



VERMONT HOUSING and CONSERVATION COALITION

The Collaboration that Works for Vermont

Since 1986, *The Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition* has informed and educated legislators, local and state government and the general public about the conservation and affordable housing work of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. The more than 50 private, nonprofit organizations which are members of the Coalition represent a wide spectrum of interests from small, community-based land trusts which secure and steward public and recreation areas to statewide developers of affordable housing. The common connection is recognition of the value of productive investments in farm and forest land and natural area conservation, strengthening residential neighborhoods, conserving historic structures, and developing affordable housing for Vermont families, seniors and those with special needs.

The Coalition advances these values and goals through several strategies.

- ❖ Seeking legislative opportunities to secure full funding for the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.
- ❖ Coordinating the members' individual informational campaigns while implementing a Coalition plan to inform the public and key decision makers.
- ❖ Providing support, assistance and feed-back to the Housing and Conservation Board and its staff.
- ❖ Exploring opportunities to leverage VHCB funds through other public and private resources.

Organizations which share our values and objectives are invited to join the Coalition. The Coalition meets four times a year, in Montpelier and Randolph. Members can participate in person or by phone. The dues structure accommodates organizations with limited financial resources. For further information or to join, please contact one of the Coalition co-chairs:

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A coalition of Vermont nonprofit organizations developing affordable housing opportunities and conserving agricultural land, recreational land, natural areas and historic properties.

Shared Values

The VHCC believes in a Vermont where:

- Our work contributes to the economic, historic, cultural and environmental health of communities.
- All Vermonters have access to the community resources including affordable housing, historic sites and open land.
- The work of the Coalition complements the work of other public and private organizations.