

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Formal Process for Proposing and Reviewing New Trails and Facilities

Key Attribute #:



Need #:



Estimated Cost:



Timing:
Short-Term

By adopting a formal process for proposing and reviewing new trails and facilities, the Hartford Conservation Commission will ensure that the development of the forest proceeds in such a way that protects and balances the function of the forest and human uses.

In the past, forest users have constructed trails on the forest without the permission of the Hartford Conservation Commission. A formalized process will create a clear, straightforward mechanism for proposing trails that all the user groups have the same access to. The formal proposal process also provides transparency and objectivity in the management of the forest and ensures careful public decision based on the community's shared values for the land. The process can also give user groups a strong sense of whether a project is likely to get approved, and if not the necessary modifications in order to receive approval.

A project model proposal form and a committee review questionnaire are included in the Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning Toolkit.

Responsibility:

Town Forest
Steering
Committee/
Conservation
Commission

Parks and
Recreation
Department

Partners Involved:

Hartford Trails
Collaborative

Planning Required:

Toolkit Resources

Model Proposal Process

Natural Resource Guidance Toolkit

