

Gott, Catherine

From: Christina Friedkin <cfriedkin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 1:29 PM
To: Act250 - Board
Subject: TRORC Regional Plan Comment

[You don't often get email from cfriedkin@yahoo.com. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern about the TRORC 2026 Draft Regional Plan. I am writing as a resident landowner in the Town of Thetford.

I am concerned about the mandatory "shall" and "must" language throughout the plan, the reclassification of parcels without parcel-level notice to landowners, the compressed public comment timeline, and the lack of individual town meetings on the revised Future Land Use maps.

The plan's restrictions on accessory on-farm businesses — including a cap of 20 social events per year — run counter to Vermont's statutory goal of strengthening agriculture. The plan should be promoting and expanding opportunities for farmers and working landowners, not restricting them. Agritourism, value-added farm products, and on-farm enterprises are exactly what Vermont's rural economy depends on. The language in this plan suppresses rather than supports that vision.

I am asking LURB to carefully review whether adequate public engagement has occurred before certifying this plan, and to require TRORC to provide parcel-level reclassification data, individual town meetings on the revised Future Land Use maps, and a meaningful revision of the agriculture provisions before any adoption vote is taken.

Sincerely,
Christina Friedkin
Thetford
Cfriedkin@yahoo.com