



Catalyst for a thriving future

May 2024

This past fall and winter *Woodstock Community Trust* continues to mature. This is the second of our semi-annual newsletter to keep you abreast of our major activities and, hopefully, inspire you to continue your support and engagement.

In particular, we are proud of *The HUB's* ability to continue supporting those community members who are still struggling in the aftermath of last summer's floods; our newest project, *Ottawaquechee River Trail* recently met an important challenge grant to enable its own post-flood resurrection; *One House at a Time* is at an exciting crossroads; and *Local Deeds* has gone live.

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Project Highlights





Ottawaquechee River Trail has been awarded a \$20,000 challenge grant from Vermont's Agency of Housing and Community development conditional on ORT successfully raising an additional \$10,000 locally before May 31, 2024. Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and a \$3,000 grant from Mascoma Bank, ORT is very close to reaching our goal. We want the trail fully functional by the end of 2024 and with the community's support, that is looking very achievable. THANK YOU for your commitment to the trails!!

[Learn more.](#)



East End Park is getting ready for the second Woodstock Community Celebration scheduled for Sunday, September 8. We are actively looking for volunteers; please [contact us](#) if you are interested! We have submitted an application to VCF's Arts & Community Spaces Flood Recovery and Resilience grant program in partnership with Pentangle to help fund Pentangle's summer concert series, the Woodstock Community Celebration, and the replacement of two picnic tables. Wish us luck!

[Learn more.](#)



One House at a Time is moving forward to complete refurbishment of its current property. The final steps in refurbishment include interior and exterior painting, and installing heat pumps. Once we are finished we'll sell the house with a grant to someone who works or will work locally using the Local Deeds program. This program will be put on pause.

[Learn more.](#)



Spread the word

Do you know of anyone who has a project that could benefit the Woodstock area but needs 501c3 status to grow? Share your experience as a *Woodstock Community Trust* project or supporter. Encourage the project leader to consider joining our portfolio. They can learn more and apply on our website. Share the link [woodstockcommunitytrust.org/join-our-portfolio](https://www.woodstockcommunitytrust.org/join-our-portfolio).

We love Woodstock and want to ensure it has a thriving future.



The HUB is in its second year of making grants to area residents who face a personal crisis or the lingering effects of



Local Deeds is live! We've closed on two deed restriction agreements; we have four in the works, which could close in the next few weeks. We anticipate having sufficient funds for

the July 2023 floods. Volunteer Case Advocates respond to 5–10 applicant requests each week. Increasingly, *The HUB* funds relieve acute financial stress often related to a serious medical crisis or housing insecurity.

We are grateful for community support to assist our most vulnerable neighbors when they face a personal crisis or during a natural disaster or pandemic.

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two more properties during this pilot period. With the success of this pilot we're looking to raise more funds for the next round. If you'd like to be part of the solution in helping our teachers, nurses and other local workers to live in the Woodstock area we'd love to connect with you.

[Learn more.](#)

Learn More About Our Projects

State of the Organization

Each Woodstock Community Trust Project contributes to and shares the costs of operating the umbrella 501c3 organization. Projects raise funds from private gifts and local and statewide foundations. We are volunteer led and each project can always use more [volunteers](#) for events as well as ongoing operations.

Many Thanks!

Thank you for your interest in our work and for your time and dollars. We are an amazing community that has the ability to work together for a common future. We hope that when you receive appeals from our projects you will find a cause that resonates with you and will include it in your philanthropic plans.

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