This map has two main functions: to convey information on conserved lands, and to show an aerial photograph of the town.

Conserved lands are from the Vermont Protected Lands Database, a compilation of data from a variety of sources last updated in 2017. All lands in the dataset are permanently protected from development of some type. However, there are several classes of conserved lands, and this map does not differentiate between them. Some are managed strictly as natural areas, with activities such as timber harvesting prohibited. Others are managed specifically for the production of timber or other natural resources but prohibit development. Others are active, working farms where normal farming activities are expected, with development greatly restricted but not prohibited. In certain cases, conserved lands allow development for particular uses, such as public recreation, as is often the case with state and town parks. Some privately conserved lands have not been included in this database, either because the associated conservation organization chose not to include buildings or because the organization had few holdings in Vermont.

Users should make no inference about public access on conserved lands. While some protected conserved areas have public access, many do not. Users should also be careful to recognize when lands is privately versus publicly owned, and to respect private property.

The information in the Protected Lands Database can be used at any scale larger than a few parcels, where exact boundaries are not important. Many maps were digitized from sources other than official surveys, so no boundary should be considered precise.