

## VHCB MAPPING STANDARDS

The following mapping standards apply to lands under conservation easements purchased with VHCB funds. Maps shall be subject to VHCB review and approval prior to disbursement of funds.

1. The map must be drafted on an orthophoto original or tracing from an orthophoto. All maps must be drawn at a scale of 1 : 5,000. If you use a tracing, the four Vermont coordinate system coordinates nearest the parcel's boundaries must be indicated on the map.
2. The map must include the following:
  - Owner's name
  - Town in which the parcel is located
  - Name of draftperson, date of drafting
  - Orthophoto number
  - North arrow
  - Scale
  - Locus map
3. The map must show the boundaries of the entire parcel, the boundaries of the portion of the parcel to be included in the easement and the boundaries of the portion to be excluded from the easement. Any excluded land must be reviewed and approved by VHCB staff. All boundaries must be field checked and confirmed by an impartial draftsperson. These areas must be labeled so the acreage of each area can be listed in a chart.
4. The map must delineate and label the agricultural land, pasture, water resources, fences, stone walls, and other features to facilitate future monitoring.
5. The farmstead area should be clearly mapped and should be of a size and shape to minimize negative impact on the agricultural land; the size and location of the farmstead is subject to review and approval of VHCB staff.
6. A chart must be included on the map or attached to the map to show the acreage for the easement area.
7. Acreage calculations must be determined by either mechanical or digital planimeter, using accepted planimeter operating standards.