VERMONT CONSERVATION PLAN | **REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS**
JULY 23-24 & 29-30, 2025

CONSERVATION PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES

Windmill Hill Ridgeline Trail System

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Grafton to Dummerston; **3,400 acres**

16-mile ridgeline in southeast Vermont that includes Putney Mountain and The Pinnacle

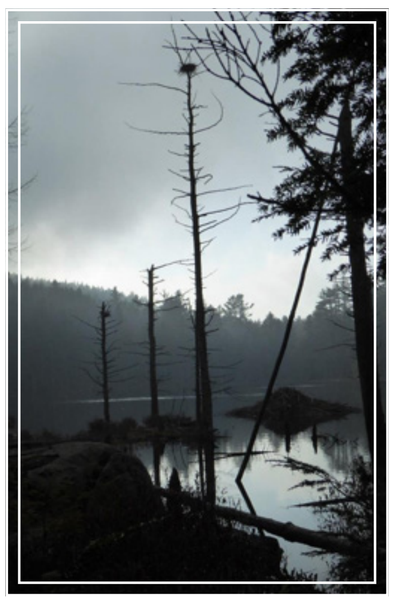
There are **27+ miles of hiking trails** on the ridge and in the surrounding area that is managed by the Putney Mountain Association and the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association

Much of the land was bought and conserved in partnership with VLT and VHCB

The forested trail system, part of which extended off the ridgeline, **spans 7 towns**

Great habitat for **bobcats, moose, and bears**

Multiple hikes with **varying difficulty levels**, great for accessibility



Wolcott Community Forest

This project is a partnership between TPL, Town of Wolcott, and the Northern Rivers Land Trust to conserve and create the Wolcott Community Forest. The Wolcott Community Forest contains numerous co-benefits for the community and for the environment.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Provides a wide range of recreational opportunities including **hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing** and **mountain biking**

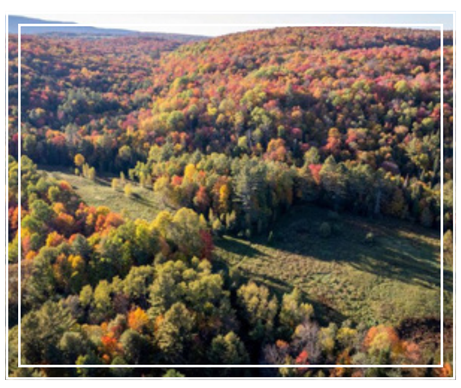
Within **walking distance of the center of Wolcott** and directly adjacent to the Wolcott Elementary School, Lamoille Valley Rail Trial, and the proposed Velomont Trail

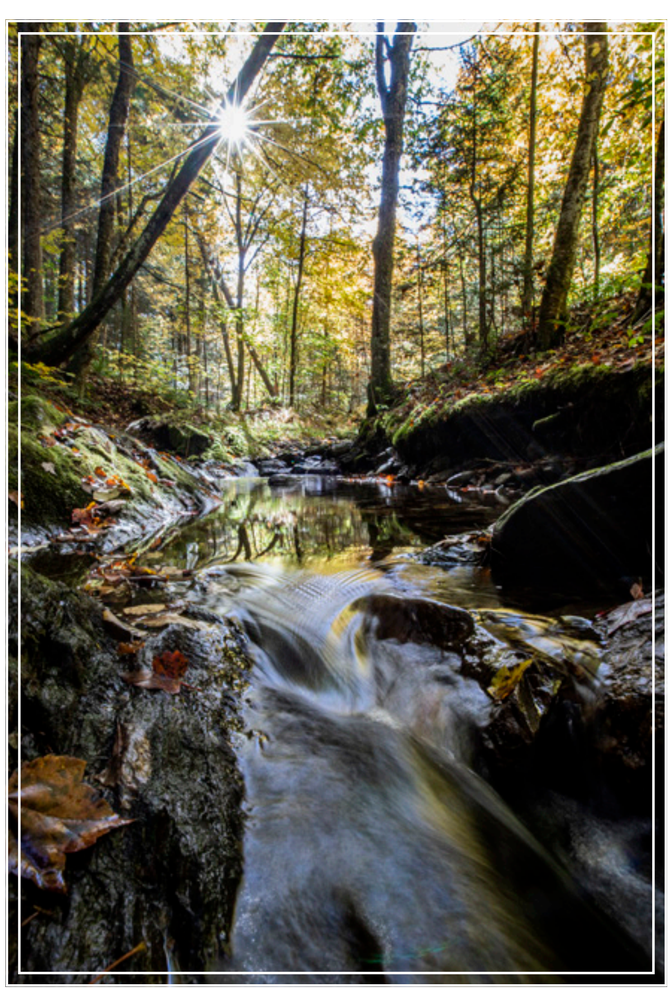
Provides a **local gathering space** where teachers can guide students in outdoor education, and an area for the community to stay active through a network of trails

Variety of species: valuable **link for wildlife like bobcats and moose** between nearby forests like Green River Reservoir State Park, Elmore State Forest, and East Hill Wildlife Management Area

Water protection areas and **restoration around rivers, streams and wetlands** will enhance the forest's ability to naturally hold and slow stormwater from the adjacent Elmore Branch and the Lamoille River

A portion of the project area is subdivided off and donated to Habitat for Humanity for **affordable housing**





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Acres Protected	Acres of Wetland	Rare & Uncommon Plants	Miles of Streams