

# OUR STORY: **THE NATURE CONSERVANCY VERMONT**



**The Nature Conservancy in Vermont has been a leader in protecting the natural heritage of the Green Mountain State for nearly 60 years.** We have helped to conserve iconic landmarks like Camel's Hump and Green River Reservoir, worked to improve water quality in almost every watershed, and have built a resilient network of 55 natural areas that are havens for some of the most threatened and endangered animal and plant populations in the Northeast. We are safeguarding what you love about Vermont—its forests, wildlife, waters—in a changing landscape, and building a future where nature and people can thrive.

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## A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WORK: **Land, Water, and Climate**

- ▶ **CONSERVING STRATEGIC FOREST** blocks and critical wildlife corridors
- ▶ Co-creating a **WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**
- ▶ **CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE** through our 55 preserves, field trips, internships, and volunteer opportunities
- ▶ **REMOVING "DEADBEAT" DAMS** that plague Vermont rivers
- ▶ Leading the largest **AMERICAN-ELM RESTORATION** in the Northeast
- ▶ Using **NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS** to improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and climate resiliency
- ▶ Advancing critical **LAND, WATER, AND CLIMATE POLICIES** at the state and federal level
- ▶ **DEPLOYING OUR SCIENCE** to local land trusts, watershed groups, and communities to help build a thriving Vermont future with a conservation ethic at its core

## THE CHALLENGE

The decline and fragmentation of Vermont's forests, compromised water quality, and climate change are the most pressing environmental issues of our time—and the impacts are being felt today. Vermont is losing thousands of acres of forest and averaging 1.6 flooding disasters per year. Our iconic foliage and ski seasons are becoming unpredictable, and algae blooms are closing lakeshore beaches on days of record-breaking heat, while invasive species wreak havoc in our natural communities. Will all the things we love and cherish about Vermont endure?

## A WAY FORWARD

The good news is we have answers. Just like Vermonters who know how to turn sap into sugar, The Nature Conservancy knows how to apply the power of nature to build a resilient and thriving Vermont. Our science based, solutions-focused, and non-partisan approach empowers us to drive a conservation vision that benefits nature, people, and communities here and around the globe. But we need all hands-on earth to combat these challenges head on and secure a green future for the next generation.



### The Vermont We Depend On Depends On Us

#### **VOLUNTEER**

We actively work with volunteers planting trees, maintaining our trails, or helping us with events. Visit [nature.org/vtvolunteer](https://www.nature.org/vtvolunteer) or email Jack at [volunteervt@tnc.org](mailto:volunteervt@tnc.org)

#### **SPREAD THE WORD**

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to keep abreast of news, projects, and events:

- TNCVT
- @vtnature\_org
- vtnatureconservancy

#### **SUPPORT OUR WORK**

Consider a donation to protect critical habitat, clean our waters, restore American elms, maintain our preserves, and lead with science at [support.nature.org/Vermont](https://support.nature.org/Vermont)

**55**

Natural areas open to the public

**2000**

Shoreline miles protected

**300,000+**

Acres conserved

**6000+**

Supporting Members