

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Trails Collaborative & Maintenance Program

Key Attribute #:

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Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Short-Term

A Hartford Trails Collaborative, to bring all forest users to the table and recruit volunteers for trail maintenance, is a top priority.

This group should consist of mountain bikers, hikers, ATVers, and forest neighbors. The Upper Valley Trail Alliance (UVTA) could help serve as a facilitator and a source for members. Other groups to involve include Upper Valley Mountain Bike Association (UVMBA) and the Green Mountain Club – Ottaquechee Section. The Upper Valley Land Trust should also be engaged.

In the past, there have been difficulties with various user groups feeling excluded from the recreational planning/decision-making process. The Hartford Trails Collaborative will ensure that all user groups are heard and play an active role in the planning and management of the recreational use of the town forest.

Improving trail maintenance is a major need for the forest. An engaged Trail Collaborative will create ownership around the forest and encourage those trail users and their groups to volunteer to maintain the forest's trails. Other potential groups for trail maintenance include Hartford Career and Tech Center, school groups, and Boy Scouts. The trail maintenance program should draw from the entire town.

Responsibility:

Upper Valley Trails Alliance, Town Forest Steering Committee/ Conservation Commission

Parks and Recreation Department

Partners Involved:

UVMBA, GMC, UVLT, etc.

Planning Required:



Toolkit Resources

Volunteer Development and Recruitment Toolkit

