

OMPOMPANOOSUC RIVER PARCELS

Two land parcels featuring river frontage, forest resources, and building site options with proximity to the Upper Connecticut River Valley located in East Central Vermont.



Parcel #1 | +/- 59 Acres | Strafford, Orange Co., VT | \$174,000 Parcel #2 | +/-221 Acres | Thetford, Orange Co., VT | \$237,000

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INTRODUCTION

The ownership is selling their property in two separate parcels, divided by the town line. The +/-60 acre Strafford parcel is well suited to future home development with paved town road frontage and roadside electric service. The +/-220 acre Thetford parcel is well suited to a camp or seasonal off-grid home development with beautiful local views.

Both parcels have significant frontage along the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River. Both parcels have Restricted Use Areas associated with the reclaimed Elizabeth Copper Mine site.

LOCATION

The parcels are situated in east central Vermont, 11 miles from the New Hampshire border. The local landscape is dominated by abundant forestland, with small farms in the valleys and widely scattered homes along roads. This area is part of the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River watershed, a sizable river that runs along both parcels.

The hamlet of South Strafford is 1.7 miles to the northwest and is host to a general store. Norwich, Vermont, located 10 miles to the south, is the closest large town offering the most amenities. Interstate 91 is just east of Norwich, and across the Connecticut River is the Town of Hanover, host of Dartmouth College. Boston is just over a 2 hour drive. The Ompompanoosuc river with the land's frontage on the left.



Late day sun during fall in the West Branch of Ompompanoosuc River.



Property is seen in the bottom half & the river through the valley. The region is mostly forested with scattered homes.



PARCEL 1 - Strafford - 59 Acres

ACCESS

This parcel is located along Mine Road, which is a paved, town-maintained road that runs directly to Route 132 and South Strafford. Mine Road is not highly traveled, so road noise near the property is limited. There is +/-212' of frontage along the east side of the road. The road frontage has a deep drainage ditch along it. The best place to park is near the Fountains Land sign where there is an area of flatter ground. Alternatively, you can park up the road at 181 Mine Road which is the entrance to the solar farm. Park here and walk back to the sign to access the land. From this point, the terrain slopes away from the road and down towards the river. Old woods trails can be found across the parcel, including one that leads to the river.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The land appears to support the construction of a year-round home. The best potential homesite is likely downslope from the road frontage (off the old driveway), about +/-300-400', where terrain levels off and soils appear to support a septic system. A driveway into the land to this location would have to be developed. Electric power runs along the road frontage.

The terrain is variable, with some steep slopes in between modestly sloping areas. Elevation ranges from 1,080' along the road frontage to 800' along the river. Copperas Brook flows through the eastern area of the property.

FOREST & RIVER RESOURCE

The forest resource is scenic and consists of fully stocked stands with maturing trees. Closer to the road, the tree species are primarily pine and hemlock. The remaining majority of acreage supports hardwood species with scattered large diameter hemlocks and pine.

The river frontage is scenic and an easy hike from the road frontage. An old foundation exists along the river which likely supported a water pump house associated with the mine operations. An old woods road runs down to this site.

The river has a considerable width and can not be crossed by foot during spring or high precipitation periods. Wild brook trout are reportedly common, along with rainbow and brown trout.



Mine Road frontage with electric poles and the property on the left.



Fully stocked stands with maturing trees easy to walk through.



The Ompompanoosuc river as it turns along the land to right.

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PARCEL 2 - Thetford - 221 Acres



ACCESS

The land is accessed from New Boston Road, a graveled, town maintained road. There is no electric power along this part of the road. A +/-400' right of way road runs from the town road to the property boundary and gate. From the gate, a gravel road heads into the land in a northern direction for +/-2,325' to the land's open meadow and likely best camp location. From this point, the road continues through the land for another +/-3,950' (this last section of the road will need some maintenance before it's drivable again; however, much of the road is graveled & ditched).

SITE DESCRIPTION

The land's primary feature is its nearly 1/2 mile of river frontage at its northern end. Two old woods trails head to the river providing good access to this scenic water resource.

Given the land's access, distance to electric power, Restricted Use Area, and opposing solar array, the highest and best use is likely a camp/seasonal home development, recreation, and/or forest management. A meadow at the end of the access road (see maps for location) offers attractive views to the west and north, a prime location to develop a large camp or seasonal home. There is a small woodland pond near the field that contains amphibians such as newts and frogs, and would be used for drinking water by deer and other animals in the forest.

Elevations range from 730' along the river to 1,200' near the SE boundary. The terrain is mostly gently sloping, however, with steep terrain along the river.

FOREST RESOURCE

The forest can be considered aesthetically scenic as it has been several decades since forest management has occurred, resulting in a high canopy that's easy to walk through. Generally, on the higher elevation and more level sites, northern hardwood species dominate. On the steeper slopes and along the river, dense hemlock stands are common, with large legacy trees throughout, holding diameters in the 18-24' size class. The hardwood stands have a range of diameters, are fully stocked, and include large legacy stems. The youngest age class was created from harvesting that occurred +/-24 years ago.



Internal access road with the eastern end of the property in view.



View of the property's meadow serving as the best building site.



Mature hemlock stand which runs along river frontage.

TAXES & TITLE

In 2023, the taxes for Parcel #1 were \$236.58, and for Parcel #2 were \$2,059.50. The land IS enrolled in Vermont's Use Value Appraisal Program. The ownership is The Theodore F. Zagaeski 2000 Trust, whose deeds are recorded in Strafford - Book 47, Page 31 and Thetford - Book 81, Page 38.

SOLAR LEASE

Portions of the Restricted Area are occupied by a solar project operated by Greenwood Infrastructure, under a lease in which the lease period could remain for an additional +/-42 years. Annual lease income is \$1.00. A copy of the lease agreement is available upon request.

RESTRICTED USE AREA

The property is part of the former Elizabeth Copper Mine whose reclamation and stabilization was finalized by the EPA. As part of EPA's reclamation/remedial action plan, the land includes a Restrictive Use Area covering a total of 79 acres as represented on the property maps and survey. This area can not be developed or disturbed in the future per the *Grant of Environmental Restrictions, Right of Access, and Easement* deed. Copy provided upon request.



State info area showing solar array and view of Parcel 2.



Solar array and restricted area as seen from Parcel 2.



Solar array with view of the restricted area. Bottom right side is Parcel 2. Seen in background is old mine off property.

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Parcel 1 - 59 Survey Acres, Strafford, Orange County, Vermont Parcel 2- 221.1 Survey Acres, Thetford, Orange County Vermont



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- Advice and counsel: and
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