees, brushing, signs	\$ 1,522
Ansel Pond	Bethel	Grading	\$ 151
Babbie (Missisiquoi R.)	Swanton	Gravel and grading	\$ 292
Beaver Pond	Killington	Gravel and grading	\$ 441
Amherst Lake	Plymouth	Gravel and grading	\$ 429
Benson Landing	Benson	Ramp repairs	\$ 75
Big Salem	Derby	Gravel and grading	\$ 470
Bristol Pond	Bristol	Gravel and grading, dock repairs, brushing	\$ 665
Brownington Pond	Brownington	Gravel and grading, barrier stones, erosion repairs	\$ 1,414
Buck Lake G.M.C.C.	Woodbury	New Parking area, grading , ditching	\$ 1,083
CCC Pond	Sharon	Grading , ditching	\$ 244
Center Pond	Newark	Grading	\$ 50
Charcoal Creek	Swanton	Gravel and grading	\$ 197
Chipman's Point	Orwell	New Dock	\$ 1,894
Chimney Point	Panton	Gravel and grading, repairs	\$ 1,205
Chittenden Reservoir	Chittenden	Grading	\$ 283
Colby Pond	Plymouth	Gravel and grading	\$ 1,388
Colchester Point (Windermere Way)	Colchester	Gravel and grading, dock repairs, erosion repairs	\$ 3,304

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Project	Town	Work	Cost
Colton Pond	Killington	Gravel and grading	\$ 356
Coventry Station	Coventry	Grading	\$ 178
Converse Bay	Charlotte	Grading, new sign	\$ 460
Derby Pond	Derby	Gravel and grading, erosion repairs	\$ 364
Dillenbeck Bay	Alburg	Gravel and grading	\$ 397
Echo Lake	Plymouth	Gravel and grading	\$ 645
Echo Lake	Charleston	Gravel and grading	\$ 329
Fort Cassin	Ferrisburg	Replace burned portalet	\$ 720
Foxstand	Bethel	Grading, step repairs, removal of dead trees	\$ 746
Gale Meadows	Windhall	Gravel and grading, guard rail repairs	\$ 2,582
Greenwood Lake	Woodbury	Tree removal, remove old guard rail	\$ 391
Holcomb Bay	Isle Lamotte	Gravel and grading	\$ 527
Holland Pond	Holland	Gravel and grading	\$ 818
Horican's Point	Alburg	Grading	\$ 150
Hoyt's Landing	Springfield	Grading and guard rail repairs	\$ 465
Indian Point	Orleans	Gravel and grading	\$ 388
Island Pond	Island Pond	Gravel and grading	\$ 265
Job's Pond	Westmore	Gravel and grading	\$ 240

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Project	Town	Work	Cost
Johns River	Newport	Gravel and grading	\$ 250
Joe's Pond	Danville	Grading	\$ 195
Keeler Bay	South Hero	Gravel, grading and dock	\$ 4,057
Kehoe Access	Castleton	Grading	\$ 250
Kelly Bay	Alburg	Gravel and grading	\$ 981
Kings Bay	North Hero	Gravel and grading, stone, repairs	\$ 292
Knapp Pond #1	Reading	Gravel and grading, erosion repairs	\$ 2,981
Korean Veterans Access	Alburg	Grading, erosion repairs, bituminous pavement	\$ 778
Knapp Pond #2	Cavendish	Gravel and grading, bank stabilization, repairs	\$ 2,443
Lake Dunmore	Sailsbury	Port a let damage	\$ 720
Lake Eden	Eden	Gravel and grading, repairs	\$ 1,055
Lake Elmore	Elmore	Erosion repairs, grading	\$ 355
Lake Hortonia West (Dam)	Sudbury	Gravel and grading	\$ 314
Lake Parker	Glover	Gravel and grading	\$ 866
Lake Ninevah	Mount Holly	Gravel and grading	\$ 1,005
Lake Seymour	Morgan	Gravel and grading, repairs, dock	\$ 1,716
Lamoille River	Milton	Gravel and grading	\$ 1,072
Larrabee's Point	Shoreham	Gravel and grading, drainage repairs	\$ 2,171

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Project	Town	Work	Cost
Lamoille River (Sears)	Milton	Grading	\$ 197
Marshfield Dam	Cabot	Grading	\$ 260
Monkton Pond	Monkton	Gravel and grading, brush removal, clearing	\$ 1,297
Old Ferry Road	Brattleboro	Gravel and grading, repairs	\$ 438
Norton Pond	Norton	Grading	\$ 190
Pensioner Pond	Charleston	Grading	\$ 160
Peacham Pond	Peacham	New sign	\$ 150
Rescue Lake	Ludlow	Gravel and grading	\$ 923
Rock River	Highgate	Grading	\$ 161
Rotary Access	Morristown	Grading, stone barriers	\$ 519
Rt 127 Access (Hienenberg Bridge)	Clochester	Grading, repairs	\$ 195
Shadow Lake	Glover	Gravel and grading, repairs	\$ 1,203
Sandbar	Milton	Gravel and grading	\$ 867
South Bay / Lake Memphremagog	Newport	Grading	\$ 281
Spectacle Pond	Brighton	Gravel and grading	\$ 400
St. Albans Bay	St. Albans	Dock repairs	\$ 150
Stoney Point	Isle Lamotte	Gravel and grading	\$ 302
Stoney Point (Stephenson Point)	North Hero	Gravel and grading	\$ 315

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Project	Town	Work	Cost
Tabor Point	Swanton	Grading	\$ 267
Van Everest	Milton	Gravel and grading, portalet repairs	\$ 937
Vantines	Grand Isle	Grading	\$ 150
Vernon Hatchery Pond	Vernon	Gravel and grading	\$ 360
Weatherhead Hollow Pond	Guilford	Gravel and grading	\$ 655
West Swanton	West Swanton	Gravel and grading, dock	\$ 1,220
Whipple Point / Lake Memphremagog	Newport	Gravel and grading, dock repair	\$ 647
Willoughby River	Orleans	Grading	\$ 178
Woodard Reservoir	Plymouth	Grading	\$ 159

Minor Project Total: \$ 59,210

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MAJOR PROJECT SUMMARY

Shelburne Bay	Shelburne	Docks, Landscaping, Walkways and Repairs	\$ 5,999
Chipman's Point	Orwell	Joint venture with the Town of Orwell. Construction of a new reinforced concrete ramp, dock and parking area.	\$ 85,988
Kent Pond	Killington	Construct of a Universal Shore Fishing Platform, parking area and accessible walkway.	\$ 24,091
Malletts Bay	Colchester	Dock installations w/ major repairs, erosion repairs, grading and signs.	\$ 7,497
Wallace Pond	Canaan	Excavation of Lake outlet to remove sandbar	\$ 33,979

Total Major Projects

\$157,554

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JANUARY 1, 2005 - DECEMBER 31, 2005

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Category	Total Cost
Major Projects	\$ 157,554
Minor Projects	\$ 59,210
Building materials, rentals, roadway supplies, rubbish removal, signage, docking facilities, equipment rentals, miscellaneous maintenance, personal service contracts, and other purchased services.	\$ 151,218
Portalet Rental (estimated)	\$ 36,734
Snow Removal	\$ 29,033
Department of Corrections Community Restitution Crews	\$ 97,125
Engineering - Design / Construction - Estimated	\$ 82,000
Property Tax	\$ 107,052
Contracted Services	\$ 31,055
Other Property Management Services	\$ 21,303
Leased Lands	\$ 10,749
Utilities	\$ 5,568
Town of Colchester - Harbor Master	\$ 2,500
Rubbish Removal	\$ 9,229
Misc, Lawn mowing and Maintenance, rentals	\$ 8,241
States Organization for Boating Access, ARCO	\$ 1,050
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 809,621