# **APPENDIX A**

Archeological Resource & Historic Preservation Assessment Sunderland Bicycle-Pedestrian Scoping Study Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. July 2015



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Town of Sunderland Bennington County, Vermont

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#### MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

SHPO Project Review Number: Involved State and Federal Agencies: Vermont Agency of Transportation Phase of Survey: Archeological Resource and Historic Preservation Assessment

#### LOCATION INFORMATION

Municipality: Sunderland County: Bennington State: Vermont

#### SURVEY AREA

Length: 3.2 mi (5.15 km) Width: 50 ft (15 m) Acres: 19.4 ac (7.85 ha)

#### **RESULTS OF RESEARCH**

Archeological sites within one mile: 1 Surveys in or adjacent: 2 NR/NRE sites in or adjacent: 3 Precontact Sensitivity: *moderate* Historic Sensitivity: *moderate* 

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The project alignment has moderate potential for intact precontact and historic archeological deposits to be present within the APE. It is recommended that the project be designed to keep ground disturbance close to the existing roadside to limit disturbance to previously undisturbed areas of archeological potential, as defined on Map 2. If areas of archeological potential are to be disturbed, Phase IB archeological reconnaissance survey is recommended.

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# ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT

#### 1 Introduction

Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. (Hartgen) conducted an Archeological Resource and Historic Preservation Assessment for the proposed Sunderland Bicycle-Pedestrian Scoping Study (Project) located in the Town of Sunderland, Bennington County, Vermont (Error! Reference source not found.). The Project requires approvals by Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans). This investigation was conducted to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended and will be reviewed by the VTrans archeology and historic preservation officers. This investigation adheres to the Vermont State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) *Guidelines for Conducting Archeology in Vermont* (VDHP 2002).

#### 2 Project Information

A site visit was conducted by Thomas R. Jamison on May 12, 2015 to observe and photograph existing conditions within the Project Area. The information gathered during the site visit is included in the relevant sections of the report.

#### 2.1 Project Location

The project is located in the rural town of Sunderland, along an alignment that parallels the busy Route 7 corridor to the east. It extends from Route 7A in the north nearly to the hamlet of Chiselville at the Arlington town line to the south.

#### 2.2 Description of the Project

The Project is a scoping study of proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Hill Farm Road and Sunderland Hill Road, extending from Route 7A in the north to Hayden Road in the south (Maps 2 to 4). As a scoping study, the components have not been determined. However, they are likely to include some combination of improvements to encourage pedestrian and bicycle use of the scenic corridor.

#### 2.3 Description of the Area of Potential Effects (APE)

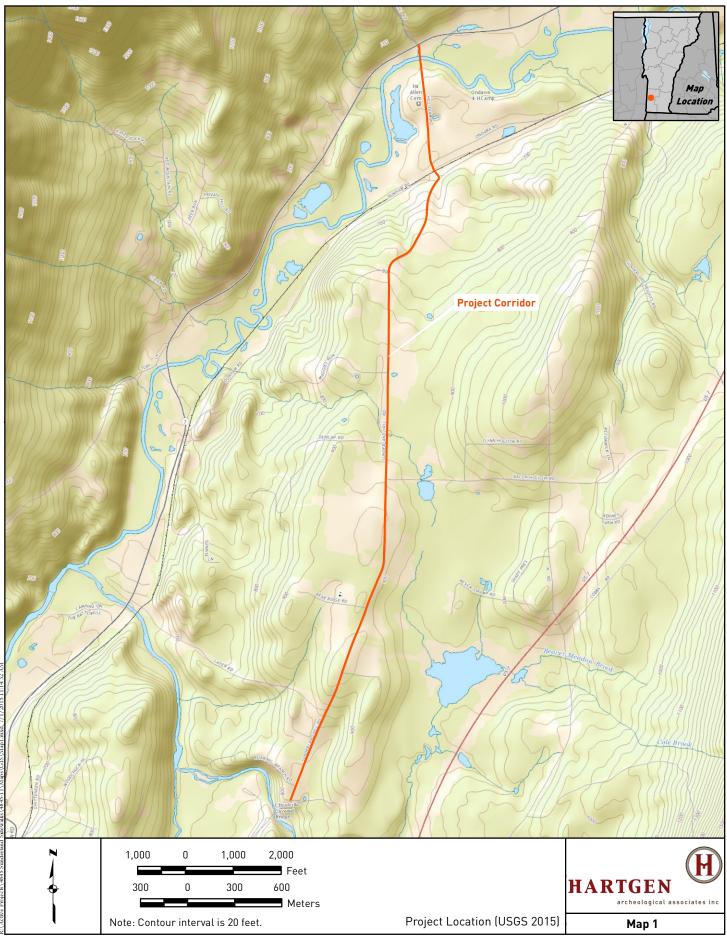
The area of potential effects (APE) includes all portions of the property that will be directly or indirectly altered by the proposed undertaking. The corridor under investigation extends approximately 3.2 miles (5.15 km). The APE is expected to stay within the town right-of-way along the corridor. The ROW is estimated at 50 feet (15 m) in width, therefore, the APE encompasses approximately 19.4 acres (7.85 ha).

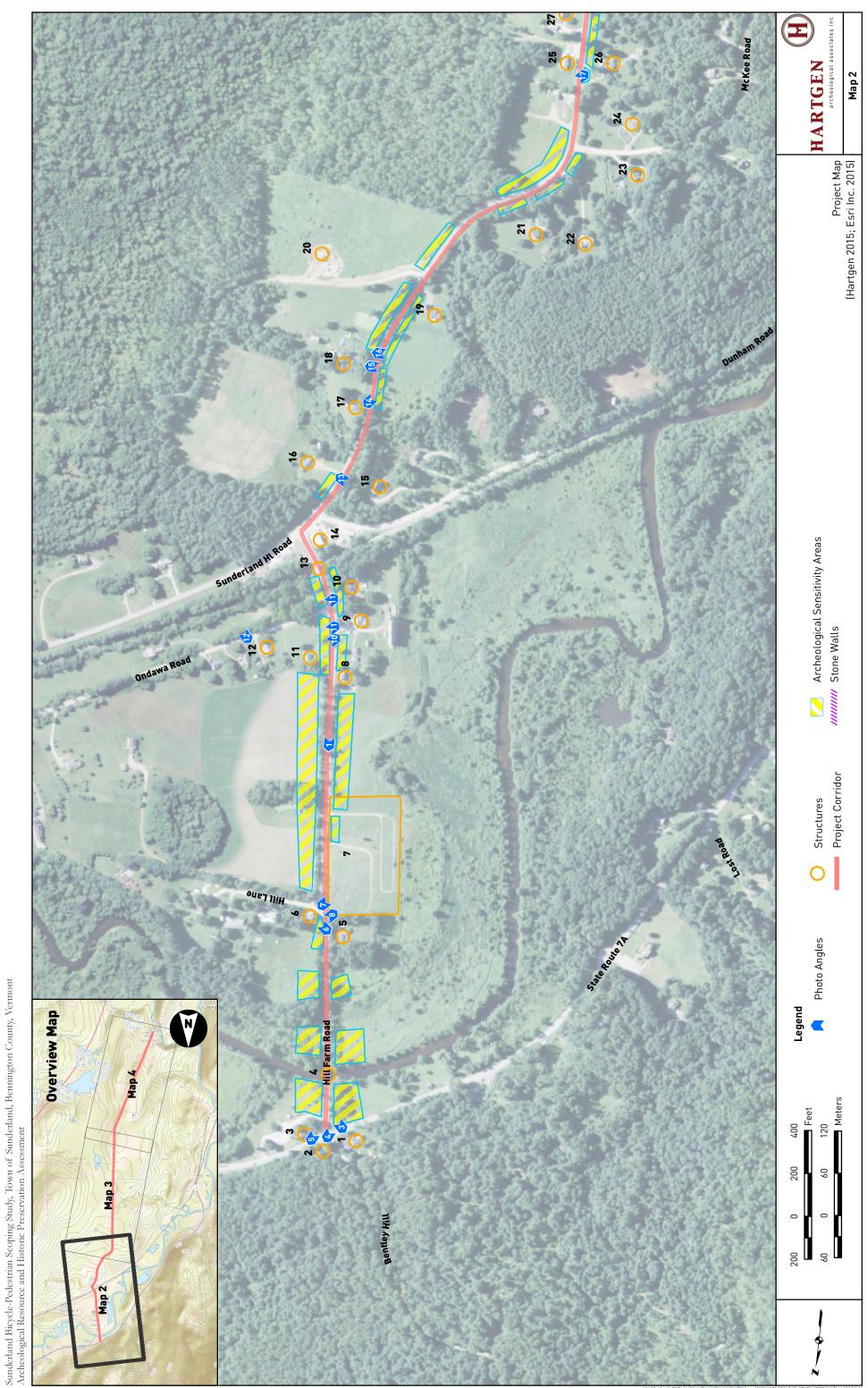
#### 3 Environmental Background

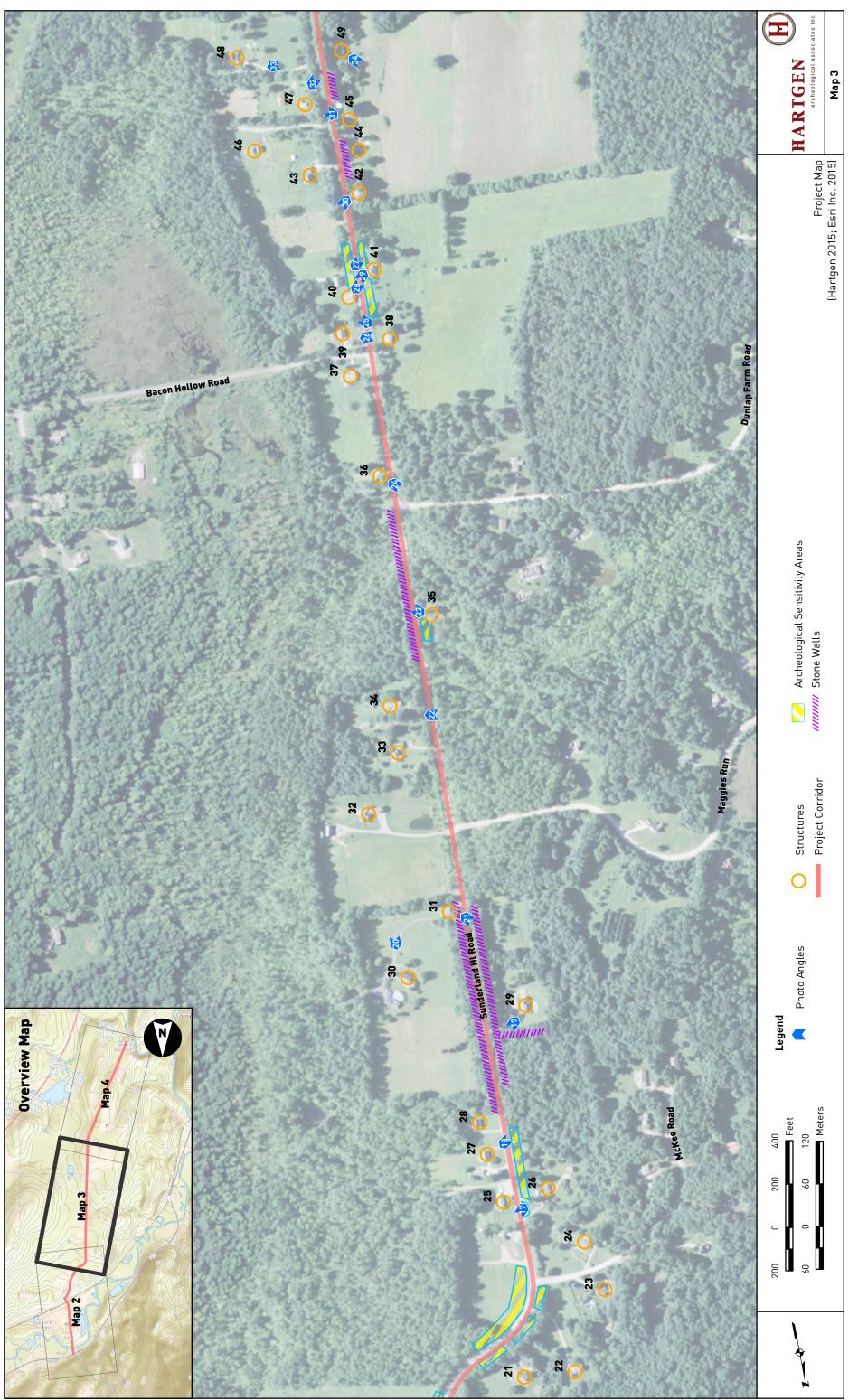
The environment of an area is significant for determining the sensitivity of the Project Area for archeological resources. Precontact and historic groups often favored level, well-drained areas near wetlands and waterways. Therefore, topography, proximity to wetlands, and soils are examined to determine if there are landforms in the Project Area that are more likely to contain archeological resources. In addition, bedrock formations may contain chert or other resources that may have been quarried by precontact groups. Soil conditions can provide a clue to past climatic conditions, as well as changes in local hydrology.

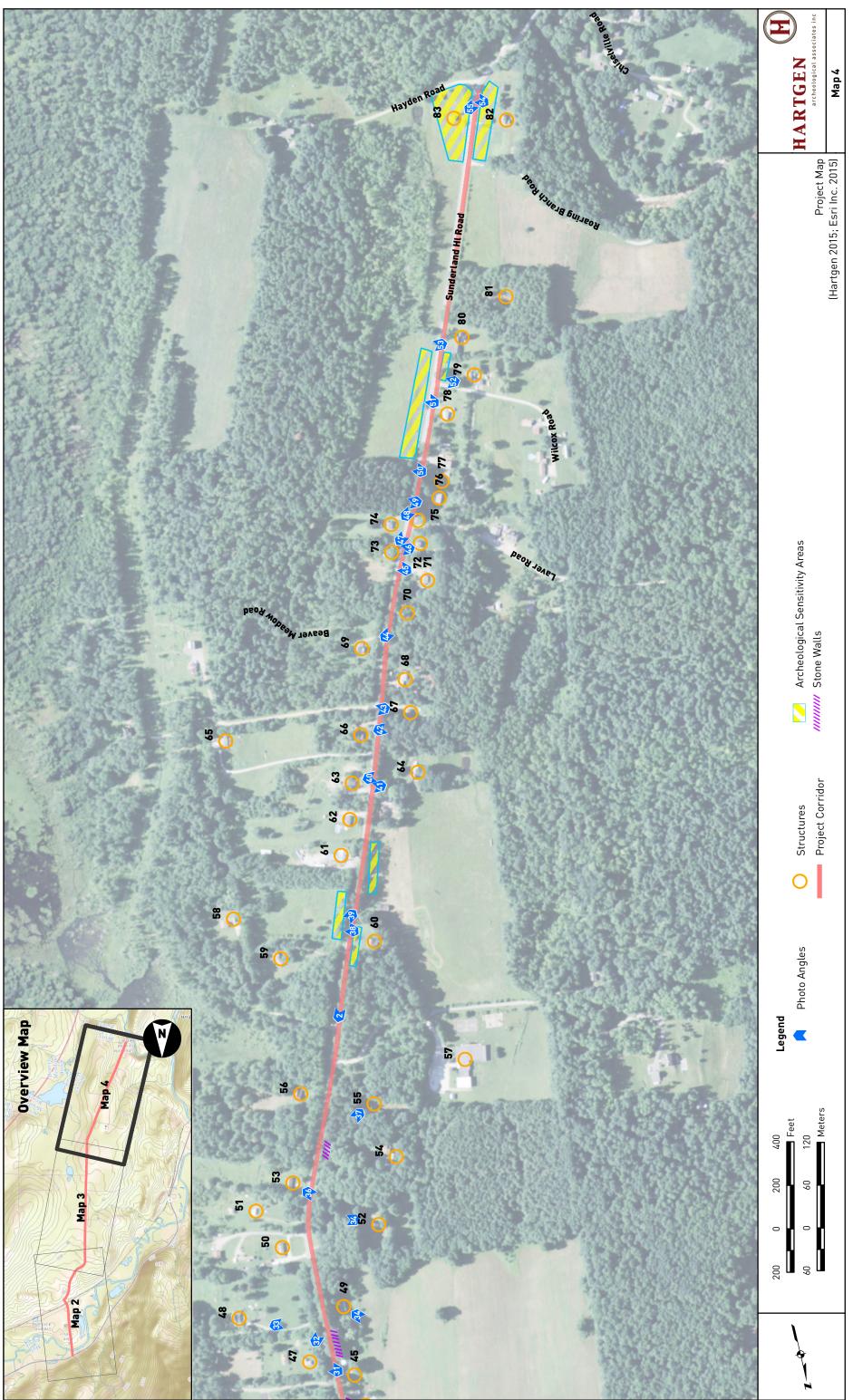
#### 3.1 Present Land Use and Current Conditions

The project area is primarily residential with a few small businesses, the Town Garage and the elementary school adjacent to the APE. The vegetation along the APE alternates between open fields (Photo 1) and wooded areas (Photo 2). Many of the residences are relatively recent, having been constructed on former pastures and agricultural fields, while others have been carved out of fairly dense woods.









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Photo 1. North end of APE with Mount Equinox in the background. Note open field to the left and trees along the road. View to the north.



Photo 2. Near the south end of the APE. Note wooded areas on both sides of the road. View to the north.

#### 3.2 Soils

Soil surveys provide a general characterization of the types and depths of soils that are found in an area. This information is an important factor in determining the appropriate methodology if and when a field study is recommended. The soil type also informs the degree of artifact visibility and likely recovery rates. For example, artifacts are more visible and more easily recovered in sand than in stiff glacial clay, which will not pass through a screen easily.

The soils of the project area are generally derived from glacial till or outwash with no potential for deeply buried archeological deposits (USDA 2015). However, at the north end of the APE there is an area of Limerick silty loam that developed on alluvium deposited by the Battenkill. That area does have potential for stratified archeological deposits.

Symbol	Name	Textures	Slope	Drainage	Landform
3B	Copake	Gravelly fine sandy loam	3-8%	Well drained	Glacial outwash
3C	Copake	Gravelly fine sandy loam	8-15%	Well drained	Glacial outwash
3E	Copake	Gravelly fine sandy loam	25-60%	Well drained	Glacial outwash
18E	Windsor	Fine sandy loam	25-60%	Excessively drained	Glacial outwash
21A	Limerick	Silty loam	0-3%	Poorly drained	Alluvial
23A	Adrian and Saco	Silt loam and muck over sand	0-2%	Very poorly drained	Alluvium over glacial outwash
40C	Galway-Nellis- Farmington complex	Rocky	8-15%	Well drained and moderately well drained	Glacial till
66B	Georgia	Loam	3-8%	Moderately well drained	Glacial till
66C	Georgia	Loam	8-15%	Moderately well drained	Glacial till
69B	Massena	Silty loam, very stony	3-8%	Somewhat poorly drained	Glacial till
84C	Nellis	Silty loam	8-15%	Well drained	Glacial till
93C	Pittsfield	Fine sandy loam	8-15%	Well drained	Glacial till

Table	1.	Soils	in	Project Area
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#### 3.3 Bedrock Geology

The bedrock in the Project Area is divided between the Shelburne Marble at the north end, the Clarendon Springs formation in the middle and the Monkton Quartzite at the south end (Ratcliffe et al. 2011). The Shelburne Marble is not known to have been utilized by Native American groups for stone tools. However, the Clarendon Springs formation is known to have been exploited for chert in the manufacture of stone tools. In addition, the Monkton Quartzite may have also been exploited for stone tool raw materials.

#### 3.4 Physiography and Hydrology

The Project Area begins at the north end with a crossing of the Battenkill and rises as it runs south up onto a flat, north-south trending ridge. The project corridor passes several small ponds and drainages that flow to the east or west, although all eventually empty into the Battenkill directly or by way of the Roaring Branch to the south. The APE has a low elevation of 628 feet (191 m) above mean sea level (amsl) at the north end at the Battenkill and reaches a high point of 924 feet (282 m) amsl just south of Bacon Hollow Road. The southern end of the APE is at 802 feet (244 m).

#### 4 Documentary Research

Hartgen conducted research at the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) to identify previously reported archeological sites, State and National Register (NR) properties, properties determined eligible for the NR (NRE), and previous cultural resource surveys.

#### 4.1 Archeological Sites

Previously reported archeological sites provide an overview of both the types of sites that may be present in the APE and relation of sites throughout the surrounding region. The presence of few reported sites, however, may result from a lack of previous systematic survey and does not necessarily indicate a decreased archeological sensitivity within the APE. The archeological site files at VDHP contained one reported site within one mile (1.6 km) of the Project (Table 2). That site, Lathrop Farm (VT-BE-1) is a multi-component precontact site where a large number of stone tools, debitage and ceramics were found dating from the Middle and Late Archaic and the Early and Middle Woodland.

There are many reported sites in the broader area, including a cluster of precontact and historic sites along the Roaring Branch in East Kansas, 1.24 miles (2 km) southeast of the APE and others along the Battenkill to the northeast and southwest in Manchester and Arlington. Historic sites in the general vicinity include 19<sup>th</sup>-century domestic sites, mining, sawmill and logging sites, and charcoal and lime kiln sites. None of these have been identified within a mile of the APE.

VAI Site No.	Site Identifier	Description	Proximity to Project
			Area
VT-BE-1	Lathrop Farm	Multi-component precontact, Middle and Late	0.65 mi/1 km to W
		Archaic, Early and Middle Woodland, flaked	
		and ground stone tools, debitage, ceramics	

Table 2. Archeological sites within one mile (1.6 km) of the Project

#### 4.2 Historic Properties

An examination of the files at VDHP identified no National Register (NR) listed properties and three NR eligible (NRE) properties within the APE (Table 3). These properties include the Sunderland Union Church (0215-1) and the Hill Family Farm (0215-2) at the north end of the corridor and the Hayden Homestead (0215-4) at the south end of the APE. The Union Church remains much as it was when it was constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, although the surroundings have grown up. The Hill Family Farm is currently undergoing significant renovation with some structures being removed or modified and other added. The Hayden Homestead was demolished in 2007, but two barns remain on the property and there is a high probability of significant 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-century archeological deposits to remain on the property.

VHSSS #	Property Name/Address	Status	Description	Location and Proximity to Project Area
0215-1	Sunderland Union Church	NRE	c. 1880 Queen Anne style church	Adjacent to E side of APE
0215-2	Hill Family Farm	NRE	Pre-1820 and later farm and inn	Adjacent to W side of APE
0215-4	Hayden Homestead	NRE	c. 1777 tavern/boarding house (demolished) with standing barns and probable archeological	Adjacent to E side of APE
			deposits	

Table 3. Inventoried properties within the APE

#### 4.3 Previous Surveys

On file at VDHP are two previous surveys within the immediate vicinity of the Project (Table 4). These surveys were both small site examinations by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at the north end of

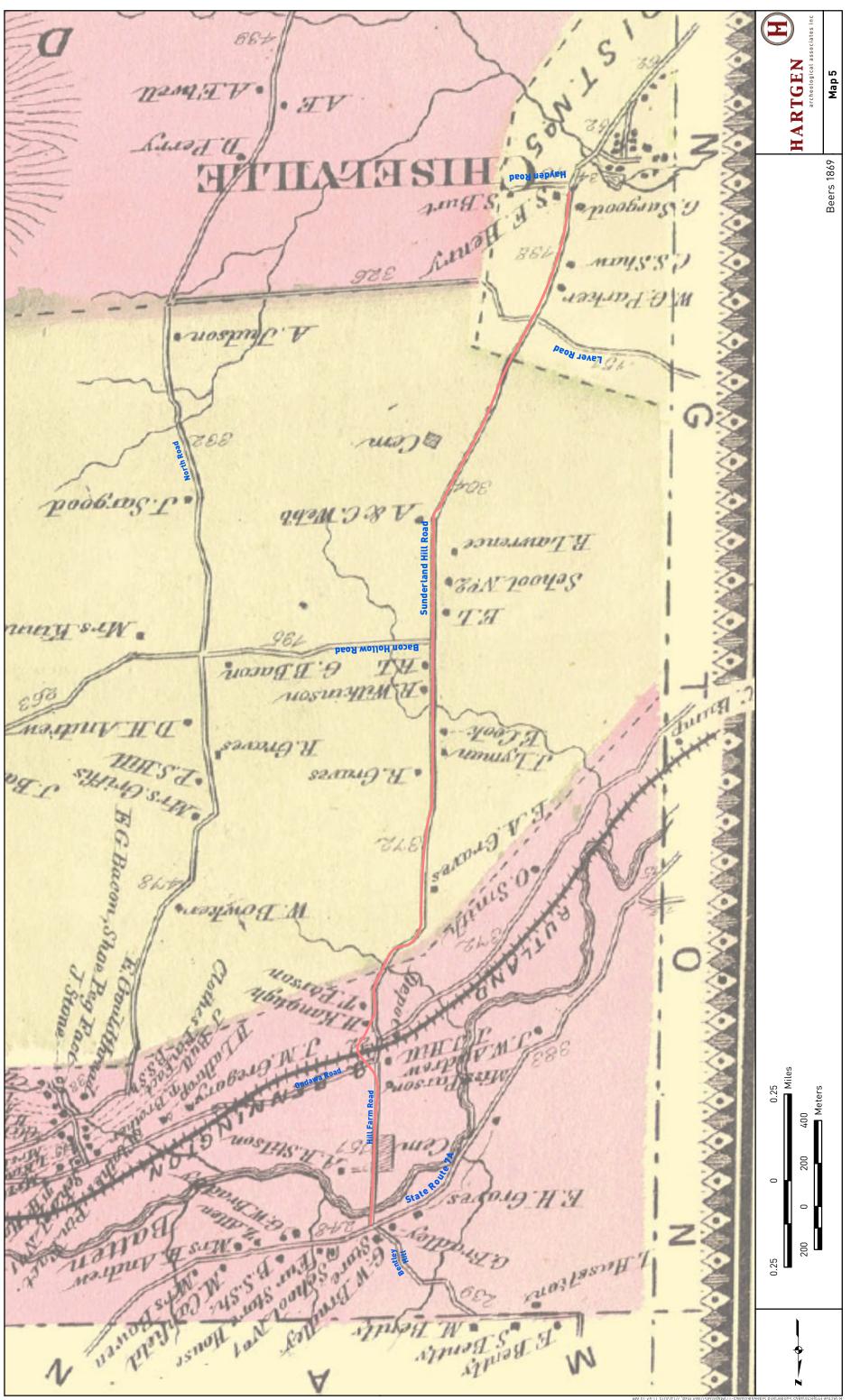
the APE along the Battenkill. On the east side intact soil horizons were identified, but the proposed erosion control devices were to be installed from the riverbed under any potential archeological deposits. On the west side of the APE floodplain restoration was to consist of creating a shallow pond in an area identified as lacking B horizon soils and, therefore, likely of recent deposition lacking significant archeological deposits (Skinas 1996, 2007). No sites were identified as a result of these site examinations.

Year	Investigator	Methodology	Results	Notes
1996	David Skinas	Soil coring	No B horizon identified	No further work recommended
2007	David Skinas	Soil coring	Intact soils horizons	No further work based on installation of
			root wads under potential cultural reso	
				strata

Table 4 Relevant previous surveys within or adjacent to the Project

#### 5 Historical Map Review

The 19<sup>th</sup>-century maps of the project area depict a sparsely populated town (Beers 1869; Rice and Harwood 1856). In 1856 and 1869 there was a post office and store at the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Route 7A and Hill Farm Road, with School #1 located slightly to the east. The post office is not labeled in 1869, but was probably in the same location. A depot was located on what is now Dunham Road, on the south side of the railroad tracks west of the intersection of Hill Farm Road and Sunderland Hill Road. In 1869 School #2 was depicted just south of Bacon Hollow Road on the west side of the APE, somewhat north of the location of the Sunderland Elementary School today. In 1869 there are 18 residences depicted along the APE (Error! Reference source not found.), the same number that appear in 1856. The late 19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup>-century USGS maps depict about the same number and location of structures with perhaps one or two added. By 1968, population growth and the advent of Vermont as a vacation/retirement location is evident by the added structures along the APE (USGS 1894, 1903, 1968).



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#### 6 Architectural Discussion

#### 6.1 Structures

There are 83 individual and associated structures within the APE (Maps 2 to 4). Three of these have previously been surveyed (Table 3). Eighty additional structures have not previously been surveyed; of these 45 are in excess of 50 years in age (Table 5). Photographs of all structures located within or adjacent to the APE, and more than 50 years in age, are included in this report (Photos 3 through 55).

Structure #	Photo #	Name/ Street Address	50 Years old	VHSSS #
1	3	6407 Route 7A	x	
2	4-5	6331 Route 7A	x	
3		6328 Route 7A, Battenkill Canoe Outfitters		
4		Hill Farm Road		
5	6	188 Hill Farm Road	x	
6	7	Hill Farm Road, Union Church	x	0215-1
7	8	Hill Farm Road, Ira Allen Cemetery	x	
8		458 Hill Farm Road, Hill Family Farm		
9	9-10	458 Hill Farm Road, Hill Family Farm	x	0215-2
10	11	458 Hill Farm Road, Hill Family Farm	x	0215-2
11		Hill Farm Road		
12	12	63 Ondawa Road	x	
13		Hill Farm Road		
14		3039 Sunderland Hill Road, Sunderland Town Garage		
15		1120 Dunham Road		
16	13	2998 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
17	14	Sunderland Hill Road	x	
18	15-16	2894 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
19		2815 Sunderland Hill Road		
20		104 Mountain View Road, Town of Sunderland Offices		
21		2669 Sunderland Hill Road		
22		2635 Sunderland Hill Road		
23		38 McKee Road		
24		43 McKee Road		
25		2546 Sunderland Hill Road, Ennis Family Sugar House and residence		
26	17	2539 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
27	18	2502 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
28		2474 Sunderland Hill Road		
29	19	2395 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
30	20	2296 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
31	21	2296 Sunderland Hill Road, caretaker's cottage to photo 30	X	
32		2216 Sunderland Hill Road		
33		2142 Sunderland Hill Road		
34	22	2092 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
35	23	2027 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
36	24	1894 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
37		19 Bacon Hollow Road		

Table 5. Standing Structures Within or Adjacent to the Project APE.

Structure #	Photo #	Name/ Street Address	50 Years old	VHSSS #
38	25	1789 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
39	26	1784 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
40	27-28	1704 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
41	29	1719 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
42	30	1651 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
43		1634 Sunderland Hill Road		
44		1615 Sunderland Hill Road		
45	31	1587 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
46		1584 Sunderland Hill Road		
47	32	1544 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
48	33	1532 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
49	34	1533 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
50		1456 Sunderland Hill Road		
51		1448 Sunderland Hill Road		
52	35	1469 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
53	36	1416 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
54		1391 Sunderland Hill Road		
55	37	1343 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
56		Sunderland Hill Road		
57		98 Bear Ridge Road		
58		1276 Sunderland Hill Road, Sunderland Elementary School		
59		1224 Sunderland Hill Road		
60	38-39	1191 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
61		1130 Sunderland Hill Road		
62		1102 Sunderland Hill Road		
63	40	1078 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
64	41	1063 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
65		1050 Sunderland Hill Road		
66	42	1022 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
67	43	999 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
68		969 Sunderland Hill Road		
69	44	932 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
70		Sunderland Hill Road		
71	45	Sunderland Hill Road	x	
72	46	851 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
73	47	858 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
74	48	838 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
75		Laver Road, Hall's Hand Repair		
76	49	826 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
77	50	797 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
78	51	733 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
79	52	Sunderland Hill Road	x	
80	53	673 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
81		633 Sunderland Hill Road		
82	54	477 Sunderland Hill Road	x	
83	55	Sunderland Hill Road	x	0215-4

#### 6.2 Associated Landscape Features

#### 6.2.1 Sidewalks and curbs

There are no sidewalks or curbs presently located within the project APE.

#### 6.2.2 Retaining walls

Fieldstone retaining walls are associated with structures 31, 38, 39 and 53 (Photos 21, 25, 26, and 36). Stone posts are located in front of the cemetery (Structure 7, Photo 8) and a private residence (Structure 31, Photo 21). Impacts to these features should be avoided.

#### 6.2.3 Other Street Furniture and mature plantings

No other street furniture (lamp posts, benches, hitching posts, carriage steps, etc.) were noted within the project APE. Mature trees are associated with a number of the structures; project impacts to these should be avoided.

There are no other historic preservation concerns with respect to this project.



Photo 3. Structure 1, 6407 Route 7A, facing northwest. An upright-and-wing mid-19<sup>th</sup> century wood-frame house with 20<sup>th</sup> century additions.



Photo 4. Structure 2, 6331 Route 7A, facing northeast. An early 20<sup>th</sup> century vernacular wood-frame two-story house with one story flanking wings.



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Photo 6. Structure 5, 188 Hill Farm Road, facing northwest. A mid-20<sup>th</sup> century wood-frame ranch style house with numerous late-20<sup>th</sup> century additions

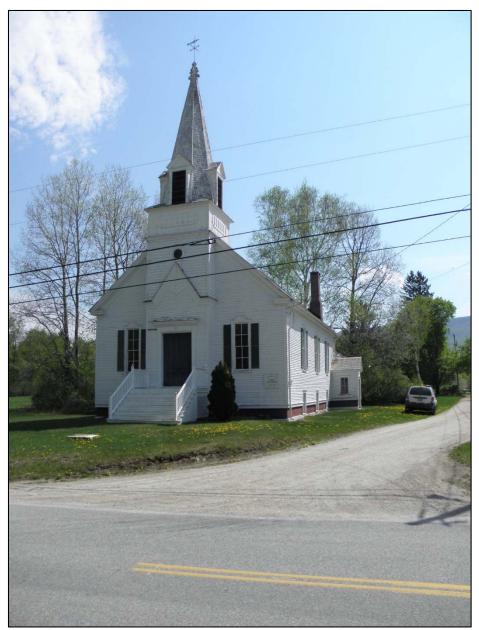


Photo 7. Structure 6, Hill Farm Road, constructed c. 1880, facing northeast. A National Register eligible vernacular interpretation of gothic revival architecture.



Photo 8. Structure 7, Ira Allen Cemetery on Hill Farm Road, established in 1794, facing southwest. Burials date from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present.



Photo 9. Structure 9, 458 Hill Farm Road, constructed pre-1820, facing southwest. A National Register eligible early 19<sup>th</sup> century two story center-passage vernacular wood-frame dwelling, with later additions.



Photo 10. Barn and outbuildings associated with Structure 9, facing southwest.



Photo 11. Structure 10, 458 Hill Farm Road, facing southwest. This small dwelling has recently been renovated; it is associated with the Hill farmstead.



Photo 12. Structure 12, 63 Ondawa Road, facing northwest. A one story-wood-frame bungalow dating to the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with later 20<sup>th</sup> century additions.



Photo 13. Structure 16, 2998 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southeast. A grouping of late 19<sup>th</sup> century outbuildings; the house with which these were associated is now gone.



Photo 14. Structure 17, Sunderland Hill Road, facing northeast. A one story-wood frame vernacular cottage dating to the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century, with later front porch which was subsequently enclosed.



Photo 15. Structure 18, 2894 Sunderland Hill Road, facing east. A one-and-one-half story wood-frame side-gable vernacular house with shed-roof open porch, built in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.



Photo 16. Nineteenth century barns and outbuildings associated with Structure 18, facing east.



Photo 17. Structure 26, 2539 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southwest. A two-story center-passage wood-frame vernacular house, constructed in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, with later additions.



Photo 18. Structure 27, 2502 Sunderland Hill Road, facing northeast. A one-story wood-frame vernacular side-gable house, constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Photo 19. Structure 29, 2395 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southwest. A c. 1950 one-story house with colonial revival details.



Photo 20. Structure 30, 2296 Sunderland Hill Road, facing north. A mid-20<sup>th</sup> century version of the classic cottage with colonial revival details.



Photo 21. Structure 31, 2296 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southeast. Caretaker's house associated with Structure 30, also constructed c.1950.



Photo 22. Structure 34, 2092 Sunderland Hill Road, facing east. A 19<sup>th</sup> century vernacular wood-frame one-story side-gable house, with numerous 20<sup>th</sup> century additions.



Photo 23. Structure 35, 2027 Sunderland Hill Road, facing northwest. A mid-19<sup>th</sup> century side-gable vernacular cottage with late-19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century additions.



Photo 24. Structure 36, 1894 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southeast. A mid-19<sup>th</sup> century vernacular side-gable cottage of one story, with substantial 20<sup>th</sup> century addition.



Photo 25. Structure 38, 1789 Sunderland Hill Road, facing northwest. A 19<sup>th</sup> century wood-frame classic cottage.



Photo 26. Structure 39, 1784 Sunderland Hill Road, facing east. A c. 1955 small ranch style wood-frame house with later 20<sup>th</sup> century addition.



Photo 27. Structure 40, 1704 Sunderland Hill Road, facing northeast. An English threshing barn, one of two 19<sup>th</sup> century barns on one property; probably associated with Structure 41 across the road.



Photo 28. Structure 40, 1704 Sunderland Hill Road, facing northeast. The second of a group of two 19<sup>th</sup> century barns; a gable-entry gambrel-roofed hay barn.



Photo 29. Structure 41, 1719 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southwest. A c. 1850 vernacular upright-and-wing with Greek revival detailing and early 20<sup>th</sup> century porch and dormers.



Photo 30. Structure 42, 1651 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southwest. A one-story wood-frame side-gable vernacular cottage dating to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, with later additions.



Photo 31. Structure 45, 1587 Sunderland Hill Road, facing northwest. A one-story wood-frame side-gable vernacular cottage dating to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, with later additions.



Photo 32. Structure 47, 1544 Sunderland Hill Road, facing northeast. A one-story wood-frame vernacular cottage, built in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Photo 33. Structure 48, 1532 Sunderland Hill Road, facing east. A c. 1950 colonial revival wood-frame house.



Photo 34. Structure 49, 1533 Sunderland Hill Road, constructed 1950, facing southeast. A one-story wood-frame bungalow constructed in the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; extensively renovated in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Photo 35. Structure 52, 1469 Sunderland Hill Road, facing west. A one-story c. 1955 ranch style wood-frame dwelling with attached two-bay garage and enclosed breezeway.



Photo 36. Structure 53, 1416 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southeast. A one-story wood-frame ranch style home, built c. 1960.



Photo 37. Structure 55, 1343 Sunderland Hill Road, facing southwest. A one-story wood-frame ranch style home, built c. 1955.



Photo 38. Structure 60, 1191 Sunderland Hill Road, facing northwest. A one-and-a-half story wood-frame side gable vernacular house built in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, with early 20<sup>th</sup> century enclosed porch.

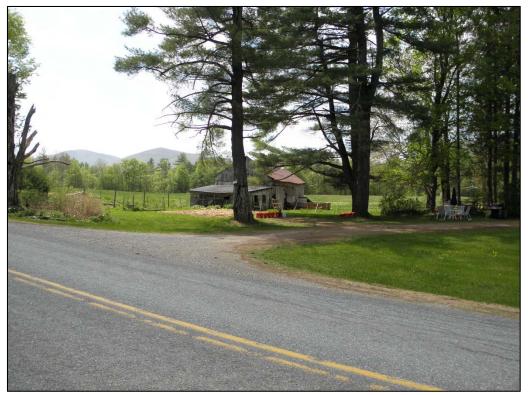


Photo 39. Mid-19<sup>th</sup> century English threshing barn associated with Structure 60, facing southwest.