

Announcement of 2023 VOREC Community Grant Recipients

ADDISON COUNTY

\$ 65,000.00	Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center <i>Develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the Outdoor Center to ensure its viability as a community recreation hub.</i>
\$ 248,231.00	Town of Cornwall <i>Develop a public recreation area on a parcel abutting the Cornwall Elementary School.</i>
\$ 221,500.00	Lincoln Sports, Inc. <i>Build a multi-use trail system including an ADA-compliant trail and a new parking lot that integrates with Lincoln Sports' publicly available sports facilities.</i>
\$ 63,233.34	Middlebury Area Land Trust <i>Replace and improve the resilience of trails and infrastructure within Wright Park that were damaged in the summer 2023 floods.</i>

BENNINGTON COUNTY

\$ 400,000.00	Manchester Riverwalk Association <i>Construct an ADA-compliant pedestrian and bike bridge over the Battenkill River.</i>
---------------	--

CALEDONIA COUNTY

\$ 192,000.00	Friends of Dog Mountain <i>Revitalize and sustain the renowned 3-mile trail system on Dog Mountain's 150-acre property.</i>
\$ 74,927.00	Kingdom Trail Association <i>Work with Powered Magazine and the Kingdom East School District to expand access to mountain biking for adults and youth through free-of-charge mountain bike clinics, summer camps, and afterschool programs.</i>

CHITTENDEN COUNTY

\$ 80,000.00	Town of Essex <i>In partnership with Fellowship of the Wheel, implement a scoping study for connecting the Saxon Hill area to the Essex Town Center.</i>
\$ 126,500.00	Catamount Outdoor Family Center <i>Create architectural, engineering and landscaping plans for a new main building at the Catamount Outdoor Family Center.</i>

\$ 32,900.00	Cochran's Ski Area <i>Complete the design, engineering plans and permitting for a new surface lift.</i>
\$ 29,286.00	Janet S. Munt Family Room <i>Expand and improve outdoor recreation programming at The Family Room for families and children with diverse experiences and backgrounds.</i>
\$ 14,000.00	Petra Cliffs Climbing Center and Mountaineering School <i>Acquire new mobility and adaptive climbing gear for use in Petra Cliffs programming.</i>
\$ 204,600.00	Shelburne Farms <i>Improve accessibility to Shelburne Farms facilities.</i>
\$ 14,290.00	Town of Charlotte <i>Replace the septic system at the Town Beach that failed due to the flooding in summer 2023.</i>
\$ 184,650.00	Town of Milton <i>Add new accessible recreation facilities and multi-lingual universally-designed trail signage to town recreation properties, and develop a marketing and programming plan focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion in Milton's outdoor recreational spaces.</i>

FRANKLIN COUNTY

\$ 42,500.00	Franklin County Trails Alliance <i>Facilitate a visioning and planning process to connect St. Albans-area recreation facilities to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.</i>
\$ 159,000.00	The DREAM Program <i>Expand capacity and build infrastructure to bolster programming at Camp DREAM.</i>

GRAND ISLE COUNTY

\$ 57,926.19	Healthy Islands and Community Support <i>Upgrade the skating rink and oval in North Hero village so that skating can be available through more of the winter season.</i>
--------------	--

LAMOILLE COUNTY

\$ 61,310.00	Friends of Stowe Green Mountain Adaptive Sports <i>Purchase adaptive equipment that allows people with complex disabilities to experience snow sports.</i>
\$ 30,266.00	Northern Forest Canoe Trail <i>Replace and improve the resiliency of two portage trails along the Lamoille River that were damaged in the summer 2023 floods.</i>

\$ 27,700.00	Town of Johnson <i>Conduct a scoping study to assess potential connections from the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail to the Johnson Town Center.</i>
\$ 23,095.39	Town of Morristown <i>Purchase a gear trailer and new gear to replace the outdoor gear available at Oxbow Park that was lost and damaged in the summer 2023 floods.</i>

ORANGE COUNTY

\$ 26,682.00	Orange County Restorative Justice <i>Initiate the Re-Entry Healthy Lifestyles Outdoor Pilot Program, which will offer safe, supportive, substance free, pro-social outdoor programming and recreation for previously incarcerated participants.</i>
\$ 48,335.00	Sage Mountain Botanical Sanctuary <i>Host a weekend gathering for members of Vermont's BIPOC community to learn and share about native plants, wildlife, tracking, hiking and recreating outdoors.</i>
\$ 106,000.00	Town of Bradford <i>Conduct a master plan for Elizabeth's Park in downtown Bradford.</i>

ORLEANS COUNTY

\$ 200,000.00	Newport City Downtown Development <i>Establish the Newport Outdoor Recreation Collaborative and collectively create and share opportunities for recreation based from downtown Newport.</i>
\$ 195,700.00	NorthWoods Stewardship Center <i>Improve access to Northwoods Stewardship Center facilities, build an All-Persons trail and improve the inclusiveness of NWSC's outdoor education programming.</i>
\$ 182,000.00	Town of Glover <i>Expand infrastructure at Glover Park to include a sensory trail and all-access outdoor play facilities.</i>

RUTLAND COUNTY

\$ 298,950.00	Come Alive Outside <i>Provide capacity and programming support to Come Alive Outside's outdoor equity efforts in Rutland County.</i>
\$ 365,680.00	Merck Forest and Farmland Center <i>Install a universal access trail a boardwalk to connect Mettawee Community School to Merck Forest and Farmland Center's trail network and property.</i>
\$ 92,298.50	Smokey House Center <i>Develop a community-informed plan to revitalize Smokey House's degraded trail system and design a trail-based community science program.</i>

\$ 84,000.00	Town of Killington <i>Build a critical connection between the Sherburne Parking Lot and Pesky Cairn trails.</i>
--------------	---

WASHINGTON COUNTY

\$ 101,860.00	Friends of the Winooski River, Inc. <i>Conduct a master and design plan for river access in Barre City so that all residents can access and enjoy the Winooski River.</i>
\$ 5,261.88	North Branch Nature Center <i>Repair and make more resilient the recreation infrastructure at North Branch Nature Center that was damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>
\$ 25,000.00	Norwich University <i>Repair and make more resilient a mountain bike trail at Shaw Outdoor Center that was damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>
\$ 14,548.00	Town of Cabot <i>Restore and improve Cabot's Recreation Field that was damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>
\$ 75,000.00	Town of Cabot Trails Committee <i>Replace and make more resilient two bridges in the Cabot Trails network that were damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>
\$ 49,800.00	Town of Waterbury <i>Repair and make more resilient a soccer field and playground that were damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>
\$ 123,762.25	Wrightsville Beach Recreation District <i>Purchase and outfit a mobile facility for outdoor gear rentals to replace the facilities damaged during the floods of Summer 2023.</i>

WINDHAM COUNTY

\$ 227,700.00	Town of Wilmington <i>Upgrade and improve the accessibility of the Hoot, Toot and Whistle Rail trail.</i>
\$ 58,475.00	Windham Foundation <i>Conduct an outdoor recreation planning process for the Village of Grafton including connections to trails, the village center and improving accessibility.</i>

WINDSOR COUNTY

\$ 100,000.00	Green Mountain Horse Association <i>Develop a flood mitigation and management plan for the Green Mountain Horse Association's main campus in South Woodstock.</i>
\$ 44,166.00	Hartland Winter Trails <i>Repair and make more resilient the Hartland Winter Trail system that was damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>

STATEWIDE OR MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

\$ 21,504.00	Catamount Trail Association <i>Purchase new ski equipment to sustain and expand Catamount Trail Association's youth learn to ski programs.</i>
\$ 196,585.00	CRO Planning & Design <i>Conduct a recreator survey and economic impact analysis for adaptive recreation in Vermont.</i>
\$ 27,500.00	Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals <i>Design and deliver an Inclusive Spaces Audit Workshop for outdoor recreation providers who manage trails, campgrounds, marinas, visitor centers, etc.</i>
\$ 226,885.00	Unlikely Riders <i>Secure a temporary gear closet for BIPOC skiers and riders, conduct a strategic planning process for a permanent base lodge facility and expand the capacity of Unlikely Riders.</i>
\$ 317,400.00	Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association <i>Repair and make more resilient seven sections of trail within the VASA network that were damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>
\$ 90,887.00	Vermont Association of Snow Travelers <i>Repair and make more resilient six sections of trail within the VAST network that were damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>
\$ 644,437.00	Vermont Trails and Greenways Council <i>In partnership with Vermont Adaptive, Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Vermont Mountain Bike Association, Upper Valley Trails Alliance, and Community Geo, develop a statewide trail accessibility hub and complete detailed trail assessments in order to promote and share high-quality information about trail access across the state.</i>
\$ 59,994.95	Vermont Mountain Bike Association <i>Repair and make more resilient nine sections of trail within the VMBA network that were damaged in the floods of Summer 2023.</i>