

# Green Mountain Club LONG TRAIL PROTECTION



## Conserving Public Access to Vermont's Long Trail

### GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB and the LONG TRAIL

The Green Mountain Club (GMC), founded in 1910, is a non-profit whose mission is to maintain and protect the Long Trail —the oldest long-distance hiking trail in the nation. The Long Trail runs for 272-miles along the crest of the Green Mountains from Massachusetts to Canada.

The Vermont Legislature, in 1985, recognized the Long Trail as a

***“unique, historic and irreplaceable resource, whose protection is of great benefit to the people of the State of Vermont”***

and resolved that the

***“General Assembly supports the efforts of the Green Mountain Club to protect the Long Trail System.”***

### LONG TRAIL PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

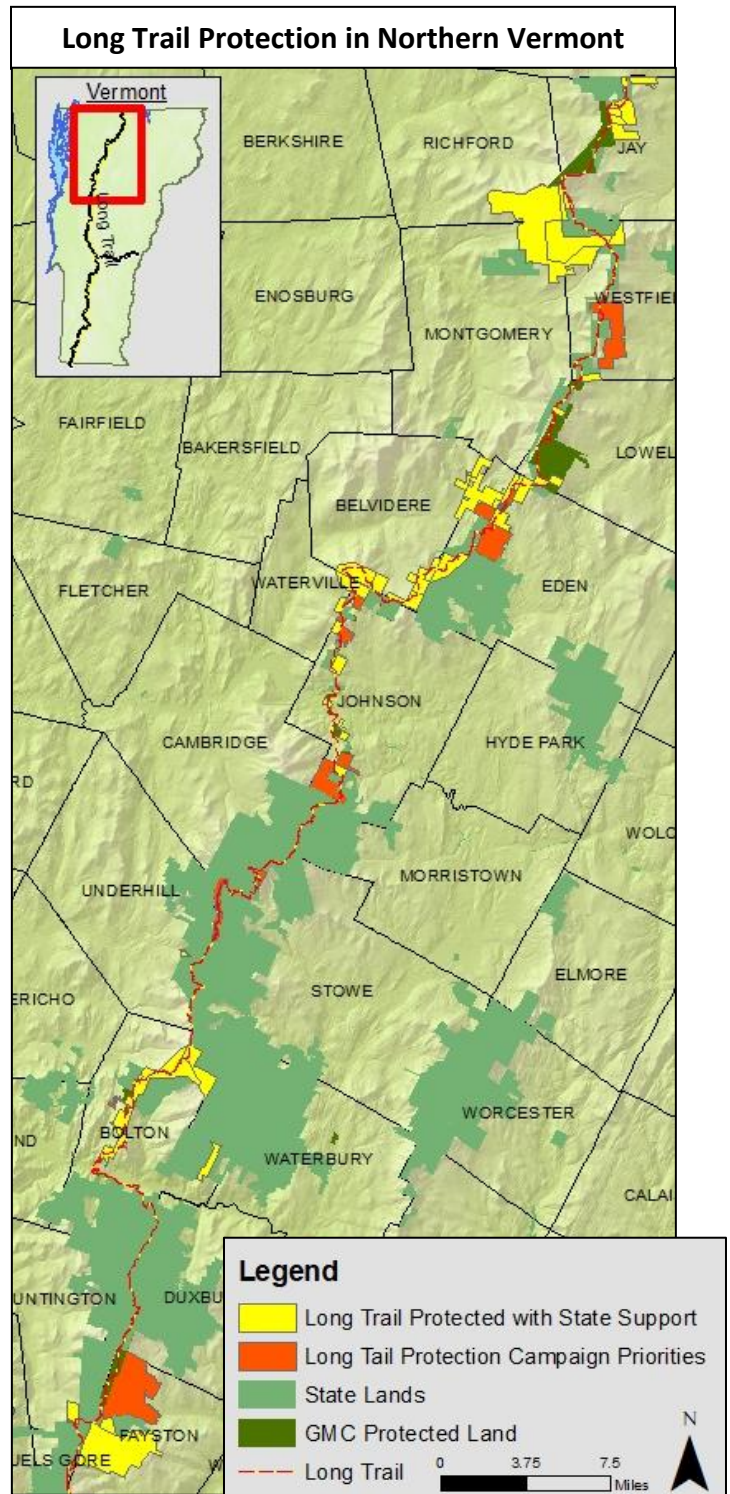
In 1986, the Green Mountain Club launched the Long Trail Protection Campaign with the goal of acquiring land and easements by working with willing sellers to protect a continuous route for the Long Trail.

Over the last 32 years, 88.3 miles of Long Trail have been permanently protected through the conservation of 25,099 acres in 91 conservation projects. This work has largely been made possible thanks to the strong support of the State of Vermont through appropriations for Long Trail Protection Campaign, which has contributed over \$3.5 million to the land protection effort to date.

### REACHING THE GOAL

State wide, there remains approximately 6.5 miles of the Long Trail with no permanent legal protection, spread over 18 properties. Since GMC only works with willing landowners, conserving the remaining sections of the Long Trail will take time as landowner circumstances change and they become interested in selling their land. The ongoing support of the Vermont Legislature directly, and through funding for the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, is critical to the goal of permanently protecting public access to the entire Long Trail.

Attached is a summary of the properties hosting sections of the Long Trail System treadway, north of the Green Mountain National Forest proclamation boundary, that GMC anticipates requesting Legislative Appropriations for as the landowners express willingness to work with the Green Mountain Club.



<b>Long Trail Treadway Lands Without Legal Protection</b> <i>North of Green Mountain National Forest Proclamation Boundary</i>				
<b>Town</b>	<b>Miles of Long Trail Treadway</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Estimated Legislative Appropriation Request</b>	<b>Estimated Timeframe:</b>
Westfield	0.8	1,320.8	\$800,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Eden	0.2	76.5	\$57,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Eden	0.5	820.9	\$600,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Johnson	0.3	120.4	\$90,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Johnson	0.5	181	\$228,000	Near Term- 2020 or 2021 - Active negotiations with landowner,
Johnson	0.34	167	\$172,300	Near Term- 2019 or 2020 - Active negotiations with landowner – Coddling Hollow Project
Johnson	0.6	200.7	\$150,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Johnson	0.4	723	\$540,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Cambridge	0.4	102.1	\$76,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Huntington	0.1	27.3	\$20,500	Long Term – 2023 or after
<b>Total Estimated Legislative Appropriation Requests: \$2.59 Million</b>				

<b>Long Trail System Side Trails Without Legal Protection</b> <i>North of Green Mountain National Forest Proclamation Boundary</i>				
<b>Town</b>	<b>Miles of Long Trail Treadway</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Timeframe</b>
Eden	0.7	260	\$195,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Underhill	0.2	78	\$58,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Fayston	1.8	2801.5	\$2,100,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Buels Gore	0.8	499	\$375,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Starksboro	0.3	25.4	\$20,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
Fayston	0.7	888.99	\$660,000	Long Term – 2023 or after
<b>Total Estimated Legislative Appropriation Requests: \$3.4 Million</b>				

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