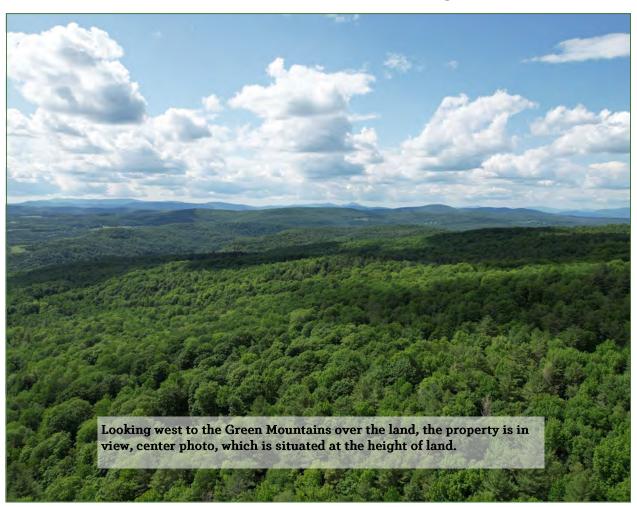


# LIGHTHOUSE HILL FOREST

A central Vermont property with end-of-the-road privacy, homesite options, gently sloping terrain and professionally managed timber resource.



99 Grand List Acres Brookfield & Chelsea, Orange County, Vermont

Price: \$190,000

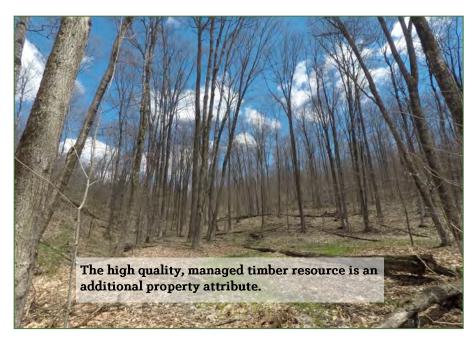


#### **PROPERTY OVERVIEW**

The forest is ideally suited for the development of a year-round homesite, while continuing the growth of the existing timber resource.

## Property highlights include:

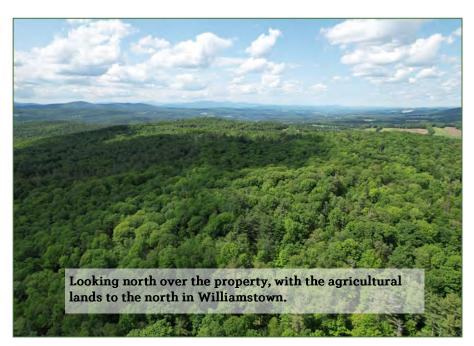
- Quiet country location with town-maintained access and adjacent electric power;
- Building site options along the town road or further into the woods;
- Exceptional timber resource with net standing value estimated to be \$105,000;
- Stone walls and gentle terrain with nice internal woods trails;
- Multiple lot subdivision potential;
- Direct VAST trail access.



# LOCATION

The property is situated in the northeast section of Brookfield Township and northern tip of Chelsea Township, in an area predominately forested and generally at Brookfield's highest elevation. This location gives way to long views to the west from certain locations near and on the land.

Locally, there are a few yearround neighbors adjacent to the property with mixed home sizes, styles and maintenance levels. Not far from the property in all directions, the landscape changes from predominately forested to a greater mix of open farmland, creating an attractive local setting.



While the property is situated in a rural area, away from traveled roads, three town villages are nearby. Williamstown village is 6 miles to the northwest where most amenities are available. Chelsea Village, the county seat, is 7 miles to the southeast. The small hamlet of Brookfield, at Sunset Lake, is 5 miles to the west, while Montpelier is 20 miles north. Boston is about a 2.75-hour's drive to the southeast.

Cell service from the property is very good.



# **ACCESS**

Access is provided by roughly 400' of direct frontage along the townmaintained portion of Cemetery Street; beyond this point, the land has another 1,590' along the nontown-maintained section of this road. In addition, 725' of frontage exists along Taylor Hill Road; though this is not town-maintained, this road is kept open in the winter months by local neighbors. Electric power and telephone service runs along Taylor Hill Road and the townmaintained portion of Cemetery Street, with existing and potential driveway cuts easily upgraded and/ or established along these roads for future housing and/or forest management activities. Internal trails are well developed, and a VAST snowmobile trail runs along Cemetery Street, providing direct access to this recreational asset.

To get to the property from Route 14 and Taylor Hill Road, head east on Taylor Hill Road, 1.5 miles to the property driveway (on the left). From the junctions of Edwards Road and Route 110 in Chelsea, head west along Edwards Road for 2.6 miles, then continue straight on Williamstown Road .4 miles, then left on Hopkins Road for .7 miles then right .4 miles to Taylor Hill Road.

## **TAXES & TITLE**

With the exception of the +/-4-acre detached parcel, the entire property IS enrolled in the State of Vermont's Use Value Appraisal (UVA) program (plan date 2020). Annual taxes are \$739.04. 63.8 acres are in Brookfield, with 35.03 acres in Chelsea (a total of 98.83 Grand List acres).

Boundary lines are in good condition. There are no known rights-of-ways or other deed restrictions that cover the land.



Taylor Hill Road frontage (right) with power and telephone lines that run along the property's road frontage.



Taylor Hill Road (center) with Cemetery Street. far end view. The +/- 4 acre parcel is roughly depicted along Cemetery Street.

A tiny old cemetery is on the land east of Cemetery Street (see topo map for location). The land is surveyed.



#### SITE DESCRIPTION

Gentle to moderate slopes, with mostly southern and western exposure, define the terrain. The property's northern, central and eastern sections are gently sloping and generally the highest elevation in the area at 1,840'.

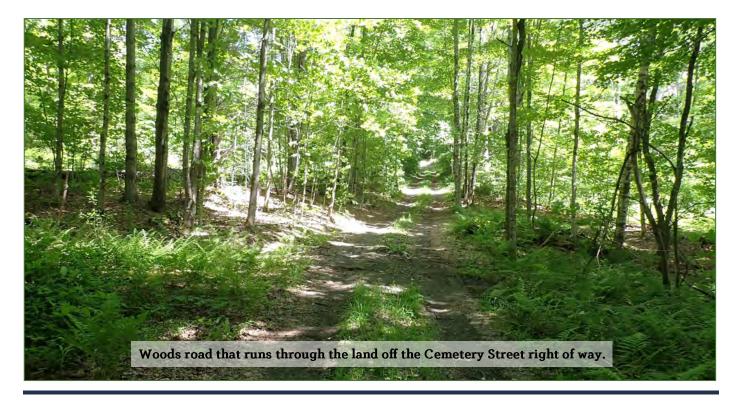
The entire property was once farmed and part of a homestead, evident by the pine stands that have become established from old field abandonment, the many stone walls that cross the land, remnants of a stone foundation, and the tiny Goodridge Cemetery that is located on the property along Cemetery Street.

The headwaters of a small stream originate on the land, and a small forested wetland is located in the

Opening off the Taylor Hill Road driveway; good home location.

northeast corner. Soils are generally well drained on the land west of Cemetery Street, as well as the separate +/-4-acre parcel east of Cemetery Street that comes with the property. This +/-4-acre lot has been positively tested for septic options and thus is buildable, offering a nice potential homesite amongst tall, dense trees.

The primary potential homesite is just off Taylor Hill Road, given its close proximity to Taylor Hill Road, existing clearing, and the availability of electric and telephone service along this road. However, other building options are available deeper within the land with considerable driveway construction. These interior sites would offer nice views with tree clearing.





## TIMBER RESOURCE

The timber resource has been carefully managed, producing the exceptional stands that exist today. A timber inventory in the spring of 2019 for the purpose of establishing timber value was used to estimate the current timber volumes and values. Upon accounting for volumes harvested in 2020-21, plus annual growth, current total sawlog volume is 398 MBF International ¼" scale (4.2 MBF/acre), with 1,868 pulpwood cords (19.8 cords/acre). Combined total commercial per acre volume is 28.18 cords (a figure above average for the region). Stumpage values were assigned to the volumes in June 2023, producing a property-wide Capital Timber Value (CTV) of \$105,000 (\$1,107/ commercial acre). See the Timber Valuation in this report for details.



Hardwoods are the dominant species, holding 89% of total volume. Species composition is dominated by sugar maple with associates of white ash, red maple, white birch, yellow birch, cherry and red spruce.

Orange County, Vermont is well known for producing some of the finest sugar maple in the country due to its soils which are perfectly suited to maple growth. This, combined with careful management, has produced an exceptional timber resource. The forest management is FSC certified.

The property's management plan identifies four forest stands. Stands 1 & 2 are sugar maple stands that are generally fully stocked with high-quality growing stock and sawlogs. The average diameter of the maple is nearly 15". Scattered, very old sugar maples (±110 years of age) are present, adding diversity to the resource. The poorer quality white pine in stands 3 & 4 was recently harvested, along with some of the spruce/fir in stand 3. Silvicultural history includes a light thinning in 2010 plus the abovementioned harvest in 2020-21.



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# **TIMBER VALUATION**



# **Lighthouse Hill Forest**

# **Estimated Timber Valuation**

Prepared By

#### F&W FORESTRY SERVICES INCORPORATED

Brookfield and Chelsea, Orange County, Vermont June 2023

100 Total Acres

95 Commercial (Forested) Acres

Species	Volume	Unit Price Range			<b>Total Value</b>
	MBF/CD	Low	High	Likely	Likely
Sawtimber -	MBF				
Sugar Maple	115	325.00	425.00	385.00	44,300
White Ash	68	250.00	325.00	300.00	20,500
White Pine	7	110.00	160.00	150.00	1,100
Spruce/Fir	33	90.00	140.00	125.00	4,100
Sugar Maple Pallet	68	50.00	85.00	60.00	4,100
Red Maple	13	150.00	225.00	200.00	2,700
White Birch	16	65.00	115.00	100.00	1,600
White Pine Pallet	22	15.00	25.00	20.00	400
Hardwood Pallet	31	20.00	50.00	35.00	1,100
Yellow Birch	8	250.00	350.00	325.00	2,800
Black Cherry	5	125.00	175.00	200.00	1,000
Aspen	9	20.00	50.00	30.00	300
Pulpwood - (	Cords				
Hardwood	1,654	10.00	15.00	12.00	19,900
White Pine	163	2.00	5.00	3.00	500
Spruce/Fir	51	3.00	6.00	4.00	200

Totals				
Sawtimber Total	396	MBF		\$84,000
Sawtimber Per Acre	3.980	MBF		\$844
Sawtimber Per Comm. Acre	4.190	MBF		\$889
Cordwood Total	1,868	Cords		\$20,600
Cordwood Per Acre	18.8	Cords		\$207
Cordwood Per Comm. Acre	19.8	Cords		\$218
			Total Per Comm. Acre	\$1,107

Total Value Low High	<u>Likely</u>
\$86,000 \$120,000	\$105,000

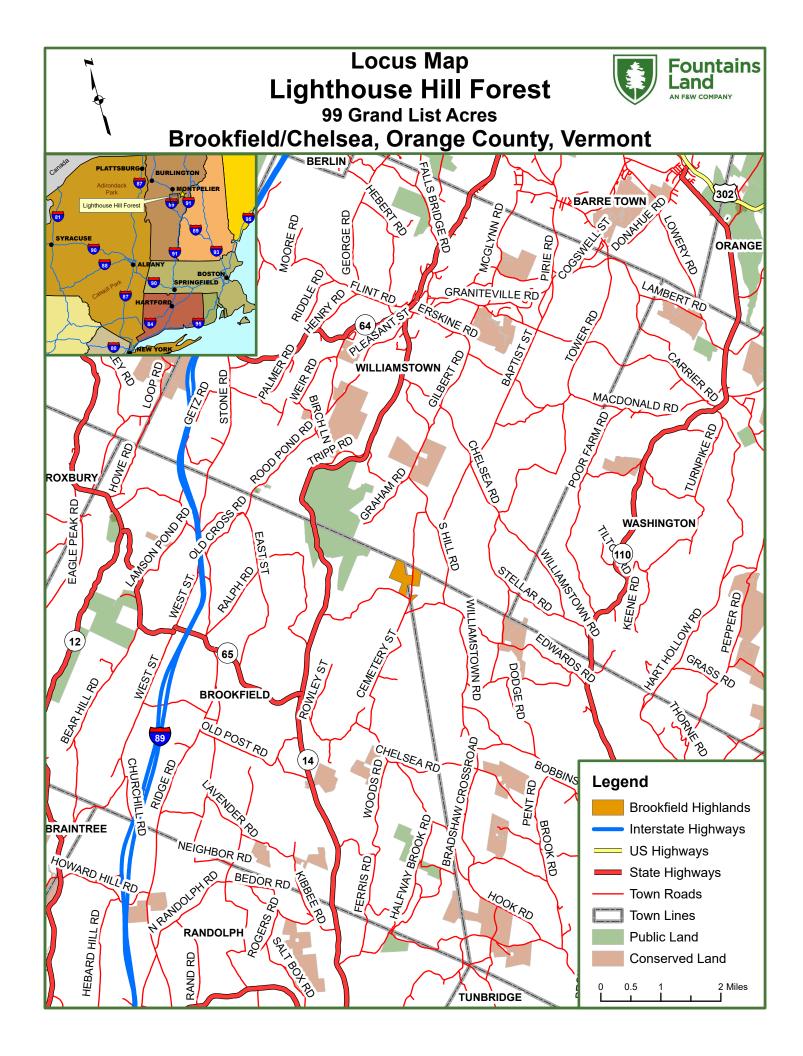
BASED ON APRIL 2019 INVENTORY CRUISE BY F&W FORESTRY SERVICES, INC

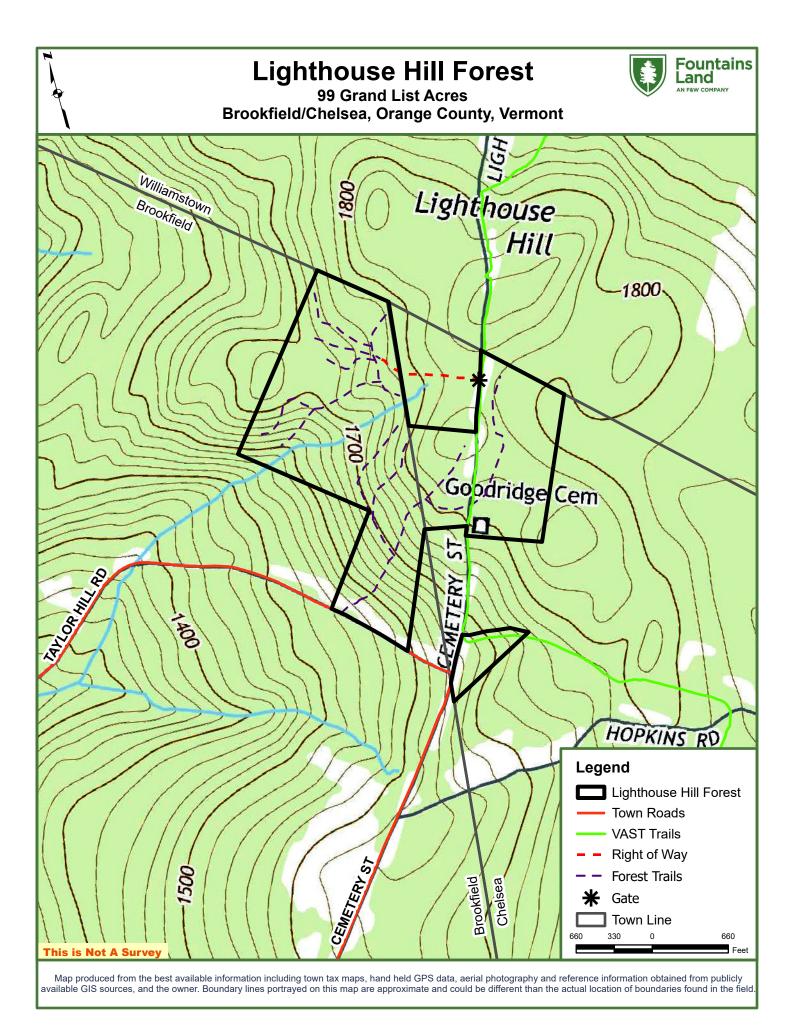
Volumes grown forward based on FIA data with winter of 2020 harvest volumes removed.

Stumpage values assigned by F&W Forestry Services in June, 2023

The volumes and values reflect estimated total value of merchantable timber. The volumes and values are not a liquidation value.

Prices are averages for the area and are adjusted to reflect, access, quality and operability of the site.



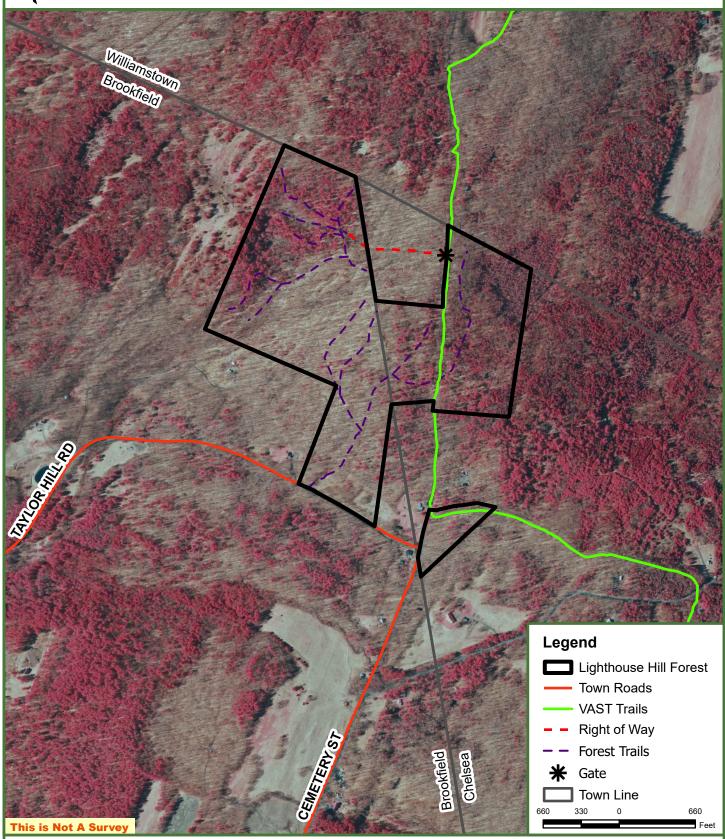


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# Lighthouse Hill Forest 99 Grand List Acres



99 Grand List Acres
Brookfield/Chelsea, Orange County, Vermont



Map produced from the best available information including town tax maps, hand held GPS data, aerial photography and reference information obtained from publicly available GIS sources, and the owner. Boundary lines portrayed on this map are approximate and could be different than the actual location of boundaries found in the field



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