

## What is Conserved Land?

**Land that is permanently protected from development and unsustainable resource extraction**

Open to the public for a variety of defined uses (with the exception of some privately conserved lands)

Depending on the easement and management plan, may be managed for wildlife benefits, old growth characteristics, carbon, sustainable timber harvest, maple sugar, and other environmental, community and economic goals

\*A work in progress to best support Indigenous, Black, and other people of color who have deep connections to the land

### Windham County Organizations

- Bull Creek Common Lands
- Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association
- Putney Mountain Association
- Green Mountain Conservancy
- Friends of the West River Trail

## Why is it Important?

### To support the web of life

- Intrinsic value of the natural world
- Biodiversity
- Healthy ecosystems
- Clean water
- Clean air
- Carbon storage
- Carbon sequestration
- Wildlife habitat
- Wildlife corridors
- Seasonal migration
- Climate induced migration
- Flood resilience
- Land-based livelihoods
- Mental health
- Physical health
- Beautiful views
- Space to roam
- Accessibility to nature
- Connection to place
- Relationship with land

### Statewide Organizations / Agencies

- Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
- Vermont Land Trust
- Vermont River Conservancy
- Northeast Wilderness Trust
- Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept.

## Where does Conservation fit into the professional landscape?

### Intersecting fields

- Local, regional, and statewide land use planning
- Local and state governance
- Community development
- Outdoor recreation
- Ecology, forestry, botany, wildlife biology
- Climate science
- Real estate law
- Surveying
- GIS / Mapping
- Environmental engineering
- Water systems
- Real estate appraising
- Climate responsive work
- Project management
- Nonprofit management
- Fundraising
- Marketing
- Organizational strategy
- Environmental education

### Selected Resources

- Vermont Conservation Strategy Initiative
- Vermont Conservation Design
- Wildlandsandwoodlands.org

**BullCreekCommonLands.org**

### ORGANIZATIONAL

- Nonprofit governance
- Finance
- Fundraising and Outreach
- Strategic planning

### PROJECTS

- Land acquisitions
- Grant writing
- Programming
- Land management

### SUPPORT

- Legal
- Surveys
- Appraisals
- Bookkeeping
- Admin
- Trail Stewardship
- Science
- Marketing

## STEWARDSHIP AND LAND MANAGEMENT

- Recreation Infrastructure
- Management Practices
- Land Restoration
- Easement Monitoring
- Forest Carbon Programs
- Ecological Studies

LEGAL PROTECTION

- Conservation Easements
- Deed Restrictions
- Ownership by a Land Trust

LAND USE

WILDLANDS

MANAGED LANDS

WORKING LANDS

OWNERSHIP

NONPROFITS (LAND TRUSTS)  
{Grant and donation funded}

GOVERNMENTS  
{Tax funded}

INDIVIDUALS  
{Privately funded}

The How and Who of Land Conservation — From the Ground Up