

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Enhance Community Cross-Country Skiing

Key Attribute #:



Need #:



Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Ongoing\
Short-Term

Hardwick Trails, as a free, groomed cross-country skiing trail system, is an incredible asset to the community. Going forward, additional resources and community support are necessary to ensure that this remains an accessible, high quality trail system.

Currently, the trail system is groomed by a small crew of volunteers. Grooming is a very time-consuming (and cold!) task, putting a strain on the existing volunteer corps. Recruiting more volunteers, acquiring better equipment, and additional financial resources would support they long-term sustainability of the groomed trail system.

Hardwick Trails also currently offer cross-country skiing equipment for loan, at no charge. Many people in the community take advantage of this, often exhausting the supply on busy days. Acquiring more skiing equipment would enable more people to enjoy the trails, especially for youth or adult programming where most participants are a similar size. Grants, collection drives, and partnering with the Craftsbury Outdoor Center are all opportunities to collect additional equipment.

Responsibility:

Trails Committee

Partners Involved:

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Planning Required:

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Funding Opportunities:

RTP, VCDP, VCF, LF,
BJF, TCPN



Toolkit Resources

Sustainable Trail Standards

Volunteer Development and Recruitment Toolkit

Programming Partnerships Toolkit

