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1 BEEC, Green Mountain Conservancy host Act 59
2 listening session

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5 The Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center and the
6 Green Mountain Conservancy invite everyone to a listening
7 session to learn more about the Vermont Conservation Plan being
8 developed to carry out the vision and goals of Act 59, the
9 Community Resilience and Biodiversity Protection Act, passed by
10 the Vermont Legislature in 2023.

11 The session will take place Tuesday, March 24, from 4 to
12 7 p.m. at Retreat Farm’s North Barn. Pizza will be served.

13 Act 59 establishes a statewide framework for land
14 conservation that advances biodiversity protection and supports
15 resilient communities. It additionally establishes the goals of
16 conserving 30% of Vermont by 2030 and 50% by 2050.

17 “The Vermont Conservation Plan uses these goals as
18 guiding benchmarks within Vermont’s long-standing, holistic
19 approach to conservation, one that integrates land protection
20 with stewardship, working lands viability, watershed health,
21 public benefit, and community resilience,” wrote organizers in a
22 news release. “The plan is a comprehensive road map for how
23 Vermont can conserve and steward lands over time so that
24 conserved lands function as a connected, resilient landscape that
25 supports biodiversity, working farms and forests, and community
26 well-being.”

27 According to organizers, conservation in southeastern
28 Vermont “has been lagging behind some other parts of the state.
29 Increasing conservation in this region is one of the actions
30 advocated by the plan.” This session will be the public’s chance
31 to hear what has been happening, react to the draft Action Items,
32 and share their ideas and knowledge.

33 Contact admin@beec.org to RSVP and for more
34 information.

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