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Chair Bill Emmons III
Executive Director Peter Gregory
Chief Planner Kevin Geiger

Dear Bill, Peter, and Kevin,

The Granville Selectboard is writing to request that the lands within the town boundaries that fall outside of the Green Mt. National Forest and the State of Vermont land be classified as Rural General in the 2026 TRORC Regional Plan update. Granville's total land area is 33,600 acres, of which 46% is GMNF and another 1,140 acres are State of Vermont land. These two tracts of land comprise close to half of the land within our boundaries. Our terrain is mountainous: the 3rd Branch of the White River flows through a narrow valley that carries VT Route 100, our main transportation corridor; and historic and 20th-Century homes in both the Upper and Lower Villages are located in this narrow valley. Our town hasn't changed much in 100 years, and we don't anticipate major changes in the foreseeable future. There are also large tracts of land owned by timber management companies, which will likely continue their current forestry practices.

We don't see the justification for the change from Rural General to Rural Conservation on so many acres of land. We do not want the residents of Granville to potentially be subjected to future regulations. We lost our school in 2009. Our large manufacturing business shuttered its doors in 2008. While we recognize that the new land use tiers affect projects that trigger ACT 250 permitting, the last straw in maintaining our current population and tax base of 304 people and attracting new businesses would be potentially more regulation.

Please consider leaving our land use as Rural General and Village Designations, aside from the State and Federal lands. The Selectboard believes this approach best serves the interests of Granville's residents

Sincerely,



Bob Readie Chair

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