



Vermont River Conservancy

2011 Projects



Fat Rooster Farm River Corridor Easement, Second Branch of White River — Royalton

The Second Branch of the White River flows through a landscape dominated by agricultural lands. The owners of the Fat Rooster Farm recognized the importance of allowing the Second Branch to meander freely, even though over time there may be a gradual loss of currently active agricultural land. A buffer of permanent vegetation will also be established. *Funded by a grant from the White River Partnership and the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund.*



Mad River Corridor Easement — Waitsfield

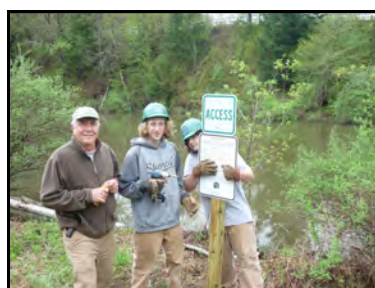
This parcel, just upstream of the village of Waitsfield, provides a critical safety valve for flood events. Like many rivers in Vermont, the Mad River will see more frequent and increased magnitude floods due to changing weather patterns. This parcel has the capacity to absorb floodwaters and to accommodate the changing channel pattern of the Mad as the river responds to these new climate conditions. *Funded by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Ecological Restoration Grant Program.*



Jordan/Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity River Corridor Easement, LaPlatte River — Charlotte

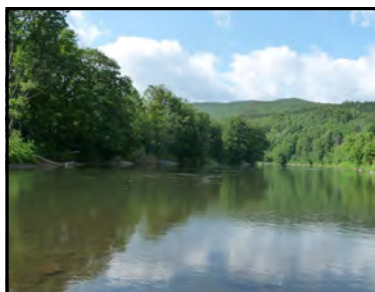
At the confluence of the LaPlatte River and Mud Hollow Brook is an 11 acre parcel of land that will become a combination of conserved riparian land and a cluster of affordable houses constructed by Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity. A significant portion of the conserved area will be available to the households for gardens and agricultural activities.

Funded by a generous contribution of the landowners.



Kingsbury Branch Paddlers' Access — East Montpelier

Just upstream of the Cate Farm bridge on Coburn Road this parcel was purchased by VRC in 2010 for conservation and paddling access to the lower reach of the Kingsbury Branch and to the main stem of the Winooski River. A U-32 Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) helped build the access and plant stabilizing vegetation. A VAST trail crosses the property and permanent snowmobile access for winter recreation has been provided by a right-of-way agreement. *Funded by contributions of numerous individuals, businesses, foundations and the Vermont Watershed Grant 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 is easily accessible from Rt. 2 and provides parking for 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.



Haines River Corridor Easement, North Branch of the Winooski River —Worcester

Just upstream of the village of Worcester, the North Branch begins a transition from a high gradient mountain stream to a meandering river flowing through agricultural lands. The Haines property creates an important beginning for a series of river corridor easements providing conservation of the river corridor above and below the village of Worcester.

Funded by the ANR Ecological Restoration Grant program.



Pinch Rock Swimming Hole, White River — Royalton

The lower White River has long been a popular place for swimming, fishing, and floating on inner tubes on hot summer afternoons. Pinch Rock provides a great access to the White River for all forms of recreation, and the owner of the shoreland including Pinch Rock is generously donating the property to VRC. VRC will re-convey Pinch Rock to the Town of Royalton and hold a public access easement.

Funded by contributions received through the efforts of the White River Partnership.



Streiter River Corridor Easement, Corinth

Meadow Brook, a tributary of Waits River, meanders gently through hayfields and wetlands on this ten acre parcel. The owners of this parcel recognized the importance of allowing the brook to continue to meander and, in the process, create new floodplains and areas of important riparian habitat. The property owners are also participating in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) which will provide planting of new buffer vegetation.

Funded by the Agency of Natural Resources Ecological Restoration Grant program.



Holbrook Point, 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 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.



Connecticut River Paddlers’ Trail

VRC continues facilitating a collaborative effort to create a series of public access points and primitive campsites spanning from the Connecticut river’s headwaters south to the Massachusetts border. In the past year VRC completed one new access project in Lemington VT and two new campsite development projects, in Monroe NH and Maidstone, VT. More info available at www.connecticutriverpaddlerstrail.org.

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