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*Agency of Natural Resources*

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Re: Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Grant Application – Joe Norton, TU

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture:

I am writing this letter in support of an application for EBTJV funds being submitted by Joe Norton of Trout Unlimited. I have been working closely with Joe over the last three years to prioritize stream habitat improvement efforts in Vermont's portion of the upper Connecticut River watershed, and we intend to continue to work together on this proposed project. The proposed work to design and implement culvert replacements and to add large woody material will undoubtedly help to improve brook trout habitat in the upper Connecticut River Watershed.

Sincerely,



Jud Kratzer, Fisheries Biologist

