

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Educational Programming Partnerships

Key Attribute #:

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Need #:

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Estimated Cost:

\$

Timing:

Short/Medium-
Term

Between the wetland and the forest, Woodbury has two fantastic locations to host outdoor recreation and education programming. Woodbury Elementary School is expected to heavily utilize these natural areas and the new facilities at each. Yet the Conservation Commission should reach out to other schools and organizations so that more children and adults can experience Woodbury's unique educational resource.

The commission should reach out to Four Winds Institute, the main provider of outdoor recreation at Woodbury Elementary. Four Winds Institute provides outdoor education to schools across the state and trainings for educators in outdoor education. Four Winds should be encouraged to bring other schools to Woodbury and host educator trainings at the wetland and forest. Woodbury should also directly invite the nearby schools that do not receive Four Winds programming.

Hardwick Trails, just north of Woodbury, is a popular location for outdoor education for both Hardwick schools and the neighboring communities. The Conservation Commission should meet with Hardwick Trails committee members to discuss forest programming ideas, how to bring neighboring schools to the forest, and the necessary facilities to support such programming.

The Conservation Commission should also host outdoor educational programming geared towards adults. The Commission members have the expertise to lead ecology tours in the forest. These should be advertised to the Woodbury community and surrounding towns.

Responsibility:

Conservation Commission

Partners Involved:

Four Winds Institute,
Hardwick Trails, Library

Planning Required:

Funding Opportunities:

Toolkit Resources

Programming Partnerships
Toolkit

Mapping and Promotion
Toolkit

