



Catalyst for a thriving future

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This past spring and summer has seen many achievements. *Woodstock Community Trust* continues to mature into a sustainable, professional organization. We solidified our board, hired a part time operations manager, launched the website, and welcomed a new project to our portfolio. With this semi-annual newsletter, we hope to keep you apprised of our major activities and that you will be inspired as well as informed by what you read below.

This has been a challenging summer as July brought flooding to the region, but Woodstock Community Trust fulfilled its mandate to enable its projects to fulfill theirs. In particular, we are proud of *The HUB's* ability to respond to the community crisis brought on by the floods. As we get ready for winter we look forward to an exciting year of working with our newest project, *Ottawaquechee River Trail*, and meeting the growing needs of our other projects.

Project Highlights



Ottawaquechee River Trail (ORT) is officially a project of *Woodstock Community Trust*, its Universal Access project is complete, and ALL can now use the initial part of the trail.

After the July floods, more than 20 people helped to clean the trailhead but the majority of the trail suffered extensive damage.

Looking ahead, we hope to receive a grant from *Vermont Community Foundation* and launch a fundraising campaign celebrating our 3rd anniversary, the completion of universal access, and flood relief support. Want to help? We need committed volunteers to serve on the leadership team to prepare for the long term. [Learn more.](#)



This fall, Friends of East End Park hosted the Woodstock Community Celebration. Over 300 community members joined us for an afternoon of fun, food, and music in appreciation of flood recovery and resilience. The Park remains a beautiful place to gather! This year, we have added a bluestone terrace, accessible pathway, fertile grapevines, two teak benches, and raised beds in our pollinator garden.

Looking ahead, we are building our volunteer network to manage ongoing maintenance and support. If you are, or know someone else who is, interested in publicity, event planning, advocacy, or fun-and-fundraising, please [contact us.](#) [Learn more.](#)



After a protracted delay, first brought on by the pandemic and the subsequent increase in construction costs, *One House at a Time* is moving ahead with rehabilitating its sole property.

Looking ahead, *One House at a Time* hopes to complete a sale within the next year. [Learn more.](#)



Local Deeds is live! Modeled on Vail, CO's successful program *Vail InDEED*, *Local Deeds* protects housing for families and individuals who live and work in the area. *Local Deeds* purchases deed restrictions for 10-16% of a property's appraised market value. The deed restriction transfers with ownership and permanently requires that one occupant work or will work locally for a business or organization within a 16 mile radius of the Woodstock Town Hall. Short-term rentals are strictly prohibited. [Learn more.](#)



When the rivers overflowed last July, *The HUB* was ready. Even though it had launched just eight months before, *The HUB* had systems in place and volunteers on board. With no time to spare, the team responded to supplement lost wages, repair homes, replace appliances, and offer support.

Before the flood, *The HUB* had made grants to 115 families and individuals living in Barnard, Bridgewater, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock. Since July, *The HUB* has supported an additional 90 applicants, working in collaboration with many partner organizations from neighboring towns and with funding from local individuals and foundations. [Learn more.](#)



Spread the word

Do you know of anyone who has a project that could benefit the Woodstock area? Share your experience as a *Woodstock Community Trust* project and encourage them to consider joining our portfolio. They can learn more and apply on our website. Share the link woodstockcommunitytrust.org/join-our-portfolio.

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

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 help 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.

Contribute Now

Volunteer Now



Support Local Projects Today!

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