



Join us to create a new town forest!

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Help save the Jackson Farm and create a new Westford town forest!

We are 93% of the way there!

On November 8, the community enthusiastically voted for a town contribution of \$185,000 to this conservation effort.

The project budget is \$630,000. With the Town's contribution, a grant from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board of \$330,000, the sale of the farmland for \$65,000, and \$5,000 from the Westford Historical Society, we have just \$45,000 to raise from private donors and foundations.

We hope you can help with a tax-deductible contribution! Checks, with "Jackson Farm" in the memo line, can be mailed to:

**Vermont Land Trust
8 Bailey Ave
Montpelier, VT 05602**

Or, donate online at www.vlt.org/jacksonfarm

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With your help, the scenic Jackson Farm, located across from the Westford School, could be permanently protected as a farm and town forest.

When the public learned the land was going to be sold, community members came up with a plan to save it from development and expand recreational opportunities. A volunteer committee has worked with the landowners, the Vermont Land Trust, and farmers Donald and Dale Pouliot, who hope to buy the farmland. All have now entered into contracts to buy and protect the land.

To succeed, money will need to be raised to buy the forestland and conserve the farmland. **We are well on our way to meeting the fundraising goal, but still need to raise \$45,000 from the community. Please join us!**

Town Forest

Farmland

Scenic Views

Stone Wall

Public Trails

Education

Recreation

Village Growth



If we are successful...

A New 130-Acre Town Forest and Trail Network

Located on the edge of the village, the new town forest would be available for public recreation, student education, and as a timber resource for the town.

A network of trails in the town forest could connect over the farmland to trails on the Westford School parcel. Portions of two beaver ponds on the property provide opportunities for an outdoor classroom directly across from the school. A trail along the farmland on Brookside Road would help create a pedestrian way from the village to the school. A conservation easement would permanently protect the land as a public resource.

A Working Farm

Forty-two acres of meadows will be permanently protected from development and remain in agricultural use. Tying the land's value to farming rather than development will make the meadows affordable to the Pouliots, nearby dairy farmers, who will buy the land to support their herd.

Protection of a Historic Stone Wall

The stone wall along Brookside Road and the surrounding scenic meadows will be protected.

Secure Town Wastewater Capacity

Part of the northern meadow, which will be included in the town forest property, has soils suitable for an in-ground leach field near the village center should the community decide to pursue that in the future. Securing this area will preserve options to expand housing and economic activity in the center of town.

Project map

