WHEREAS, the University of Vermont recognizes the growing concern throughout the University community, the State, and Nation over the degradation of the natural environment and the rapid disappearance of natural areas, and

WHEREAS, the University has the responsibility of leadership in the identification and preservation of the important natural areas on University-owned lands, and

WHEREAS, the University-owned natural areas are important and unique educational and scientific resources to the University and the Vermont community, and have been used for many years as outdoor laboratories for classes in botany, zoology, geology, plant and soil sciences, forestry, wildlife management, environmental studies and related disciplines, and

WHEREAS, these areas contain unique biological communities and physical environments vital to scientific research, and

WHEREAS, these natural areas will increase in importance as the University of Vermont and other educational institutions in the State of Vermont develop environmental education and research programs, and

WHEREAS, these areas constitute a significant scenic and aesthetic heritage of the people of Vermont:
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont designate the following University-owned lands as NATURAL AREAS to be preserved to the greatest extent possible in their natural state, and for educational and scientific purposes insofar as such uses are compatible with the preservation of their natural character:

- East Woods
- Centennial Woods
- Pease Mountain
- Colchester Bog
- H. Laurence Achilles (Shelburne Pond)
- Carse Land
- Molly Bog
- Concord Woods
- Red Stone Quarry
- Mt. Mansfield

and other areas as designated in the future by resolution of the University of Vermont Board of Trustees.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees: April 20, 1974.