

Transportation Alternatives Grant Application Review – Public Meeting

Special Selectboard Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Agenda

- Background
- New Opportunity
- Project Description
- Grant Application
 - Scope of Work
 - Cost to Town
 - Benefit to Town
 - Risk & Steps to Mitigate Risk
- Support for Project to Date
- Next Steps

Background

- The Town has long sought to improve pedestrian accessibility and traffic safety as well as create a true sense of arrival along US Route 4 adjacent to the VT 100 and Killington Rd. intersections
- Worked over 2012 to create a Streetscape study of the area that the Board and AOT supported
- Gained access from AOT to landscape the traffic triangle at 100/4
- Applied & received a grant for \$80,000 to build a Park & Ride Facility near Killington Rd.



Originally planned Park & Ride Facility

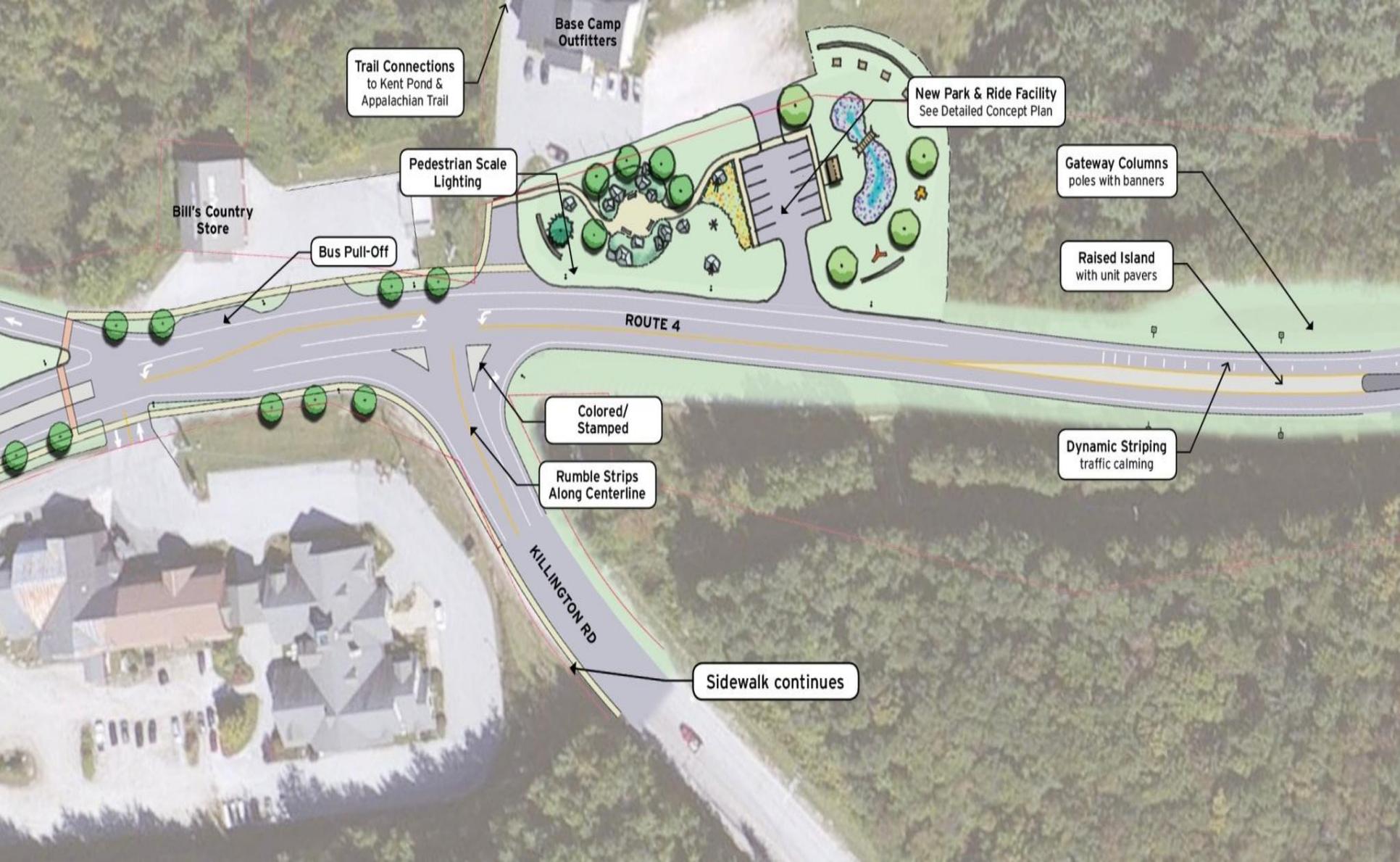
New Opportunity

- The key area in the Gateway is the intersection at Route 4 and Killington Rd.
- Currently there is federal money available to fund sidewalks, road enhancements, provide improved facilities for pedestrians, safety, economic well-being, storm water remediation, mitigation of environmental impacts and more
- Grants of \$300,000 available to local governments, transit authorities and school districts
- Over the holidays, we were approached by owners of Bills Country Store (BCS), who presented an idea to consider a project that would accomplish the goals of the Gateway Study and be eligible for grant funding
- As BCS was in different hands when the study was created, we did not consider utilizing some of the property on/around the store as it wasn't an option

New Opportunity

- In the study, we placed the Park & Ride grant in the AOT right of way w/ landscaping to make it look nice – our option at the time (image on next page)
- We did not address the alignment of the Killington Rd. with the businesses across the street on the north side of Rt. 4 as we did not know what the owners of BCS would be willing to do
- We would have preferred to create a unified area with a central point of access that lined up with Killington Rd. but the owners of BCS at the time were not willing to discuss it
- The new owners are committed to developing the property into a visitor center and willing to collaborate with their neighbors and the Town
- They will provide an easement to the Town for the Park & Ride and have created a plan with the adjacent landowner that would consolidate their two entrances, line up the single access with Killington Rd, beautify the area and remediate storm water run-off from Killington Rd.

Route 4 East – Previous Plan Overview



Project Description

Part 1: Get Permission to use the grant money for the Park and Ride Facility at the BCS Property

Part 2: Apply for State Grant to:

- Prepare the site for Park & Ride – repurpose private land for public use
- Beautify the gateway, by consolidating entrances between BCS and Basecamp, adding landscaping and creating scenic ponds
- Improve the intersection at Killington Rd. and Rt. 4 with the businesses on the northern side
- Help remediate the storm water run-off from Killington Rd.
- Improve the water quality of Thundering Brook
- Support the development of the Killington Visitor Center

Project Description – Part 1

Move Park & Ride to BCS

- We have received permission from the Park and Ride Grant Administrator
- We have secured an easement for 50 years from BCS

Project Description – Part 2

Apply for State Grants for:

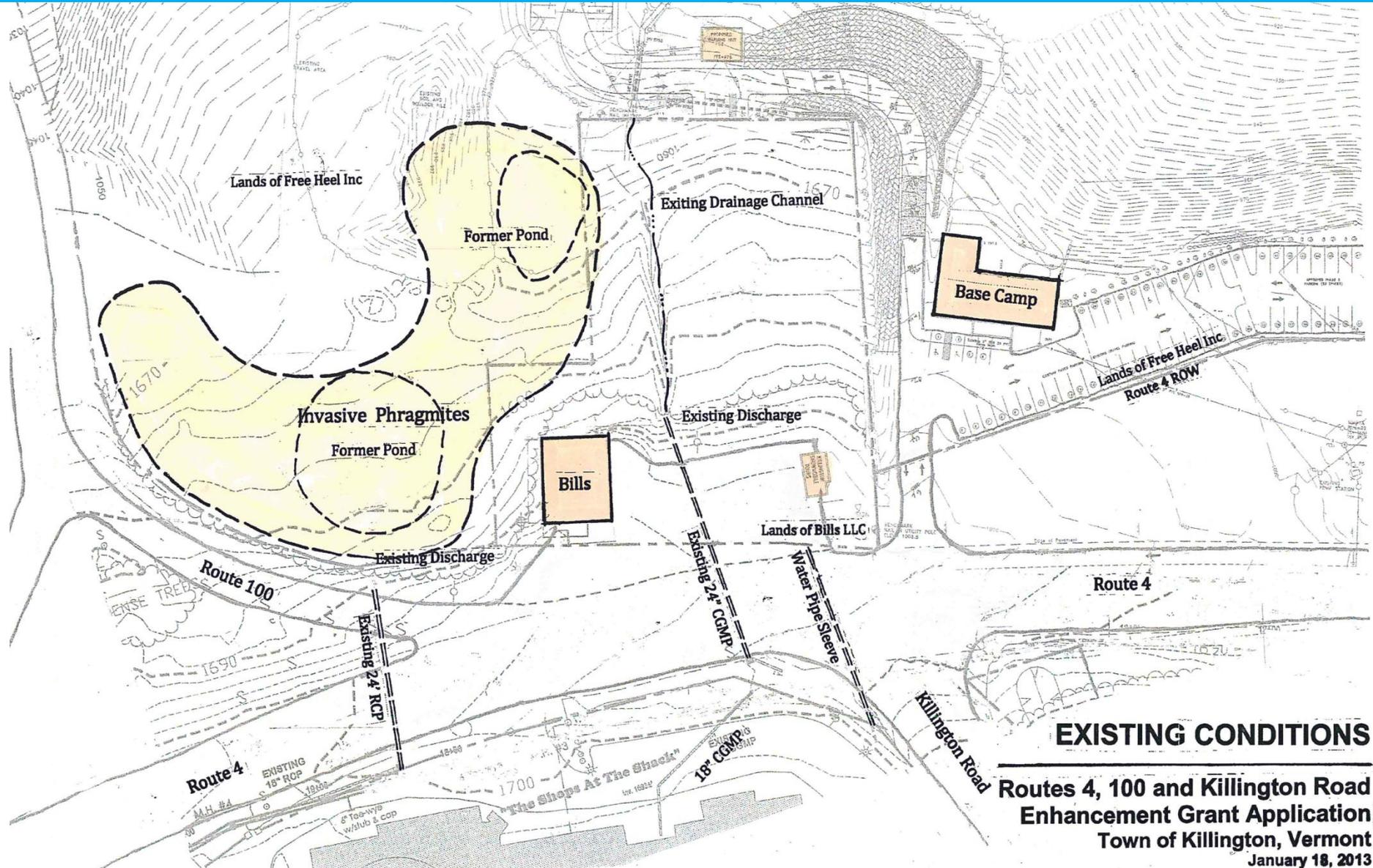
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Project Overview – Part 2

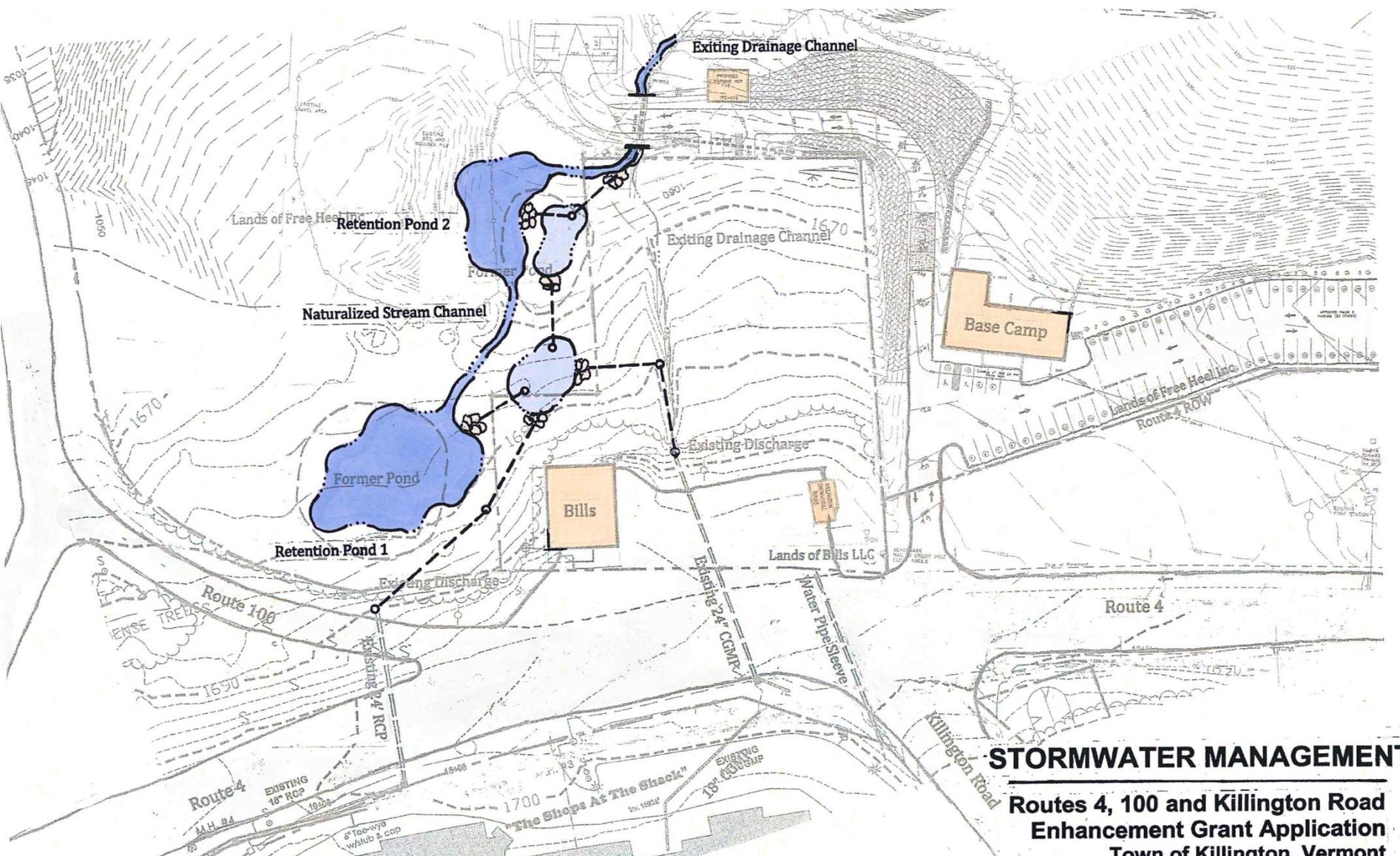
Remediate the storm water run-off from Killington Rd., remove the invasive species and create scenic ponds

- Currently water runs across Rt. 4 through the parking lot in BCS and runs down the bank, eventually making it to Thundering Brook
- The project would fund a drainage system for that water and create scenic ponds, viewable from Rt. 4 and 100 and accessible from the future Visitors Center
- Remediation would also address an issue the town may be held accountable for one day
- Finally, it would facilitate the expansion of the upper parking lot to accommodate 34 cars, facilitate bus traffic and include trees/landscaping, as well as the ability to build a lower lot

Project Overview – Part 2



Route 4 East – Part 2 New Overview



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Routes 4, 100 and Killington Road
Enhancement Grant Application
Town of Killington, Vermont
January 18, 2013

Project Overview – Part 2

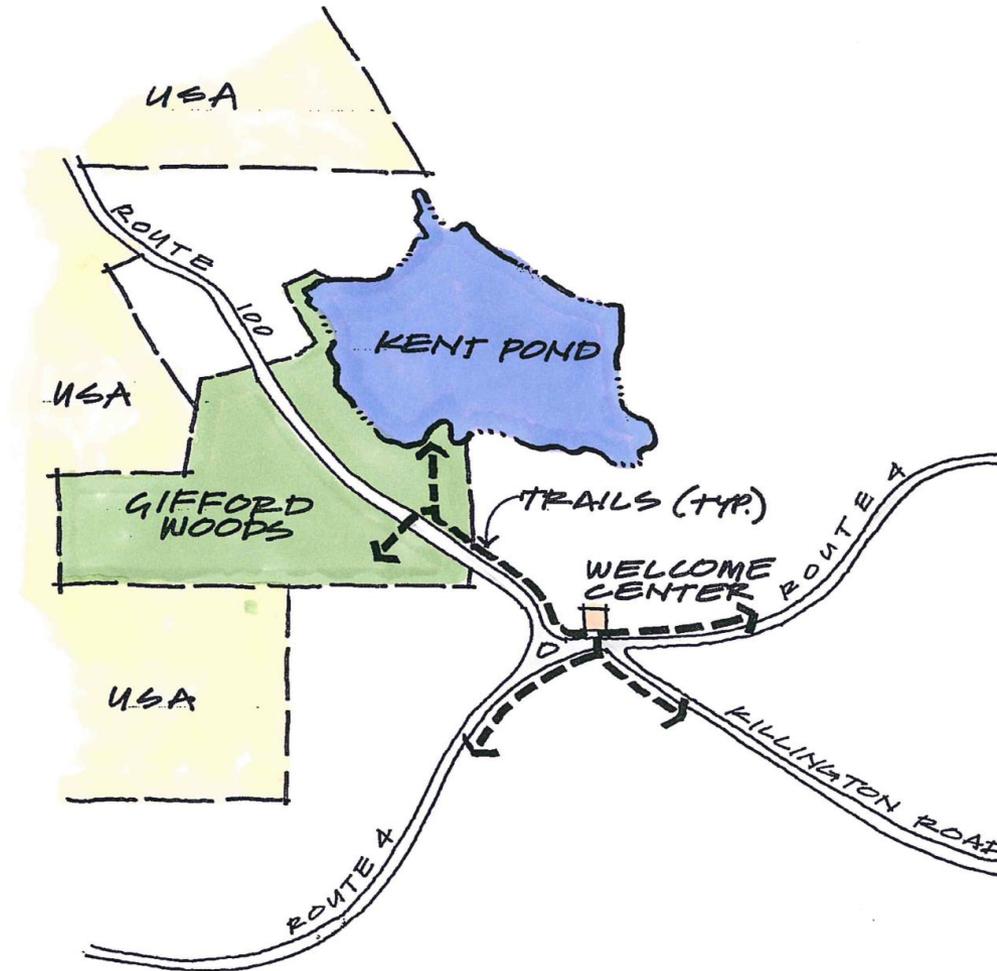
Doing this work will allow us to move the Park & Ride, consolidate the entrances to BCS, Basecamp and the Park & Ride, and line up the entrance to all three with Killington Rd.

- It is aesthetically more pleasing (less curb cuts, consolidated pavement, landscaping) to have the lot adjacent to BCS; this project would expand the existing lot to accommodate 34 cars, add landscaping and offer bus circulation
- The Grant Administrator for the Park & Ride program indicated we could move the park and ride grant money to the BCS location if the owners provide at 50 year easement/lease, which BCS has provided
- The plan consolidating the entrances and lines them up with Killington Rd. which improves the intersection for drivers
- Ponds create a “destination” for picnickers and visitors

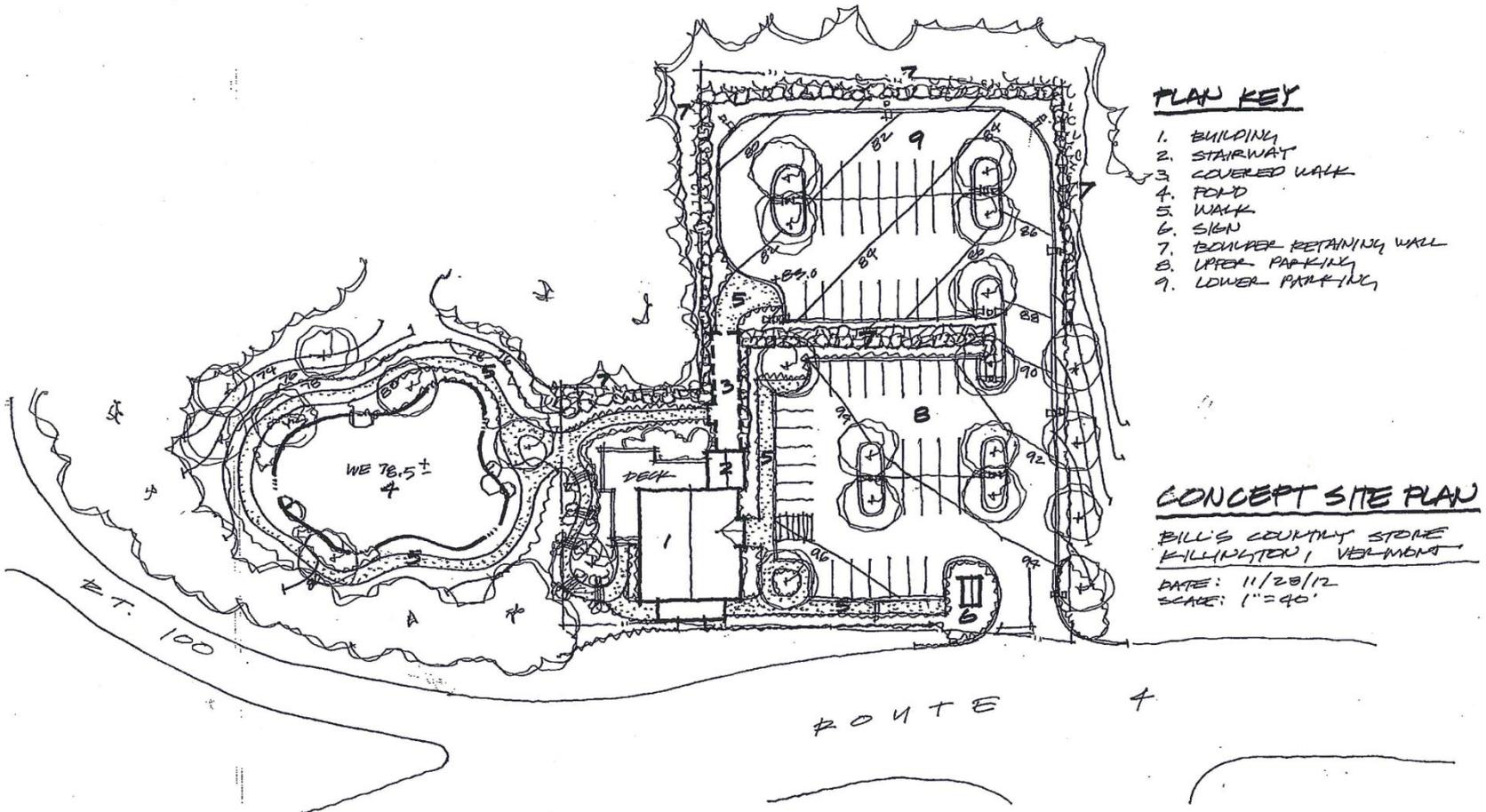
Project Overview – Future

Project will also well position us to create of a new paved walking trail to Kent Pond for visitors

- A future project would be the design and construction of a walking path from BCS and the Park and Ride to Kent Pond
- The Town would seek to have this funded by the Bike and Pedestrian Grant Program in March
- The Administrator of the Transportation Alternatives Plan recommended we pursue the grant applications in this order



Route 4 East – New Plan Configuration



PLAN KEY

- 1. BUILDING
- 2. STAIRWAY
- 3. COVERED WALK
- 4. POND
- 5. WALK
- 6. SIGN
- 7. BOUNDER RETAINING WALL
- 8. UPPER PARKING
- 9. LOWER PARKING

CONCEPT SITE PLAN

BILL'S COUNTRY STORE
KILLINGTON, VERMONT
DATE: 11/28/12
SCALE: 1"=40'

ROUTE 4

R.T. 100

WE 78.5±
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Grant Application

Scope of Work

- Address storm water run-off caused by the US Rt. 4 and Killington Rd. by properly treating with a series of landscaped retention ponds
- Create a vegetation management plan to remove the (ADJ) invasive species phragmites australis in the right of way
- Repurpose private property to public use (Park & Ride) and support multimodal transportation

Cost

- State - \$174,987 (80%)
- Town - \$43,747 (20%)
- **Total - \$218,734**

Benefits, Risks and Steps to Mitigate Risk

- **Benefit to Town**

- Secure a better location for the park and ride facility
- Beautify the gateway, by consolidating entrances between BCS and Base Camp, adding landscaping and creating scenic ponds
- Improve the intersection at Killington Rd. and Rt. 4 with the businesses on the northern side
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- **Risk to Town**

- BCS does not develop the property as a visitors center
 - BCS pursues uses other than a visitors center
 - BCS sells the property after the improvements

- **Steps to Mitigate the Risk**

- Agreement with BCS to refund the Town's contribution of \$43,747 if they do not create a visitors center

Support for the Project

- ✓ AOT indicated the project would qualify; points for storm water management and vegetation management plan to remove the invasive species phragmites australis
- ✓ The Grant Administrator for the Park and Ride program indicated we could move the park and ride grant money to the BCS location if the owners provide a 50 year easement/lease, which BCS has provided
- ✓ Bills LLC letter to provide a 50 year easement and/or lease for the purposes of locating the park and ride facility
- ✓ Mike Miller has provided a letter of support for the proposed plans being submitted and agrees to an easement to the town for the proposed drainage ponds and walkways.
- ✓ BSC and Miller agree to maintain the new areas (Town would be responsible for Park and Ride portion)

Support for the Project

- ✓ Mike Solimano wrote, "The resort supports the concept of a visitor center in this location. I think it will help us move forward with our "One Killington" initiative by improving communication with our guests and making sure they have the information necessary for them to have an enjoyable visit to our community"
- ✓ The Rutland Regional Planning Commission sent a letter of support

Next Steps

- Letter of support from the Selectboard
- Letter of support from the Planning Commission
- Complete the Grant Application
- Send in Grant Application on Thursday