



# Vermont Land Trust Conservation Survey

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## **Methodology:**

### **Sample Selection:**

The sample for the poll was drawn through random digit dialing and used all of the telephone exchanges in the state of Vermont as the sampling frame. Only registered voters from VT or elsewhere were interviewed

### **Survey methodology:**

Telephone surveying began on Monday, March 6, 2006. Calling hours for the survey took place between the hours of 10am and 9pm and continued until just over 400 surveys were completed on March 17th. Specially trained UVM affiliates utilized Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) software to conduct interviews with randomly selected participants in the confidential survey.

### **Analysis:**

Data analysis utilized a statistical software program known as SPSS. Question types ranged from Likert-scale type questions to open-ended questions. Univariate frequency tables were constructed for each of the questions. In addition, various univariate comparison tables have been included where applicable. Bivariate, or cross tabulation tables were utilized where possible in order to analyze responses according to VLT regions. Open-ended questions were categorized and responses were collapsed where possible.

### **Confidence:**

The US Census' Vermont household population for 2000 is 240,634. Given this number and a total of 441 completed household surveys we can make the following assertions about this data set's representation of VT's entire household population. This data set has a 95% confidence level with a +/- 5 confidence interval. This means that for any answer we are 95% certain to be within a +/- 5 margin of error of the entire VT population's answer.

## Univariate Data Tables

On a scale of 0-10 where 0 means "not at all important", and 10 means "extremely important".

<b>How important is: Affordable Housing to your community?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	5	1.1
1	4	.9
2	3	.7
3	11	2.5
4	9	2.1
5	38	8.7
6	19	4.3
7	50	11.4
8	66	15.0
9	43	9.8
Extremely Important	185	42.1
Don't Know	6	1.4
Total	439	100.0
Mean = 8.08		

<b>How important is: Public Education to your community?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	0	.0
1	3	.7
2	5	1.1
3	3	.7
4	3	.7
5	14	3.2
6	8	1.8
7	24	5.4
8	81	18.4
9	55	12.5
Extremely Important	241	54.6
Don't Know	4	.9
Total	441	100.0
Mean = 8.86		

<b>How important is: A Town Forest to your community?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	8	1.8
1	4	.9
2	12	2.7
3	16	3.7
4	11	2.5
5	67	15.3
6	34	7.8
7	47	10.7
8	86	19.6
9	38	8.7
Extremely Important	95	21.7
Don't Know	20	4.6
Total	438	100.0
Mean = 7.10		

<b>How important is: Land Conservation to your community?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	2	.5
1	0	.0
2	1	.2
3	3	.7
4	12	2.7
5	40	9.1
6	23	5.2
7	48	10.9
8	115	26.1
9	50	11.4
Extremely Important	138	31.4
Don't Know	8	1.8
Total	440	100.0
Mean = 8.06		

<b>How important is: Affordable Healthcare to your community?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	2	.5
1	4	.9
2	5	1.1
3	5	1.1
4	2	.5
5	16	3.6
6	7	1.6
7	33	7.5
8	72	16.4
9	40	9.1
Extremely Important	247	56.3
Don't Know	6	1.4
Total	439	100.0
Mean = 8.77		

<b>How important are: Public Recreation Areas to your community?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	3	.7
1	3	.7
2	6	1.4
3	9	2.0
4	11	2.5
5	54	12.2
6	28	6.3
7	68	15.4
8	114	25.9
9	41	9.3
Extremely Important	101	22.9
Don't Know	3	.7
Total	441	100.0
Mean = 7.51		

<b>Comparison of means for factors important to your community</b>	
	Mean
Public Education	8.86
Affordable Healthcare	8.77
Affordable Housing	8.08
Land Conservation	8.06
Public Recreation Areas	7.51
A Town Forest	7.10

<b>If land conservation in Vermont were to stop today what kind of impact do you think this would have on <i>Vermont's working farms</i>?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Very Positive	16	3.6
Somewhat Positive	21	4.8
None	31	7.1
Somewhat Negative	110	25.1
Very Negative	232	52.8
Don't Know	29	6.6
Total	439	100.0

77.9% of Vermonters polled feel that if land conservation were to stop today it would have a negative impact on Vermont's working farms.

<b>If land conservation in Vermont were to stop today what kind of impact do you think this would have on <i>Vermont's working forests</i>?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Very Positive	15	3.4
Somewhat Positive	19	4.3
None	29	6.6
Somewhat Negative	134	30.5
Very Negative	207	47.2
Don't Know	35	8.0
Total	439	100.0



**If land conservation in Vermont were to stop today what kind of impact do you think this would have on *Vermont's tourism*?**

	Frequency	Percent
Very Positive	14	3.2
Somewhat Positive	17	3.9
None	45	10.2
Somewhat Negative	144	32.7
Very Negative	209	47.4
Don't Know	12	2.7
Total	441	100.0

**If land conservation in Vermont were to stop today what kind of impact do you think this would have on *Vermont's local communities*?**

	Frequency	Percent
Very Positive	12	2.7
Somewhat Positive	25	5.7
None	43	9.8
Somewhat Negative	169	38.3
Very Negative	176	39.9
Don't Know	16	3.6
Total	441	100.0

**If land conservation in Vermont were to stop today what kind of impact do you think this would have on *Vermont's nature/wildlife areas*?**

	Frequency	Percent
Very Positive	16	3.6
Somewhat Positive	12	2.7
None	16	3.6
Somewhat Negative	96	21.8
Very Negative	285	64.8
Don't Know	15	3.4
Total	440	100.0

<b>If land conservation in Vermont were to stop today what kind of impact do you think this would have on <i>Vermont's recreational areas</i>?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Very Positive	10	2.3
Somewhat Positive	19	4.3
None	43	9.8
Somewhat Negative	161	36.6
Very Negative	190	43.2
Don't Know	17	3.9
Total	440	100.0

<b>If land conservation in Vermont were to stop today: Somewhat and Very negative impact combined comparison</b>	
	Percent
Vermont's nature/wildlife areas	86.6
Vermont's tourism	80.1
Vermont's recreational areas	79.8
Vermont's local communities	78.2
Vermont's working farms	77.9
Vermont's working forests	77.7

If land conservation in Vermont were to stop today 86.6% of respondents' felt this would have a somewhat or very negative impact on Vermont's nature/wildlife areas.

<b>Of the following options, which is your <i>first</i> choice for funding land conservation in VT?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Privately thru donations by individuals or foundations	122	31.1
Publicly thru property transfer taxes on all home purchases	82	20.9
Publicly thru a special property tax on "luxury homes"	181	46.2
No funding source at all	7	1.8
Total	392	100.0

<b>Of the following options, which is your <i>second</i> choice for funding land conservation in VT?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Privately thru donations by individuals or foundations	108	32.5
Publicly thru property transfer taxes on all home purchases	101	30.4
Publicly thru a special property tax on "luxury homes"	104	31.3
No funding source at all	19	5.7
Total	332	100.0

<b>Of the following options, which is your <i>third</i> choice for funding land conservation in VT?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Privately thru donations by individuals or foundations	112	41.2
Publicly thru property transfer taxes on all home purchases	84	30.9
Publicly thru a special property tax on "luxury homes"	38	14.0
No funding source at all	38	14.0
Total	272	100.0

<b>From the following list, what organizations are you a member of?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent of all Respondents*
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	48	10.9
VT Land Trust (VLT)	34	7.7
VT Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG)	33	7.5
A local land trust	32	7.3
A local Fish and Game Club	31	7.0
Audubon Society	28	6.3
Green Mountain Club (GMC)	26	5.9
Vermont Association of Land Travelers (VAST)	18	4.1
VT Farm Bureau	15	3.4
VT Natural Resources Council (VNRC)	11	2.5
Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA)	10	2.3
Preservation Trust of VT	8	1.8
VT Foresters Organization	5	1.1
*N = 441		

<b>What kind of services or benefits do you expect from the organization or organizations that you are a member of?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent of all Respondents*
Good feelings from supporting something you care about	50	11.3
Newsletters	49	11.1
Activity/progress updates	47	10.7
Updated legislative information	44	10.0
Access to land for recreation	36	8.2
Volunteer opportunities	13	2.9
Social gatherings such as parties, speakers and meetings	13	2.9
Tax benefits	7	1.6
Discounts on community or statewide events	5	1.1
Goods such as t-shirts, mugs, bumper stickers	4	.9
Deals on services such as local store discounts	4	.9
*N = 441		

**On a scale of 0-10 where 0 is not at all important and 10 is extremely important:**

<b>How important to you is: Having working farms in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	1	.2
5	10	2.3
6	11	2.5
7	22	5.0
8	60	13.7
9	51	11.7
Extremely Important	279	63.8
Don't Know	3	.7
Total	437	100.0
Mean = 9.21		

<b>How important to you is: Having locally produced wood products in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	1	.2
1	0	.0
2	6	1.4
3	10	2.3
4	9	2.1
5	59	13.5
6	38	8.7
7	58	13.3
8	91	20.8
9	47	10.8
Extremely Important	111	25.4
Don't Know	7	1.6
Total	437	100.0
Mean = 7.60		

<b>How important to you is: Having farmer's markets in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	1	.2
1	2	.5
2	2	.5
3	4	.9
4	5	1.1
5	18	4.1
6	19	4.3
7	43	9.8
8	69	15.8
9	67	15.3
Extremely Important	205	46.9
Don't Know	2	.5
Total	437	100.0
Mean = 8.62		

<b>How important to you is: Having certified organic food in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	11	2.5
1	5	1.1
2	11	2.5
3	12	2.7
4	16	3.7
5	53	12.1
6	34	7.8
7	45	10.3
8	72	16.5
9	37	8.5
Extremely Important	131	30.0
Don't Know	10	2.3
Total	437	100.0
Mean = 7.33		

<b>How important to you is: Having locally grown food in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	1	.2
1	0	.0
2	1	.2
3	2	.5
4	3	.7
5	14	3.2
6	15	3.4
7	34	7.8
8	78	17.8
9	61	14.0
Extremely Important	228	52.2
Total	437	100.0
Mean = 8.86		

<b>How important to you is: Having historic sites in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	1	.2
1	0	.0
2	2	.5
3	6	1.4
4	4	.9
5	22	5.0
6	32	7.3
7	50	11.5
8	104	23.9
9	48	11.0
Extremely Important	166	38.1
Don't Know	1	.2
Total	436	100.0
Mean = 8.31		

<b>How important to you is: Having affordable housing in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	5	1.1
1	3	.7
2	2	.5
3	8	1.8
4	4	.9
5	18	4.1
6	8	1.8
7	30	6.8
8	68	15.5
9	56	12.8
Extremely Important	234	53.4
Don't Know	2	.5
Total	438	100.0
Mean = 8.68		

<b>How important to you is: Having working forests in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	2	.5
1	1	.2
2	5	1.2
3	2	.5
5	22	5.1
6	18	4.2
7	43	10.0
8	101	23.4
9	61	14.1
Extremely Important	163	37.7
Don't Know	14	3.2
Total	432	100.0
Mean = 8.43		

<b>How important to you is: Having scenic vistas in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	1	.2
1	1	.2
2	5	1.1
3	1	.2
4	4	.9
5	28	6.4
6	19	4.3
7	39	8.9
8	85	19.5
9	56	12.8
Extremely Important	194	44.4
Don't Know	4	.9
Total	437	100.0
Mean = 8.50		



<b>How important to you is: Having natural or wildlife areas that are set aside from human use in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	11	2.5
1	1	.2
2	5	1.1
3	5	1.1
4	4	.9
5	29	6.7
6	16	3.7
7	30	6.9
8	83	19.0
9	50	11.5
Extremely Important	197	45.2
Don't Know	5	1.1
Total	436	100.0
Mean = 8.30		

<b>How important to you is: Having recreation areas for non-motorized activities such as hunting, hiking, bird watching, fishing, etc in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	0	.0
1	0	.0
2	2	.5
3	1	.2
4	3	.7
5	16	3.7
6	8	1.8
7	37	8.5
8	76	17.4
9	71	16.2
Extremely Important	222	50.8
Don't Know	1	.2
Total	437	100.0
Mean = 8.88		

<b>How important to you is: Having recreation areas for motorized recreation activities such as snow mobiling, motor boating, etc in Vermont?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all Important	44	10.1
1	23	5.3
2	31	7.1
3	21	4.8
4	29	6.6
5	51	11.7
6	27	6.2
7	51	11.7
8	74	16.9
9	23	5.3
Extremely Important	59	13.5
Don't Know	4	.9
Total	437	100.0
Mean = 5.61		

<b>Comparison of means for the importance in having:</b>	
	Mean
Working farms in Vermont	9.21
Recreation areas for non-motorized activities such as hunting, hiking, bird watching, fishing, etc in Vermont	8.88
Locally grown food in Vermont	8.86
Affordable housing in Vermont	8.68
Farmer's markets in Vermont	8.62
Scenic vistas in Vermont	8.50
Working forests in Vermont	8.43
Historic sites in Vermont	8.31
Natural or wildlife areas that are set aside from human use in Vermont	8.30
Locally produced wood products in Vermont	7.60
Certified organic food in Vermont	7.33
Recreation areas for motorized recreation activities such as snow mobiling, motor boating, etc in Vermont?	5.61

<b>Have you heard about the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Yes	169	39.1
No	263	60.9
Total	432	100.0

<b>Have you heard about the Vermont Land Trust?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Yes	398	91.1
No	39	8.9
Total	437	100.0

<b>Residence by Land Trust Regions</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Central VT	102	23.2
Champlain Valley	160	36.4
Mad River Valley	9	2.1
Northeast Kingdom	67	15.3
Southeast	46	10.5
Southwest	55	12.5
Total	439	100.0

<b>Respondents' age categories</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Under 25	21	4.8
25-34	44	10.0
35-44	65	14.8
45-54	111	25.3
55-64	89	20.3
65 or Higher	108	24.7
Total	438	100.0
Mean = Approximately 46.8 years of age		

<b>Respondents' levels of education</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	VT Census 2000 educational attainment
Less than high school	NA	NA	4.6
Some high school	16	3.7	9.4
High school grad or equiv.	99	22.8	32.1
Some college	78	18.0	19.7
Associates or equiv.	34	7.8	7.3
Bachelors or equiv.	122	28.1	17.2
Graduate/Professional or equiv.	85	19.6	9.8
Total	434	100.0	100.0

Respondents were more likely to have higher educational attainment than Vermonters from Census 2000 (*Source; <http://maps.vcgi.org/indicators/>*).

<b>Do you own or rent your home in Vermont?</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	VT Census 2000 households owning/renting
Own	365	83.7	70.6
Rent	71	16.3	29.4
Total	436	100.0	100.0

Respondents' ownership rates were higher than the VT 2000 census ownership rates (*Source; [www.housingdata.org/index.php](http://www.housingdata.org/index.php)*).

<b>Do you own any woodland?</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Yes	160	44.1
No	203	55.9
Total	363	100.0

<b>Renters' future housing decisions</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
Are you: Looking to purchase a home in VT in the next year	12	17.6
Are you: Going to continue renting for the next year	56	82.4
Total	68	100.0

<b>Respondents' 2005 household income categories (before taxes)</b>		
	Frequency	Percent
< \$24,999	59	15.2
\$25,000-\$49,999	117	30.2
\$50,000-\$74,999	106	27.3
\$75,000-\$124,999	79	20.4
\$125,000-\$174,999	17	4.4
\$175,000 or more	10	2.6
Total	388	100.0
Mean = Approximately \$44,000		

VT median household income for 1999 was \$40,856\*. The average respondent household income for 2005 was slightly higher than the state average household income in 1999.

\*(Source; <http://maps.vcgi.org/indicators>)

<b>Respondents' genders</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	VT Census 2000 Percent
Male	172	39.0	49.0
Female	269	61.0	51.0
Total	441	100.0	100.0

## Categorized and Collapsed Open-ended Responses

<b>What is the Top Quality about VT that makes it a unique and special place to live?</b>	
Low key government	1
Politics	2
Progressive thinking	1
Government participation/ direct democracy	2
Clean	5
Clean air/water	7
Open land/space	17
Rural character	67
Smallness	3
Beauty/scenery	30
Natural environment/landscape: mountains, fields, climate, seasons, foliage, forests, lakes, farms, hunting, fishing, skiing, etc.	116
Home	8
Being a Vermonter/born here	10
Family	11
Sense of place/community	11
People: Honest, Friendly, Accepting, Progressive	31
Towns: unique/quiet/small	7
Low pop density	25
Lack of urban characteristics: crime, traffic, strip malls, billboards, commercial feeling	22
Human scale	1
Quality of life	10
Peaceful/Quiet	6
Easy living/good pace of life/laid back	10
Great bread, quality food	1
Great place to raise kids	2
History/tradition	2
Lower taxes	1
Medical care	1
Spirit	1
Style of living	1
Sustainability	1
Uniqueness	1
Spiritual renewal	1

Independence	7
Economy	1
Everything	6
Up north	1
Benefits	1
Nothing	6
Don't know	7

<b>How many acres of woodland do you own?</b>	
	Number of respondents
< 1 acre	4
1-9 acres	51
10-19 acres	39
20-49 acres	37
50-99 acres	15
100-199 acres	15
200-499 acres	9
500-999 acres	0
1000-4999 acres	0
5000+ acres	0
Total	170

<b>Why or why not is land conservation important to your community?</b>	
Important	Respondents
Control development	33
Enjoy the land without fear of commercialization and building	2
Balance between populated and unpopulated places	1
Not being over loaded with industrialization.	1
Keep industrial areas industrial and the urban areas urban	1
Control population growth	11
Control sprawl	20
Balance between industry and conservation	1
Health	4
To help farming/agriculture	14
Tourism	3
To protect wildlife	10
Hiking and biking	1
Housing	2

Public lands	10
To conserve the land/natural environment (for future generations)	79
Clean and healthy ecosystems	11
Forest are being over-cut	11
To protect a nonrenewable resource	3
Preserve open space	43
Preservation	51
Preserve rural character	15
Preserve beautiful/scenic areas	4
Community	5
Helps to maintain quality of life	14
Not Important	
People telling people what to do with their land	6
More pressing needs	1
Don't want to infringe on property owners' rights	3
Land owned by families for many years.	1
Taxes	5
Keep jobs	1
Lots of non-residential space already	1
Not important	38



## Cross tabulation Results for Vermont Land Trust Regions

<b>Mean importance to your community of having the following by VLT region</b>							
		Affordable Housing	Public Education	Town Forest	Land Conservation	Affordable Healthcare	Public Recreation Areas
Central VT	Mean	7.94	9.03	6.95	7.78	8.72	7.22
	Std. Deviation	2.198	1.473	2.819	2.155	1.886	2.048
Champlain Valley	Mean	8.16	8.78	7.23	8.30	8.73	7.68
	Std. Deviation	2.236	1.776	2.222	1.668	1.899	2.001
Mad River Valley	Mean	7.89	8.67	7.44		8.11	8.11
	Std. Deviation	3.140	1.225	2.744	1.856	3.444	1.691
Northeast Kingdom	Mean	8.03	8.93	7.11	7.95	8.66	7.31
	Std. Deviation	2.468	1.877	2.603	1.791	2.027	2.506
Southeast	Mean	8.04	8.67	7.14	8.15	8.82	7.76
	Std. Deviation	2.619	2.130	2.446	2.044	2.329	2.203
Southwest	Mean	8.20	8.91	6.94	8.00	9.15	7.51
	Std. Deviation	2.175	1.713	2.538	1.952	1.433	2.098
Total	Mean	8.08	8.86	7.11	8.07	8.77	7.51
	Std. Deviation	2.308	1.746	2.492	1.889	1.951	2.124

<b>If land conservation in VT were to stop today what kind of impact would this have on: VT's Working Farms (By VLT Region)</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Positive or Very Positive	Count	10	7	1	12	4	3
	Percent	10.2%	4.8%	12.5%	19.4%	9.5%	5.9%
Neutral	Count	10	12	0	3	2	3
	Percent	10.2%	8.2%	.0%	4.8%	4.8%	5.9%
Negative or Very Negative	Count	78	128	7	47	36	45
	Percent	79.6%	87.1%	87.5%	75.8%	85.7%	88.2%
Total	Count	98	147	8	62	42	51
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .134							

<b>If land conservation in VT were to stop today what kind of impact would this have on: VT's Working Forests (By VLT Region)</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Positive or Very Positive	Count	10	7	1	8	5	3
	Percent	10.3%	5.0%	11.1%	12.9%	11.9%	5.9%
Neutral	Count	10	10	0	5	1	3
	Percent	10.3%	7.1%	.0%	8.1%	2.4%	5.9%
Negative or Very Negative	Count	77	124	8	49	36	45
	Percent	79.4%	87.9%	88.9%	79.0%	85.7%	88.2%
Total	Count	97	141	9	62	42	51
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .508							

<b>If land conservation in VT were to stop today what kind of impact would this have on: VT's Tourism (By VLT Region)</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Positive or Very Positive	Count	8	7	1	6	5	4
	Percent	8.2%	4.5%	11.1%	9.2%	11.1%	7.4%
Neutral	Count	10	15	0	9	7	4
	Percent	10.2%	9.6%	.0%	13.8%	15.6%	7.4%
Negative or Very Negative	Count	80	134	8	50	33	46
	Percent	81.6%	85.9%	88.9%	76.9%	73.3%	85.2%
Total	Count	98	156	9	65	45	54
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .670							

<b>If land conservation in VT were to stop today what kind of impact would this have on: VT's Local Communities (By VLT Region)</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Positive or Very Positive	Count	9	11	1	8	5	3
	Percent	9.0%	7.2%	12.5%	12.5%	11.4%	5.6%
Neutral	Count	14	14	0	7	4	4
	Percent	14.0%	9.2%	.0%	10.9%	9.1%	7.4%
Negative or Very Negative	Count	77	128	7	49	35	47
	Percent	77.0%	83.7%	87.5%	76.6%	79.5%	87.0%
Total	Count	100	153	8	64	44	54
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .794							

<b>If land conservation in VT were to stop today what kind of impact would this have on: VT's Nature/Wildlife Areas (By VLT Region)</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Positive or Very Positive	Count	5	10	1	6	4	2
	Percent	5.2%	6.5%	11.1%	9.2%	8.9%	3.7%
Neutral	Count	6	4	0	5	1	0
	Percent	6.2%	2.6%	.0%	7.7%	2.2%	.0%
Negative or Very Negative	Count	86	139	8	54	40	52
	Percent	88.7%	90.8%	88.9%	83.1%	88.9%	96.3%
Total	Count	97	153	9	65	45	54
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .418							

<b>If land conservation in VT were to stop today what kind of impact would this have on: VT's Recreational Areas (By VLT Region)</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Positive or Very Positive	Count	7	8	1	8	4	1
	Percent	7.0%	5.3%	11.1%	12.1%	9.3%	1.9%
Neutral	Count	17	9	1	7	4	5
	Percent	17.0%	6.0%	11.1%	10.6%	9.3%	9.6%
Negative or Very Negative	Count	76	134	7	51	35	46
	Percent	76.0%	88.7%	77.8%	77.3%	81.4%	88.5%
Total	Count	100	151	9	66	43	52
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .148							

What is your <i>first</i> choice for funding land conservation in VT? By VLT region							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Privately thru donations by individuals or foundations	Count	29	39	4	19	10	20
	Percent	32.6%	27.3%	50.0%	29.7%	27.8%	40.0%
Publicly thru property transfer taxes on all home purchases	Count	15	35	0	12	7	13
	Percent	16.9%	24.5%	.0%	18.8%	19.4%	26.0%
Publicly thru a special property tax on "luxury homes"	Count	42	65	4	33	19	17
	Percent	47.2%	45.5%	50.0%	51.6%	52.8%	34.0%
No funding source at all	Count	3	4	0	0	0	0
	Percent	3.4%	2.8%	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%
Total	Count	89	143	8	64	36	50
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .496							

<b>Mean Importance of having the following in VT by VLT Region</b>							
		Working Farms	Local Wood Products	Farmer's Markets	Certified Organic Food	Locally Grown Food	Historic Sites
Central VT	Mean	9.21	7.64	8.56	6.97	8.78	8.12
	Std. Deviation	1.452	2.196	1.871	2.830	1.637	1.908
Champlain Valley	Mean	9.20	7.35	8.54	7.39	8.91	8.24
	Std. Deviation	1.304	2.093	1.801	2.564	1.556	1.843
Mad River Valley	Mean	9.12	8.13	8.13	8.63	9.00	9.13
	Std. Deviation	1.356	1.553	2.100	1.847	1.604	1.126
Northeast Kingdom	Mean	9.32	8.20	8.94	7.60	9.11	8.32
	Std. Deviation	1.166	1.970	1.402	2.337	1.152	1.678
Southeast	Mean	9.17	7.39	8.74	7.22	8.76	8.41
	Std. Deviation	1.305	1.819	2.060	2.772	1.766	1.746
Southwest	Mean	9.20	7.69	8.58	7.55	8.69	8.71
	Std. Deviation	1.311	2.072	1.865	2.516	1.698	1.629
Total	Mean	9.22	7.61	8.63	7.35	8.87	8.32
	Std. Deviation	1.315	2.070	1.802	2.604	1.561	1.791

<b>Mean Importance in VT by VLT Region, continued</b>							
		Affordable Housing	Working Forests	Scenic Vistas	Non-Human Use Natural Areas	Non-Motorized Recreation Areas	Motorized Recreation Areas
Central VT	Mean	8.47	8.42	8.39	7.95	8.71	5.23
	Std. Deviation	2.427	1.914	2.078	2.630	1.647	3.201
Champlain Valley	Mean	8.88	8.34	8.52	8.59	8.97	5.42
	Std. Deviation	1.724	1.858	1.882	1.966	1.451	3.119
Mad River Valley	Mean	8.88	8.63	9.38	8.38	8.75	7.25
	Std. Deviation	.991	.518	1.768	2.066	1.488	1.832
Northeast Kingdom	Mean	8.67	8.63	8.44	7.62	8.95	6.00
	Std. Deviation	1.916	1.451	1.651	2.920	1.351	2.839
Southeast	Mean	8.57	8.55	8.42	8.61	8.76	4.89
	Std. Deviation	2.354	1.922	1.672	1.782	1.779	3.755
Southwest	Mean	8.53	8.30	8.67	8.63	9.00	6.58
	Std. Deviation	2.168	1.897	1.705	2.010	1.305	3.315
Total	Mean	8.67	8.43	8.50	8.30	8.88	5.59
	Std. Deviation	2.049	1.806	1.850	2.306	1.502	3.208

<b>Have you heard about the VT Housing and Conservation Board? By VLT region</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Yes	Count	46	65	6	28	13	11
	Percent	46.0%	41.7%	75.0%	42.4%	28.9%	20.0%
No	Count	54	91	2	38	32	44
	Percent	54.0%	58.3%	25.0%	57.6%	71.1%	80.0%
Total	Count	100	156	8	66	45	55
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .004							

<b>Have you heard about the VLT? By VLT region</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Yes	Count	90	146	8	60	44	49
	Percent	90.0%	91.8%	100.0%	89.6%	95.7%	89.1%
No	Count	10	13	0	7	2	6
	Percent	10.0%	8.2%	.0%	10.4%	4.3%	10.9%
Total	Count	100	159	8	67	46	55
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .744							

<b>Do you own or rent your home? By VLT region</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Own	Count	86	131	7	56	39	45
	Percent	86.0%	81.9%	87.5%	86.2%	84.8%	81.8%
Rent	Count	14	29	1	9	7	10
	Percent	14.0%	18.1%	12.5%	13.8%	15.2%	18.2%
Total	Count	100	160	8	65	46	55
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .931							

<b>Do you own any woodland? By VLT region (of respondents that owned land)</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Yes	Count	48	44	4	25	22	17
	Percent	56.5%	33.6%	57.1%	44.6%	56.4%	38.6%
No	Count	37	87	3	31	17	27
	Percent	43.5%	66.4%	42.9%	55.4%	43.6%	61.4%
Total	Count	85	131	7	56	39	44
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .012							



<b>Looking to purchase or continue renting for the next year by VLT region (of respondents that rent)</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Looking to purchase a home in VT within the next year	Count	3	5	1	1	1	1
	Percent	21.4%	17.9%	100.0%	12.5%	16.7%	10.0%
Going to continue renting for the next year	Count	11	23	0	7	5	9
	Percent	78.6%	82.1%	.0%	87.5%	83.3%	90.0%
Total	Count	14	28	1	8	6	10
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .381							

<b>Income by VLT region</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
< \$24,999	Count	11	15	1	8	10	12
	Percent	12.8%	10.8%	12.5%	13.3%	22.2%	25.0%
\$25,000-\$49,999	Count	27	42	0	24	14	10
	Percent	31.4%	30.2%	.0%	40.0%	31.1%	20.8%
\$50,000-\$74,999	Count	21	37	4	20	9	15
	Percent	24.4%	26.6%	50.0%	33.3%	20.0%	31.3%
\$75,000-\$124,999	Count	17	33	3	8	10	8
	Percent	19.8%	23.7%	37.5%	13.3%	22.2%	16.7%
\$125,000-\$174,999	Count	4	11	0	0	1	1
	Percent	4.7%	7.9%	.0%	.0%	2.2%	2.1%
\$175,000 >	Count	6	1	0	0	1	2
	Percent	7.0%	.7%	.0%	.0%	2.2%	4.2%
Total	Count	86	139	8	60	45	48
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .040							

<b>Educational attainment by VLT region</b>							
		Central VT	Champlain Valley	Mad River Valley	Northeast Kingdom	Southeast	Southwest
Some high school	Count	3	8	0	2	1	2
	Percent	3.0%	5.1%	.0%	3.1%	2.2%	3.6%
High school grad or equiv.	Count	26	31	2	15	14	10
	Percent	25.7%	19.7%	25.0%	23.1%	30.4%	18.2%
Some college	Count	19	22	3	18	7	8
	Percent	18.8%	14.0%	37.5%	27.7%	15.2%	14.5%
Associates or equiv.	Count	7	12	0	5	2	8
	Percent	6.9%	7.6%	.0%	7.7%	4.3%	14.5%
Bachelors or equiv.	Count	25	44	3	16	17	17
	Percent	24.8%	28.0%	37.5%	24.6%	37.0%	30.9%
Grad/professional or equiv.	Count	21	40	0	9	5	10
	Percent	20.8%	25.5%	.0%	13.8%	10.9%	18.2%
Total	Count	101	157	8	65	46	55
	Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Chi Sq. = .419							