

Green Mountain Railroad
Chester, VT

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PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENTS
FOR
SELECTED RAILWAY FACILITIES

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10.0 Green Mountain Railroad Inc., Chester Depot Chester, Vermont

10.1 Site Description

The Green Mountain Railroad Inc. Chester Depot Site is located in the rural town of Chester (pop. approximately 2,500) in a mountainous region of southeastern Vermont, Windsor County (Figure 10.1). The site is approximately four acres and is situated in the center of the town of Chester. The site is completely surrounded by the community of Chester, which includes private homes, small businesses, churches, and schools.

10.2 Site Background

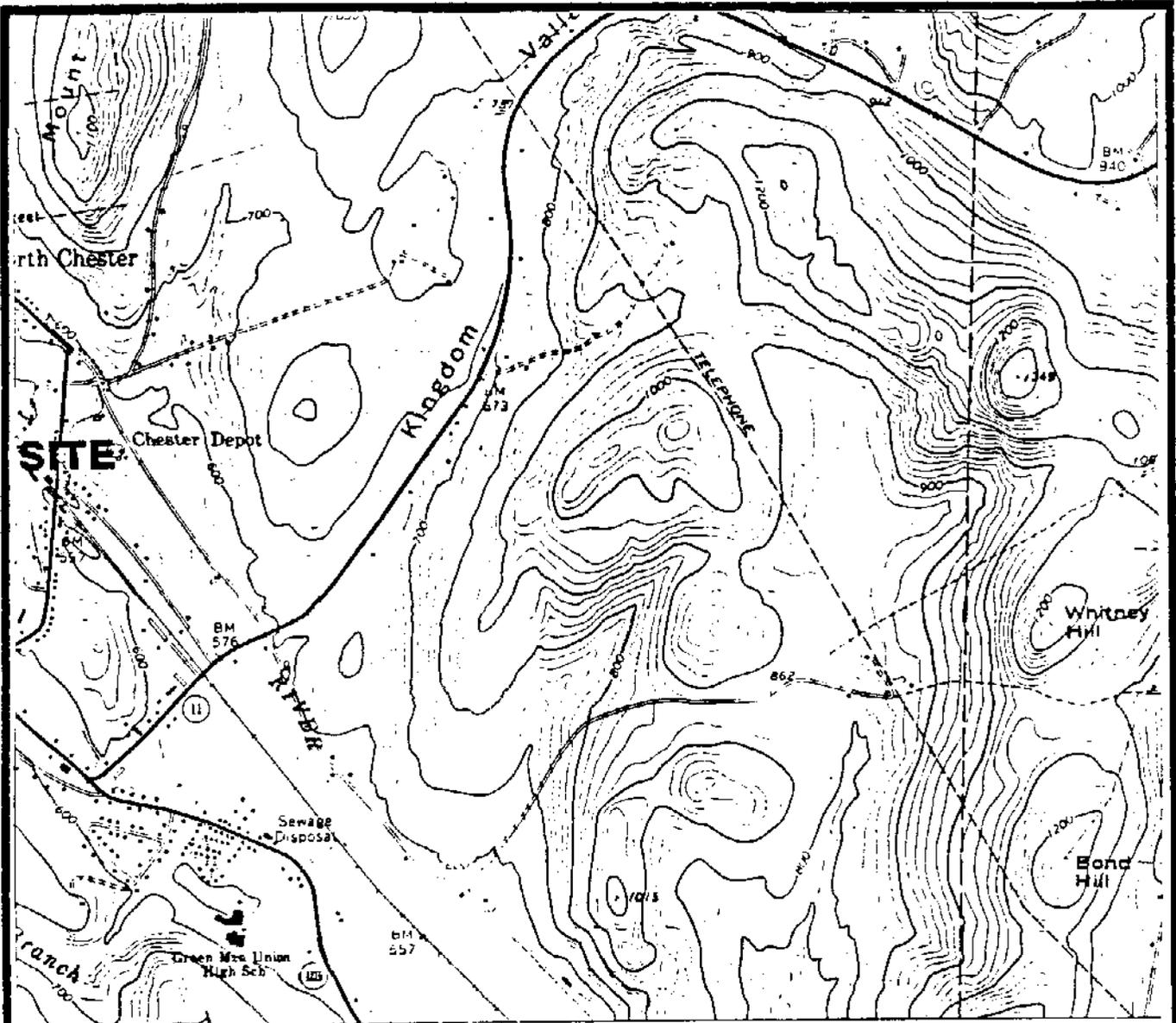
The information in this report was obtained from conversations with Mr. Doug Lamroulx, Yard Supervisor, during a site assessment visit by TAT on January 11, 1989. The Vermont Transportation Authority currently owns the property where the site is located. Green Mountain Railroad, Inc. has leased the site since October 1968 and utilizes the property as a railroad depot operation. The property is defined on Tax Map #58.

10.3 Site Assessment

The site assessment revealed the facility and railyard to be neat and well maintained. A decommissioned railcar on the site was used as a tool shed. Two 55-gallon drums of #2 diesel fuel were stored next to this railcar. There were twenty-four 55-gallon drums, ten of which were empty and the remaining ones contained scrap metal, wood, railroad fasteners, and miscellaneous junk located 15-20 feet across from the shed. No maintenance was performed at the depot on railroad equipment. Small amounts (e.g. gallon containers, quart containers) of oil were stored inside the tool shed and depot office buildings for use in trucks, chainsaws, etc. No evidence of environmental damage or mismanagement was observed. In addition, according to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, there were neither previous nor outstanding complaints against the facility.

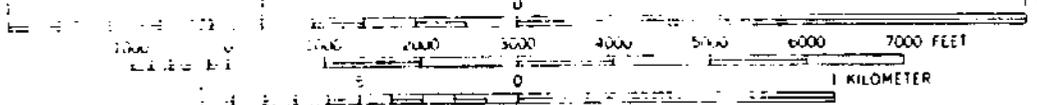
10.4 Preliminary Findings

During the site visit to the Green Mountain Railroad Inc., on January 11, 1989, TAT did not observe any evidence of existing or potential environmental concerns at the facility.



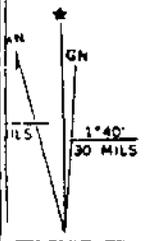
96 35' BARTONSVILLE 1 MI (SAXTONS RIVER 1.62 5001) 99 32' 30"

SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



**GREEN MOUNTAIN
RAILROAD INC.
FIGURE 10.1
CHESTER VERMONT**



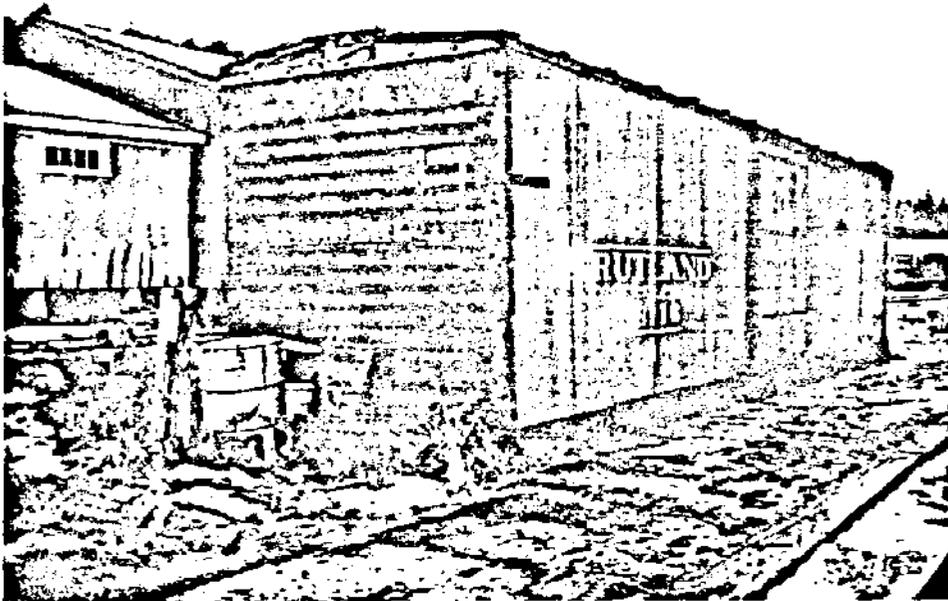
MANAGERS DESIGNERS/CONSULTANTS

DRAWN <i>JRP</i>	DATE 12/24/89	P.C.S. # 2133
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PHOTOGRAPHY LOG SHEET

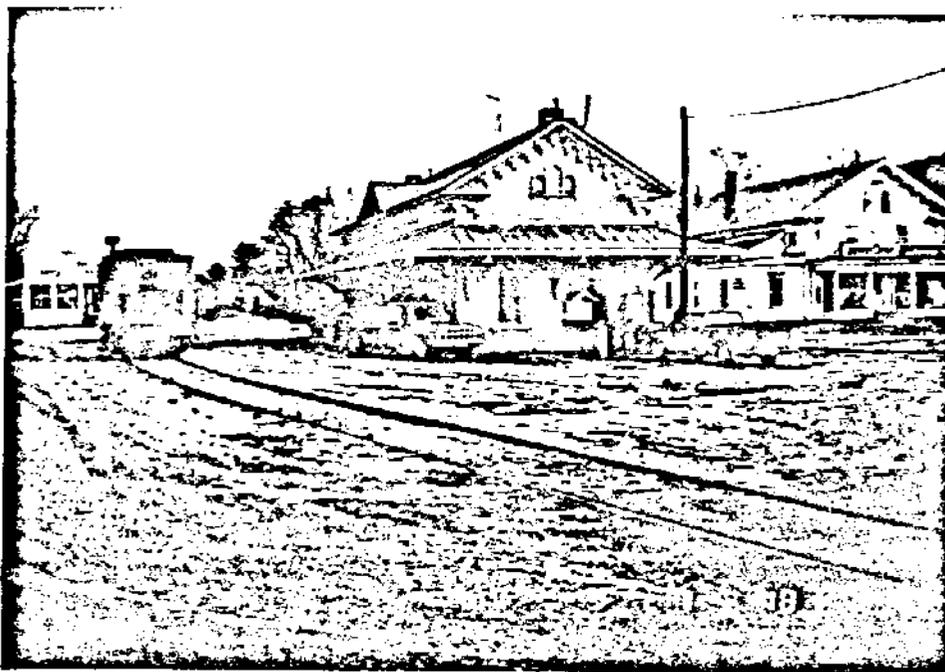


SCENE: Scrap wood & drums filled with scrap metal & railroad fasteners
SITE NAME: Green Mountain RR Co. LOCATION: Chester, VT
FRAME NUMBER: 1 DATE: 01/11/89 TIME: 0714 SKY CONDITION: P. Cloudy
PHOTO BY: C. Wechsler WITNESSES: Joe Pilon
CAMERA: Olympus SETTING: Automatic FILM TYPE: 100 ASAFILM ROLL: 51714



SCENE: Decommissioned railcar used as shed w/ drums of diesel fuel #2
SITE NAME: Green Mountain RR Co. LOCATION: Chester, VT
FRAME NUMBER: 2 DATE: 01/11/89 TIME: 0715 SKY CONDITION: P. Cloudy
PHOTO BY: C. Wechsler WITNESSES: Joe Pilon
CAMERA: Olympus SETTING: Automatic FILM TYPE: 100 ASAFILM ROLL: 51714

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SCENE: View of depot with toolshed in rear
SITE NAME: Green Mountain RR Co. LOCATION: Chester, VT
FRAME NUMBER: 3 DATE: 01/11/89 TIME: 0718 SKY CONDITION: P. Cloudy
PHOTO BY: C. Wechsler WITNESSES: Joe Pilon
CAMERA: Olympus SETTING: Automatic FILM TYPE: 100 ASAFILM ROLL: 51714

Attach photo here.

SCENE: NEGATIVES
SITE NAME: Green Mountain RR Co. LOCATION: Chester, VT
FRAME NUMBER: 0 DATE: / / TIME: SKY CONDITION:
PHOTO BY: WITNESSES:
CAMERA: SETTING: FILM TYPE: FILM ROLL: 51714

REGION I

Preliminary Site Investigation Plan

Site Name/Address: Green Mountain Railroad Company
Chester Depot, Chester, Vermont
05144

Tax Map # 58 Lot(s) Right of Way

OSC: Alex Sherrin Date: 01 / 11 / 89

1) List all sources of information. (e.g., reports, files, photographs, phone calls, personal interviews, literature search)

Interviewed Mr. Doug Lamroulx, Yard Supervisor; Tax Map and Title Deeds;
Yard Photographs

2) List of the hazardous substances, pollutants, and/or contaminants on the site that are being released or for which there is a threat of release.

Substances	Media	Protection
<u>N/A</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

3) Describe the source of the release or threat of release.

- Deliberate dumping* Lagoon Train
- Drums Landfill Truck
- Lab Pack Tank (s) Unknown
- Other No visible evidence of contamination

4) Nature of the incident: [] Spill [] Long Term

5) Proximity of Population and/or sensitive environments potentially affected and pathways of exposure (e.g., air, groundwater wells, soil, etc.)

Business

N/A

Homes

Town of Chester surrounds railyard

6) Date of release or period of storage _____

7) List of potentially responsible party(ies) (PRP's), or describe efforts to determine PRPs. (e.g., phone calls, Tax maps.)

Reason	Name	Address	Dates of Involvement
	Green Mountain Railroad, Inc.		1898 - 1968
Owner	Vermont Transportation Authority		Oct 1968
	Leased to Green Mountain Oct 1968		

8) Person (and their authority) extending permission for EPA to take samples from the site or describe efforts to contact such person.

None

9) Site Map (see attachments)

10) Previous Analysis (see attachments)

11) Preliminary Sampling Plan

analysis: VOA (screen GC/MS); PCB; BNA; Metals;

matrix/quantity: