



Vermont River Conservancy

2010 Projects



Town of Lincoln River Corridor Easement, New Haven River—Lincoln
Part of the Ron Rood Nature Preserve, this 10-acre parcel contains over 1,500' of frontage along the New Haven River. The Preserve will conserve a unique overflow area upstream of the village that will protect it from flooding. The Preserve will also be an educational resource to introduce students and others to the natural world, and will protect important wildlife habitat.

Easement donated to VRC by Town of Lincoln; associated costs funded by the Clean and Clear Fund of the VT ANR River Management Program.



Locke Farm Field—West Brattleboro

Adjacent to Halladay Brook, this 5.34-acre parcel is an important floodplain where excess waters are temporarily stored, reducing flooding to structures and other properties downstream in the densely populated areas of Brattleboro. VRC is the current owner of the property, but plans to transfer it, protected by a conservation/public access easement, to an appropriate local entity.

Funded by the Clean and Clear Fund of the VT ANR River Management Program and local fundraising by the West Brattleboro Association.



Davis River Corridor Easement, Browns River—Jericho

The 225-acre Davis Farm in Jericho surrounds a portion of the Browns River that meanders freely through the farm's fields. This 23.7-acre river corridor easement protects over 2,600' of the river so that it can continue to flow unobstructed throughout the year. The easement also creates a 50-foot vegetated buffer along the banks of the river that will help absorb nutrient runoff from the farm fields.

Funded by the Clean and Clear Fund of the VT ANR River Management Program.



Gierke River Corridor Easement, Nulhegan River—Bloomfield

This is the fourth VRC project in the Nulhegan Basin, the third on the main stem of the Nulhegan River. Located just downstream of the Belknap parcel, this 47-acre river corridor easement includes over 6,050' along the Nulhegan. Together with the easements on the two Belknap properties, there is public access to a stretch of over two miles along the Nulhegan River.

Funded by the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund and the Clean and Clear Fund of the VT ANR River Management Program.



Winooski/Mad River Paddlers' Access—Moretown

This 4.25-acre meadow with a 1,200' tree-lined bank along the Winooski River includes peninsulas of gently sloping bedrock that will provide public access for fishing, swimming and paddle boat take-out and put-in. Just upstream is a heavily-used white water kayaking segment of the Mad River. This site will also provide an area for parking cars and boat trailers.

Land donated to VRC by Jonathan Larsen; associated costs funded by individual donations through a joint appeal from VRC, Friends of the Mad River and the Vermont Paddlers Club.



Whiteside Parcel/River Corridor Easement, North Branch of the Winooski River—Middlesex and Worcester

This project involves two parcels: 69.4 acres on the northern portion, now owned by VRC, and a second parcel on which VRC holds an 18.2-acre river corridor conservation easement; over two miles of undeveloped river frontage will be permanently protected. The land will be managed to protect critical wildlife habitat while allowing for public access. Community members played an important part in helping raise funds to complete this project.

Funded by Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, the Clean and Clear Fund of the VT ANR River Management Program, and private donations.



Paradee River Corridor Easement, Hungerford Brook—Sheldon

This 50-foot wide river corridor easement, running 3,200' along the Hungerford Brook, will help improve the health of the river by providing a buffer to absorb nutrient runoff from the farm fields. Vegetation has been planted in this buffer, further reducing erosion and enhancing riparian wildlife habitat. Previously channelized and straightened, Hungerford Brook will also be allowed to regain its natural meandering pattern.

Funded by the Clean and Clear Fund of the VT ANR River Management Program.



Welch River Corridor Easement, Tyler Branch—Enosburg

As a major tributary of the Missisquoi River, the Tyler Branch flows through active farmland. This easement will allow the Tyler Branch to restore its natural meander pattern, reduce sedimentation and phosphorous run-off, and establish protective riparian buffers along the currently tilled shorelands of the river.

Funded by the Clean and Clear Fund of the VT ANR River Management Program.



Holbrook Point, Upper Connecticut River—Lemington

This 10-acre parcel on the Upper Connecticut River conserves a spectacular mature silver maple floodplain forest, and provides a low-impact campsite for paddlers as part of the Upper Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail. Plantings have been completed to stabilize a 500-foot eroding shoreline north of the campsite. Permanent public access is primarily from the river, but is also possible from Route 102.

Funded by the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund, the Tillotson Fund of NHCF, and Canute Dalmasse Memorial Fund.



Upper Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail

VRC initiated a collaboration with 12 organizations, all with projects along the Connecticut River, to launch the Upper Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail, a series of low-impact campsites. VRC also spearheaded an interactive website, www.connecticutriverpaddlerstrail.org, and has constructed two new campsites and a second portage at the breached Wyoming Dam. Plans are in the works for new camp and access sites along the river.

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