Wildlife Habitat Management - A Landowner's Guide

Ultimately, fish and wildlife conservation begins with proper management and stewardship of land and habitat.

As most land in Vermont is privately owned, fish and wildlife conservation is inextricably tied to the decisions of private landowners and how they manage their lands.

This manual was developed by department staff to provide useful information and guidance to landowners, foresters, wildlife biologists and others interested in managing land for the benefit of fish and wildlife.

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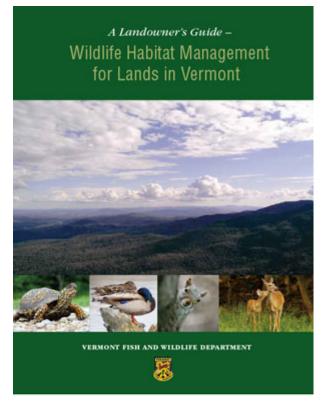
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