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Support H. 673

Dear Legislators,

Please support Outdoor Recreation Bill H. 673.

This bill is vital to outdoor recreation in Vermont and will benefit all the non-profits that are building and maintaining trails in the state of Vermont.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Outdoor Recreation nationwide creates **\$1.1 trillion** in economic output (2.2% of GDP) annually, 4.98 million jobs, and comprises 3.2% of U.S. employees.

Vermont needs an economic survey to see what trails do to positively impact our local economies. A 2018 economic survey in Rutland's Pine Hill Park showed that trail users brought \$1.3 million to the local area. Data like this is important for the future of recreation in Vermont.

Pine Hill Partnership, Inc is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit the trail system in Rutland's Pine Hill Park was built and is maintained by all volunteers. Pine Hill Park is a Rutland City park donated by businessman Henry Carpenter in 1921 to provide the city green space.

Most of the trail organizations in the state are run by volunteers who raise their own money through memberships and contributions. Generating BMP (best management practices) with Forest, Parks and Recreation along with the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council would be super beneficial to all trail organizations in the state of Vermont.

Please vote yes on Bill H. 673.

Thank you.

Pine Hill Partnership, Inc.