



## HIGH RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

'Urban" area with at least 1 unit per acre. Also includes significant commercial and industrial uses.

## MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL DENSITY



"Suburban" area with between 1 unit per acre and 1 unit per 10 acres. Also includes some commercial and industrial uses.



## LOW RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

"Exurban" area with between 1 unit per 10 acres and 1 unit per 200 acres.



## RURAL

"Rural" area with less than 1 unit per 200 acres.

## **Housing Density**

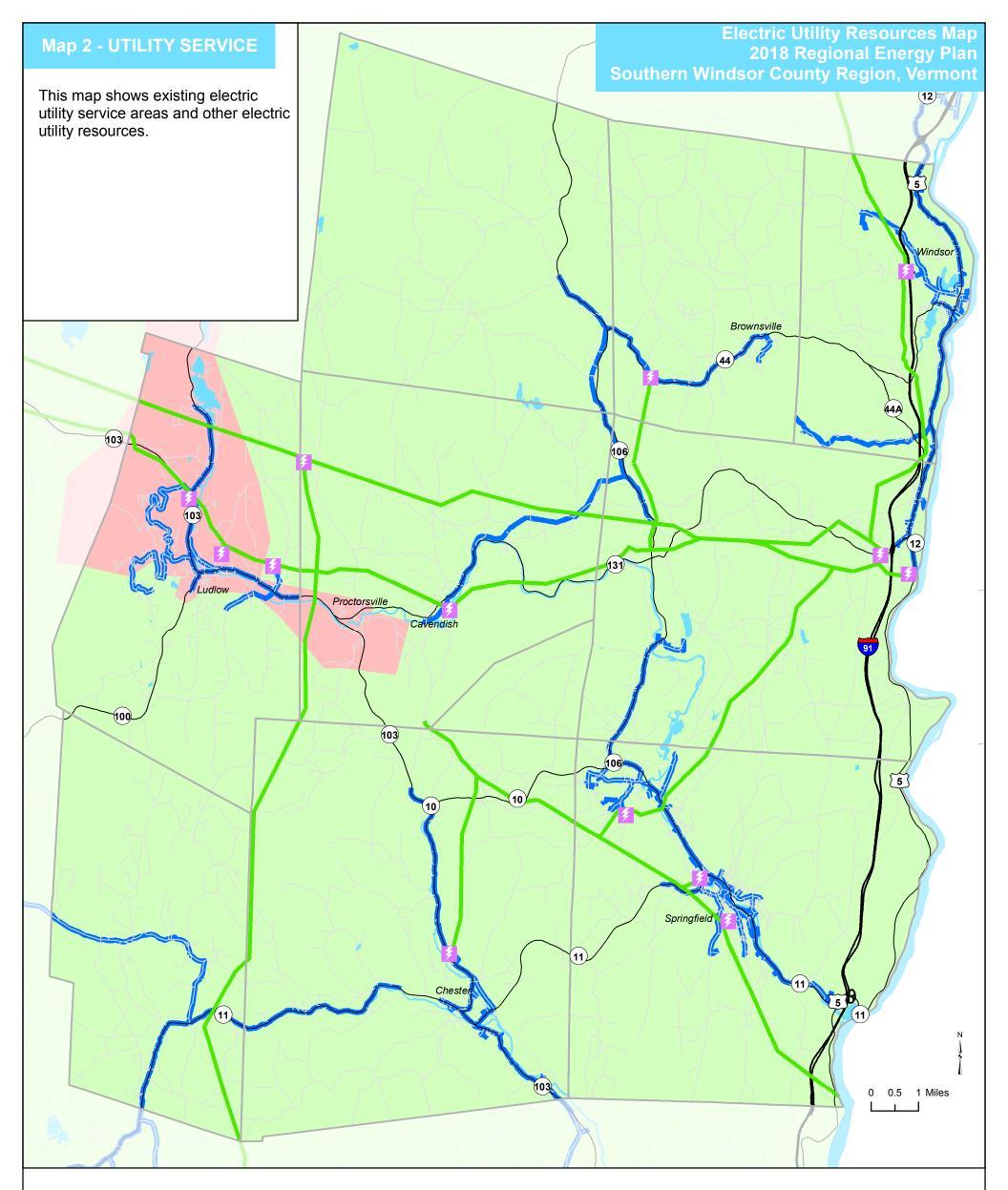
- Oundeveloped or Rural (less than 0.025 units per acre)
- Exurban (0.025 to 0.1 units per acre)
- Suburban (0.1 to 1 unit per acre)
- Urban (at least 1 unit per acre)
- Conserved Lands
- $\sim$  Interstate
- $\sim$  US & VT Highway; and Class 1 Town Hwy
- All other roads and ROW
- ✓ Major River
  - Major Lakes and Ponds
- Town





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ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE AREAS Green Mountain Power and

Ludlow Electric Light Dept

ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION

THREE PHASE ELECTRIC



Green Mountain Power

- Ludlow Electric Light Department (Municipal)
- Three Phase Electricity Distribution Lines
- ∼ Electric Transmission Line
- $\sim$ Interstate
- $\sim$  US & VT Highway; and Class 1 Town Hwy
- All other roads and ROW
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🔵 Town

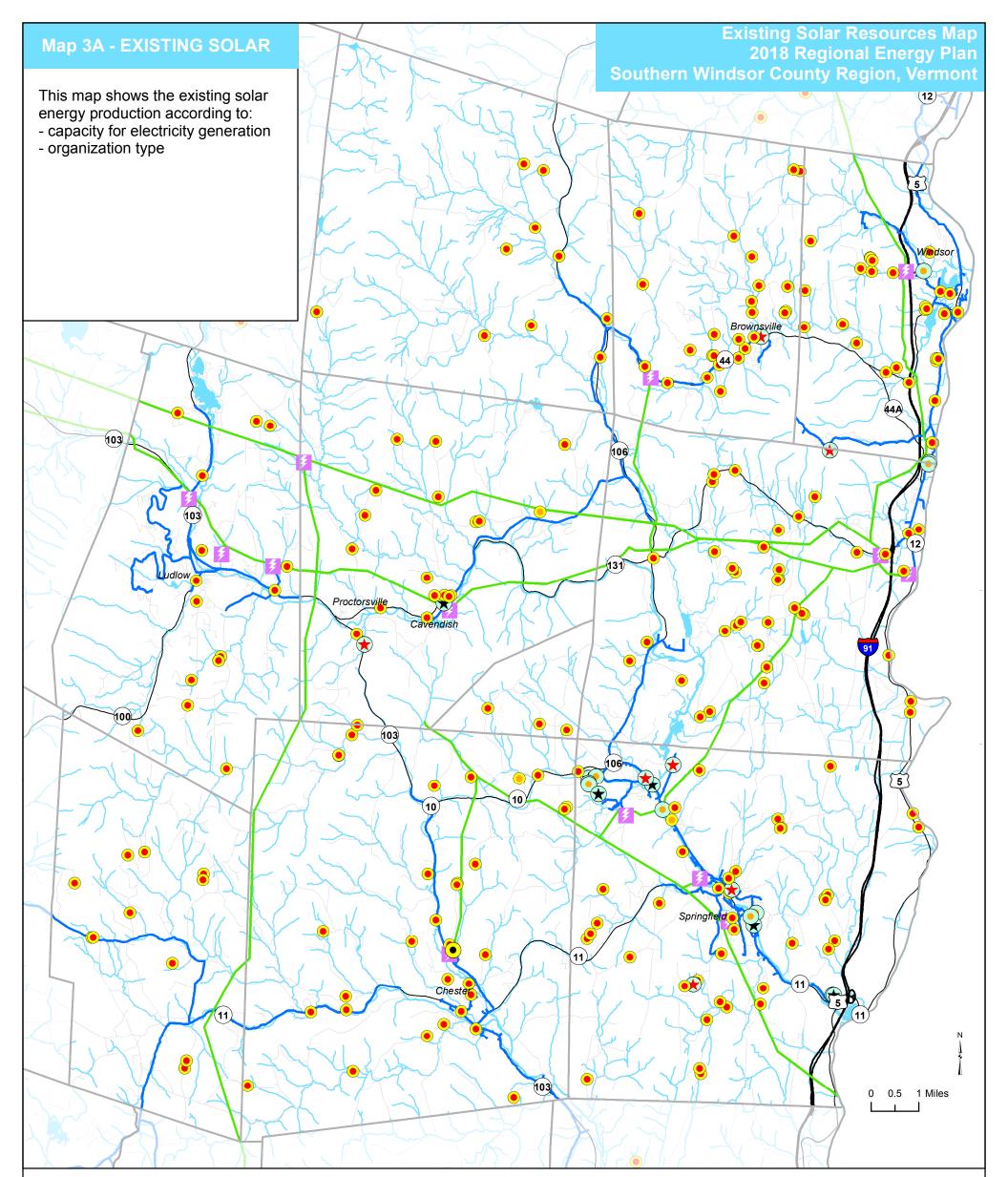
For up to date mapping of three phase electric distribution see www.greenmountainpower.com/ innovative/solar\_capital/3-phaseservice-in-vermont/

For information about the distribution circuit rating for new distributed generation (DG) interconnections see the GMP Online Solar Planning Map http://arcg.is/2b1a2MU All connections in the Region are currently good. Data sources: Electric Utility Service Areas (VCGI 2015), Substations (BCRC 2015 and SWCRPC 2017), Three Phase Electricity Lines (BCRC 2015 and Town/RPC 2018), Transmission Lines (RPC 2016), Waterbodies (VHD 2008), Roads (VTrans 2015), Town Boundaries (VCGI 2012).



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### Existing solar energy generation sites

- Business, Institution or Municipality with a capacity of 150kW or more
- Business, Institution or Municipality with a capacity of 15kW or less
- Business, Institution or Municipality with a capacity of 15.1kW 150KW
- Residential, Capacity of 150kW or more
- Residential, Capacity of 15kW or less
- Residential, Capacity of over 15kW but less than 150kW

5 Substation

- ∼ Electric Transmission Line
- Three Phase Electricity Distribution Lines
- $\sim$ Interstate
- $\sim$  US & VT Highway; and Class 1 Town Hwy
- All other roads and ROW

🔷 Streams

Major Lakes and Ponds

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The Vermont Public Service Board divides applications for a Certificate of Public Good by net metering system capacity: - 15kW or less - Over 15kW but less than 150kW

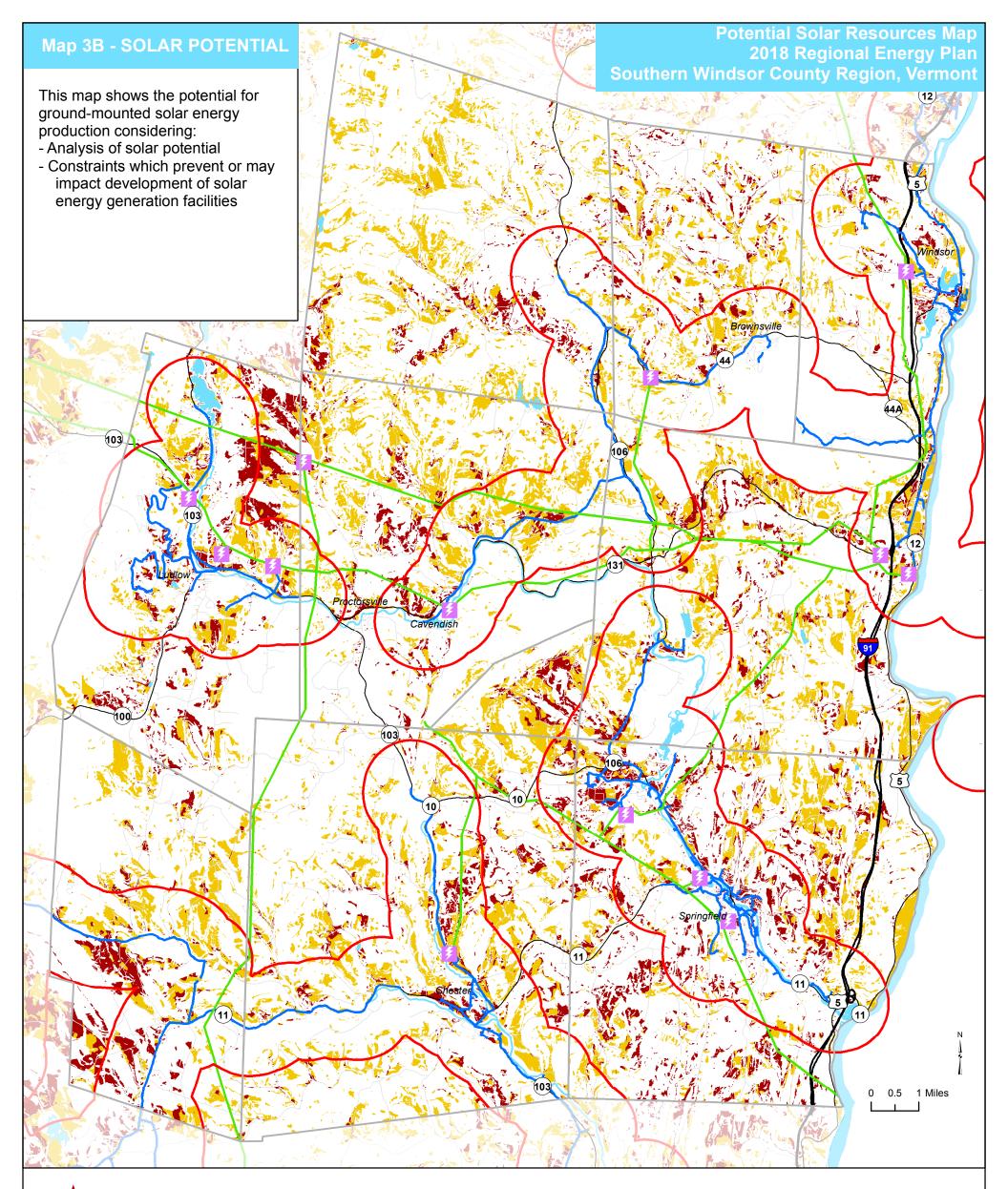
- 150kW or more

Data sources: Solar Facilities (Vermont Energy Dashboard. Sites listed on Atlas on 02/03/2017), Three Phase Electricity Lines (BCRC 2015 and Town/ RPC 2018), Transmission Lines (RPC 2016), Substations (RPC 2017), Waterbodies (VHD 2008), Roads (VTrans 2015), Town Boundaries (VCGI 2012).



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PRIME SOLAR POTENTIAL/ No known constraints

## SECONDARY SOLAR POTENTIAL/ Possible constraints

- Substation
- ∼ Electric Transmission Line
- Three Phase Electricity Distribution Lines
  - Area within 1 mile of existing three phase electricity distribution lines
- $\sim$  Interstate
- $\sim$  US & VT Highway; and Class 1 Town Hwy
- All other roads and ROW
- Major River
- Major Lakes and Ponds



Solar potential for ground-mounted systems was calculated to consider the following conditions:

- slope direction
- slope steepness
- radiation values from ESRI solar analyst

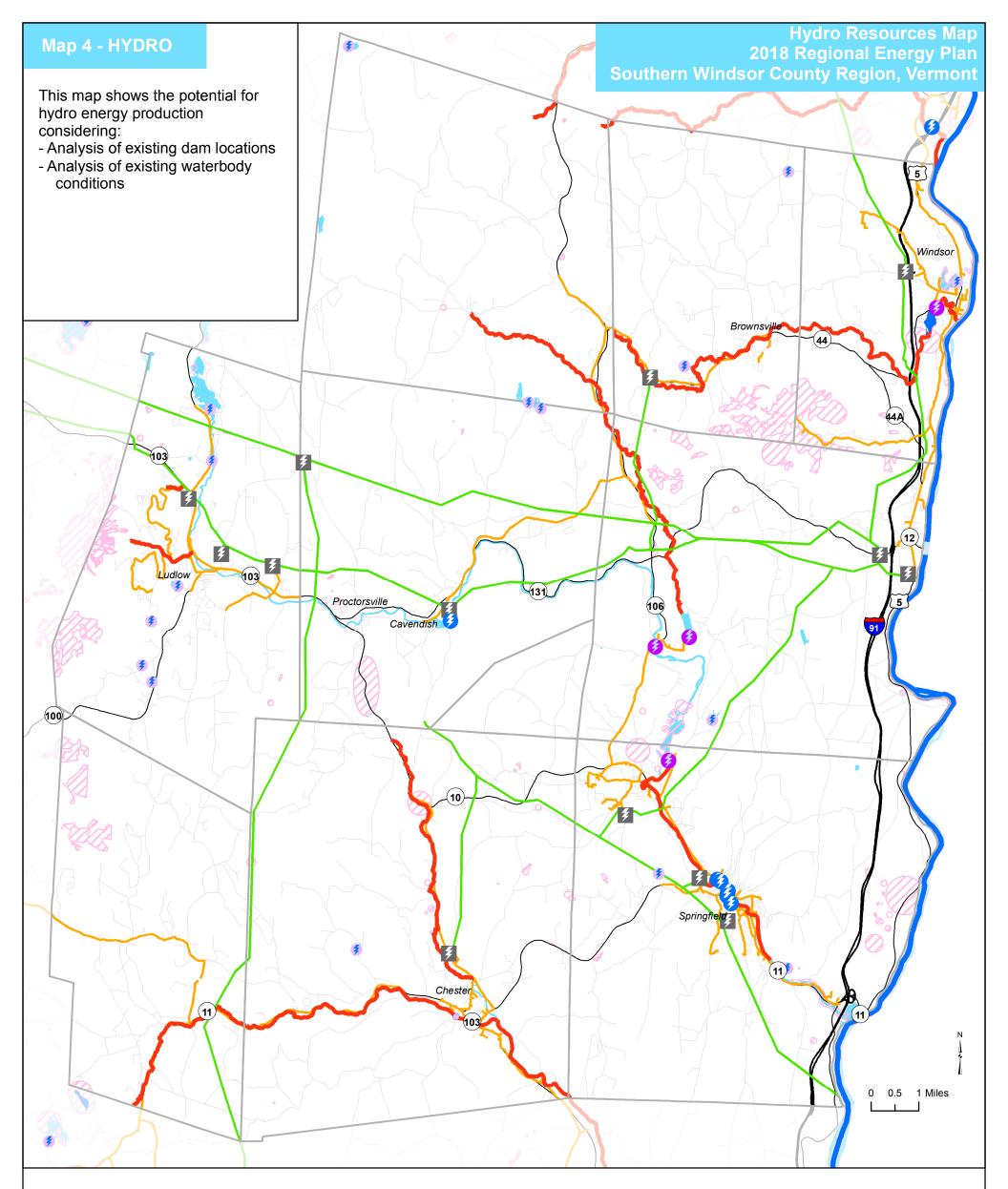
For more info see http://vcgi.vermont. gov/opendata/act174

The Regional Energy Planning Standards are available at http://publicservice.vermont.gov/ content/act-174-recommendationsand-determination-standards Data sources: Prime and Secondary Solar Potential (VCGI 2017), Three Phase Electricity Lines (BCRC 2015 and Town/ RPC 2018), Buffer on Three Phase Lines (SWCRPC 2018), Transmission Lines (RPC 2016), Substations (RPC 2017), Waterbodies (VHD 2008), Roads (VTrans 2015), Town Boundaries (VCGI 2012).



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HYDRO POTENTIAL Existing dams with hydro power generation potential

## *is* Existing Hydro Sites

- Undeveloped hydro potential over 50 KW
- Undeveloped hydro potential less than 50KW
- Potential with penstock
- Substation
- Rare and Irreplaceable Natural Area
- Priority Lake, Pond, River or Stream
- Stressed Lake, Pond, River or Stream
- 🔷 Electric Transmission Line
- ── Three Phase Electricity Distribution Lines
- $\sim$ Interstate
- $\sim$  US & VT Highway; and Class 1 Town Hwy
- All other roads and ROW
- 🔨 Major River
  - Major Lakes and Ponds

🔵 Town

Potential hydro electric generation sites were identified by using existing dam location data for all of Vermont and then estimating electric production. Estimating is an inexact science, and estimates can vary widely between different studies. For more info see www.vtenergyatlasinfo.com/hydro/methodology

The Vermont Priority Waters List was developed by Vermont DEC "for the purposes of identifying and tracking important water quality problems where the Vermont Water Quality Standards (VTWQS) are not met [...] This list is composed of several parts, each identifying a group of waters with unique water quality concerns that are either impaired or altered." (ANR 2013).

A stressed waterbody is one that "while these waters are in compliance with the Water Quality Standards, stressors are present that impede the water from attaining the highest water quality" (ANR 2014).

There are no outstanding resource waters or stormwater impaired watersheds in the Region.

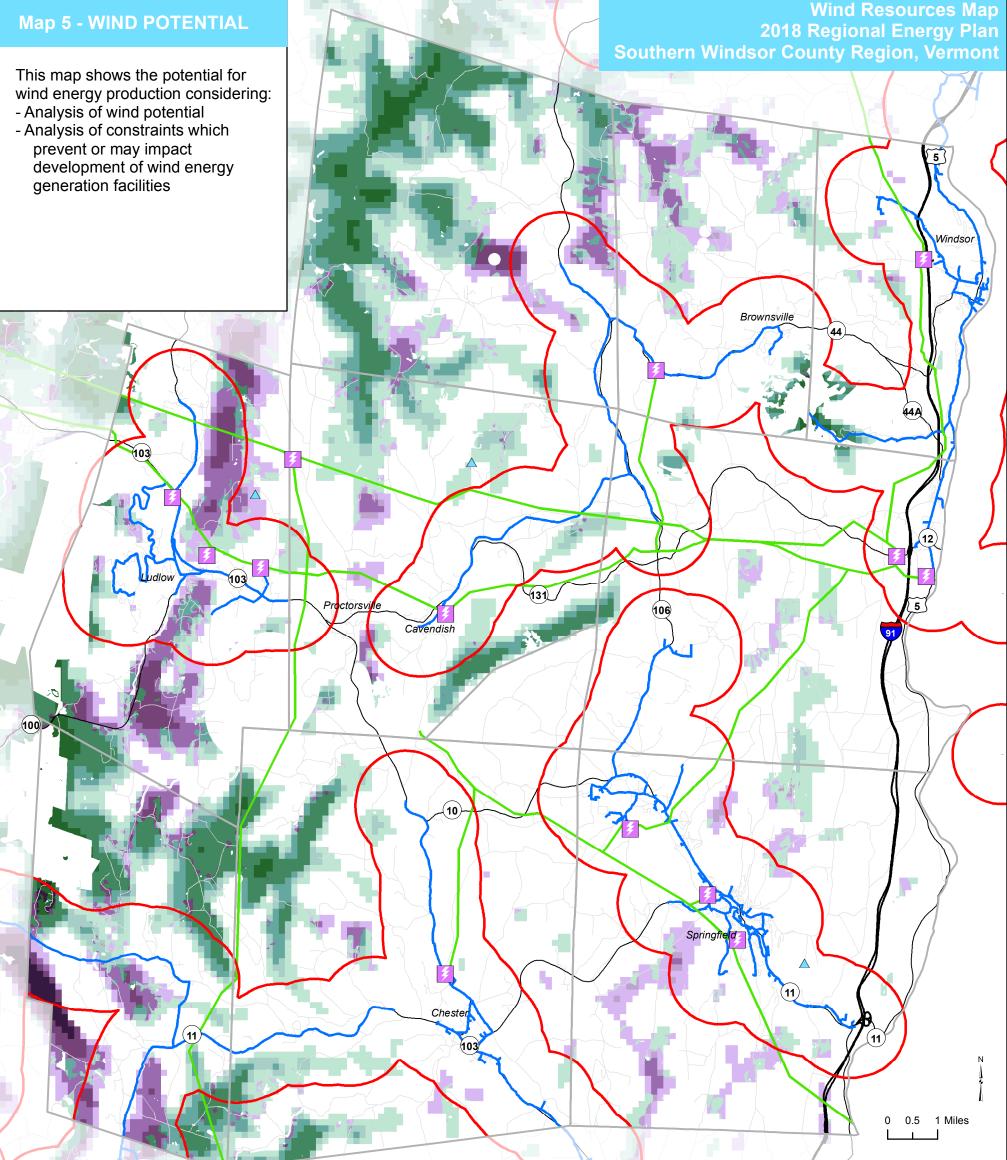
Data sources: Existing and Potential Hydro Sites (VSJF 2010), Priority waterbodies (ANR 2012 and 2013), Stornwater Impaired Watersheds (ANR Unknown), Stressed waterbodies (ANR 2014), Outstanding Resource Waters (ANR 2010), Rare and Irreplaceable Natural Area (BCRC), Three Phase Electricity Lines (BCRC 2015 and Town/ RPC 2017), Transmission Lines (RPC 2016), Substation (BCRC 2015 & SWCRPC 2017), Waterbodies (VHD 2008), Roads (VTrans 2015), Town Boundaries (VCGI 2012).



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## **Map 5 - WIND POTENTIAL**





## **PRIME WIND POTENTIAL/** No known constraints



# SECONDARY WIND POTENTIAL/

**Possible constraints** 

#### **Prime - Highest Potential Wind Speed**

10.07 - 10.94 mph 10.94 - 12.10 12.10 - 13.82 13.82 - 16.46 16.46 - 25.70

**Secondary - Highest Potential Wind Speed** 

- 10.07 11.45 mph 11.45 - 12.82 12.82 - 14.32
- 14.32 16.46
- 16.46 25.70
- A Residential Wind Facility
- Substation
- 🔷 Electric Transmission Line
- Three Phase Electricity Distribution Lines
- Area within 1 mile of existing three phase electricity distribution lines

using the TrueWind Solutions MesoMap wind mapping system. For more info see www.vtenergyatlasinfo.com/wind/methodology There are currently no commercial wind facilities in the Region. The Regional Energy Planning Standards are available at

http://publicservice.vermont.gov/ content/act-174-recommendations-

and-determination-standards

Potential wind speeds were calculated Data sources: Prime and

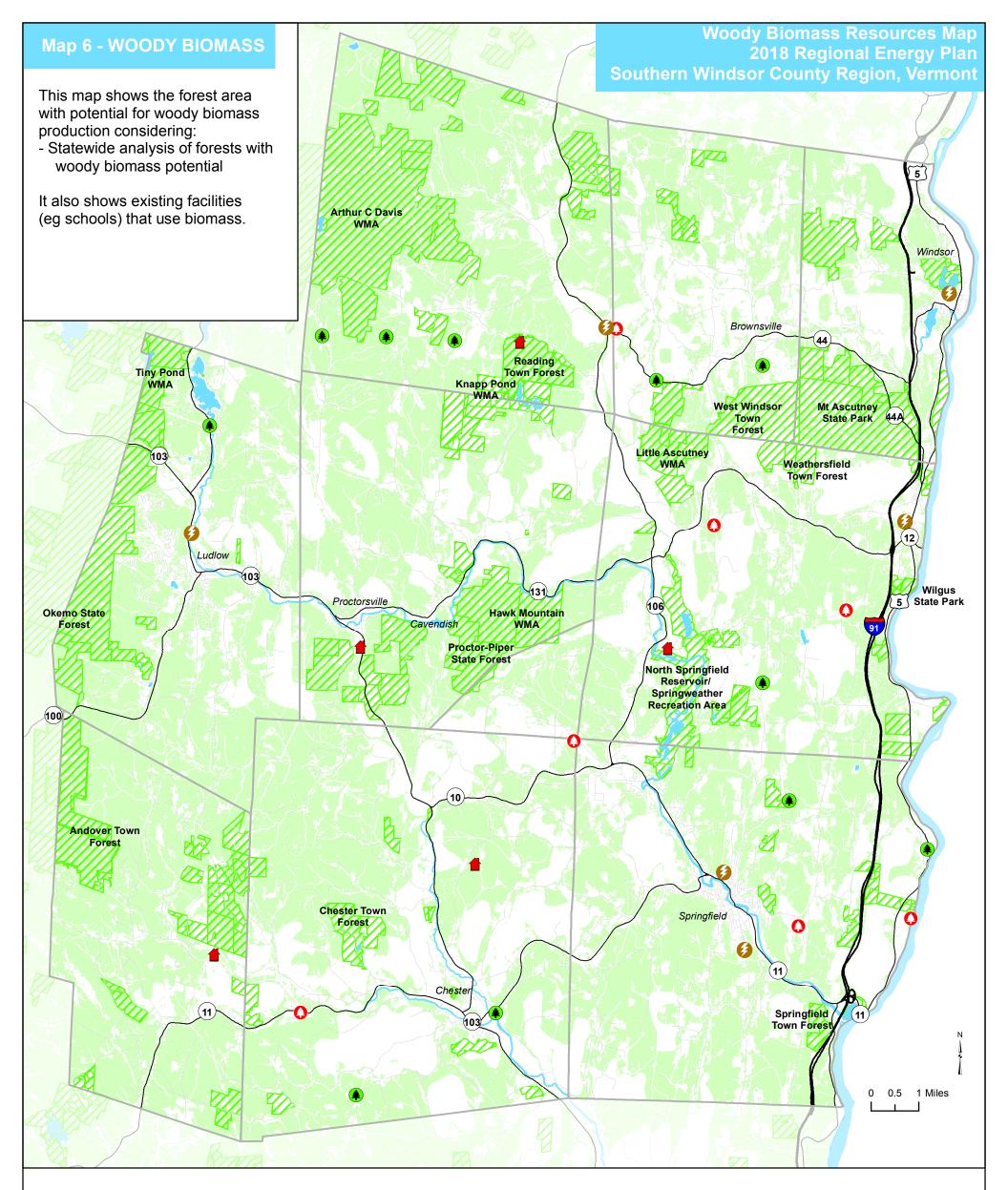
2017), Wind Facilities (VT Energy Dashboard. Sites listed on Atlas on 02/03/2017), Three Phase Electricity Lines (BCRC 2015 & Town/ RPC 2018), Buffer on Three Phase Lines (SWCRPC 2018), Transmission Lines (RPC 2016). Substation (BCRC 2015 & SWCRPC 2017), Waterbodies (VHD 2008), Roads (VTrans 2015), Town Boundaries (VCGI 2012).

Secondary Wind Potential (VCGI



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FOREST AREA WITH BIOMASS POTENTIAL Areas identified with woody biomass potential



**CONSERVED LANDS** 

Some of these lands may not be available for woody biomass energy production

- Existing Biomass Energy Sites
- Christmas Tree Farm
- Maple Sugar Producer
- **Saw Mill with 2 or more employees**
- Conserved Land
- Forest area with biomass potential (from VSJF)<sub>Note: Biomass energy fuel can</sub>
- $\sim$ Interstate
- $\sim$  US & VT Highway; and Class 1 Town Hwy
- All other roads and ROW
- 🔨 Major River
- Major Lakes and Ponds
- 🔵 Town

Forest areas with biomass potential were calculated using a variety of data including forest inventory, forest growth and harvesting and then estimate the Net Available Low Grade (NALG) wood that can be sustainably harvested for thermal or electrical applications. For more info see www.vtenergyatlas-info.com/biomass/ woody-biomass/methodology

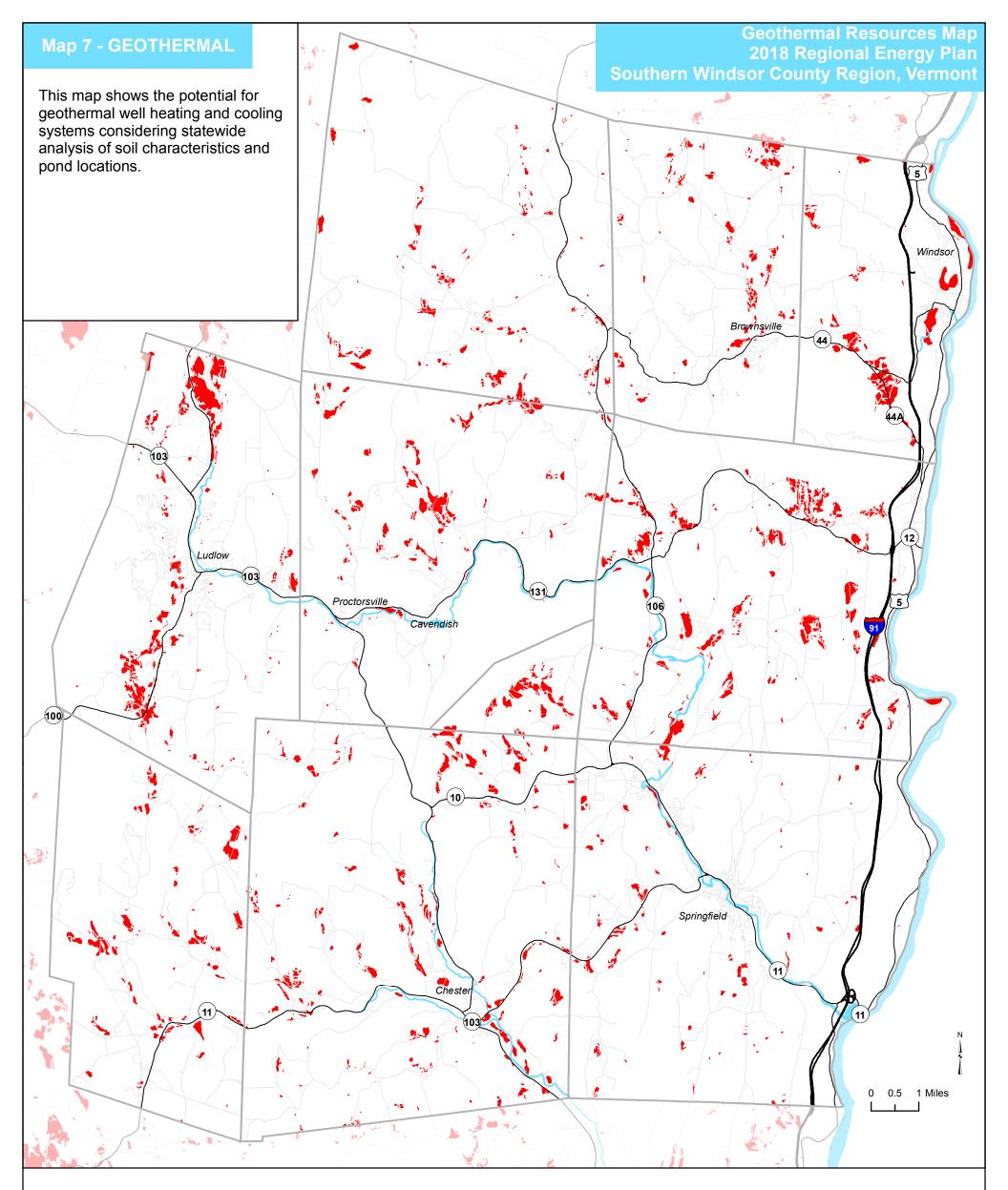
Data sources: Woody Biomass Supply Estimates (VSJF 2010), Existing Biomass Energy Sites (Vermont Energy Dashboard, Sites listed on Atlas on 02/03/2017), Forest Producers (Christmas Tree Farms, Maple Sugar Producers and Saw Mills) (SWCRPC 2013), Conserved lands (Protected Lands Database) (VCGI and others 2016), Waterbodies (VHD 2008), Roads (VTrans 2015), Town Boundaries (VCGI 2012).



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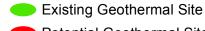
Note: Biomass energy fuel can also come from other sources, for example cropland and grassland for biodiesel production.



## **GEOTHERMAL POTENTIAL**

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Areas identified with soils that have a high suitability for geothermal heating systems or a waterbody of sufficient size to support geothermal heating systems.



- Potential Geothermal Site
- $\sim$ Interstate
- $\sim$  US & VT Highway; and Class 1 Town Hwy
- All other roads and ROW
- 🔨 Major River
- Other Major Lakes and Ponds



This map shows potential for closed loops with horizontal, vertical or pond systems. For horizontal or vertical systems "the ground heat source is gained through either a series of 'loop pipes' placed in vertically drilled holes or horizontal loops buried in soil" and potential was calculated using soil characteristics. For pond systems 'the ground heat source comes from a pond of at least 0.5 acres" and potential was calculated by selecting any pond over 0.5 acres.

This map does not show the potential for open loop systems which can "use well water as a heat exchange fluid that circulates directly through a ground source heat pump".

For more info see www.vtenergyatlasinfo.com/geothermal/methodology

There are currently no known geothermal sites in the Region.

Data sources: Existing and Potential Geothermal Heating Sites (VSJF 2010),

Waterbodies (VHD 2008), Roads (VTrans 2015), Town Boundaries (VCGI 2012).



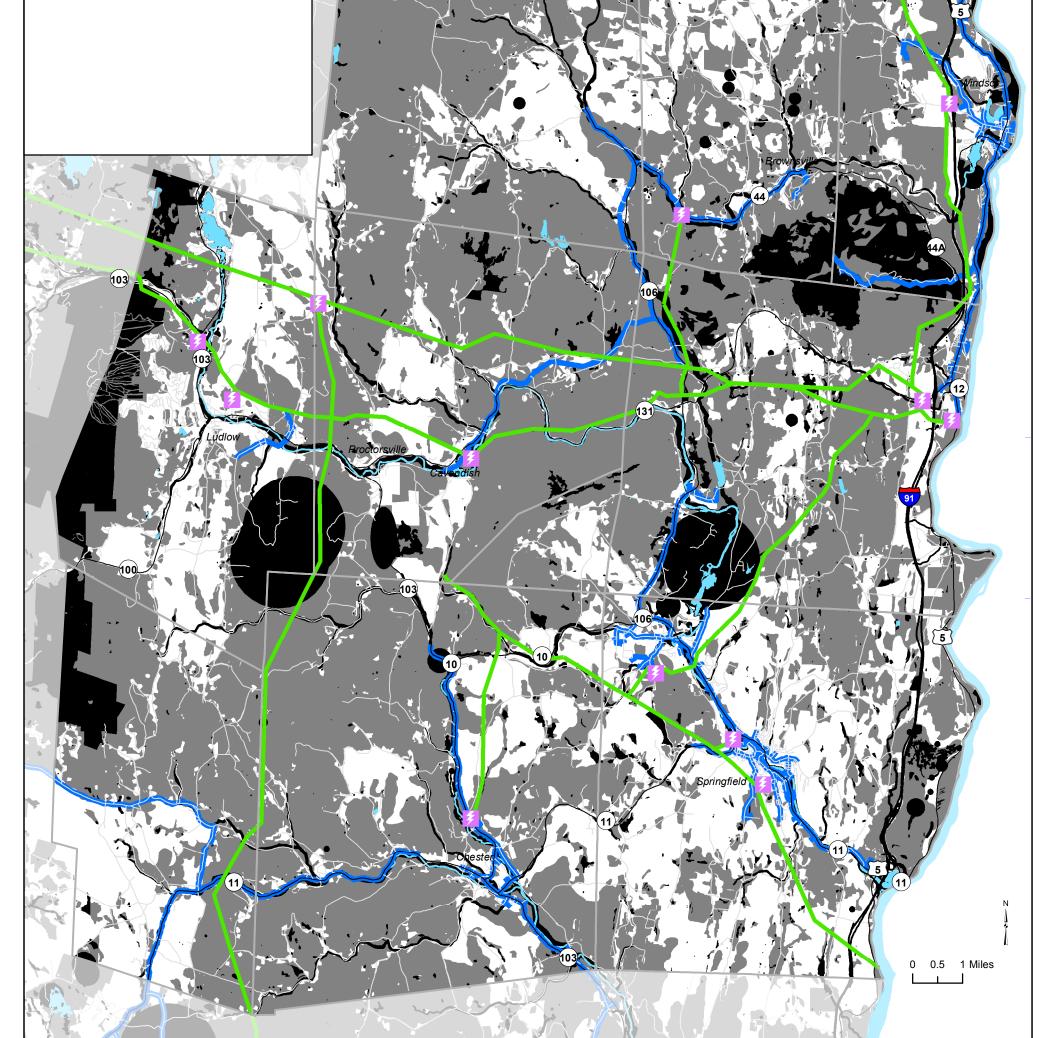
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## **Map 8 - CONSTRAINTS**

This map shows the areas covered by known and possible constraints in accordance with Act 174 Regional **Energy Planning Standards released** November 2017

Known and Possible Constraints Map 2018 Regional Energy Plan Southern Windsor County Region, Vermont





#### **KNOWN CONSTRAINTS**

signal likely, though not absolute, unsuitability for development based on statewide or local regulations or designated critical resources.



## **POTENTIAL CONSTRAINTS**

signal conditions that would likely require mitigation, and which may prove a site unsuitable after site-specific study, based on statewide or regional/ local policies that are currently adoped or in effect.

- Known Constraint
- Possible Constraint

## Substation

- Three Phase Electricity Distribution Lines
- Selectric Transmission Line
- $\sim$  Interstate
- ── US & VT Highway; and Class 1 Town Hwy
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In November 2017 the State defined the following as "known" constraints:

- Vernal pools DEC River Corridors
- FEMA Floodways
- State significant natural communities Rare, Threatened and Endangered
- Species
- National Wilderness Areas
- Class 1 and 2 Wetlands

The State defined the following as "possible" constraints:

- Agricultural soils
- FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas
- Protect Lands (ie conserved lands)
   Act 250 Agricultural Soil Mitigation areas
- Deer wintering areas
  ANR's Vermont Conservation Design
- Highest Priority Forest Blocks - Hydric Soils



Data sources: Known and

Possible Constraints defined

by the State (VCGI Act 174 v2), Substations (BCRC 2015 and

SWCRPC 2016), Three Phase

Electricity Lines (BCRC 2015), Transmission Lines (RPC 2016),

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