



Welcome to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail!

- The original rail line was constructed in the mid 1860's and ran under changing ownership until 1994
- At 93.2 Miles long, it will be the longest rail trail in New England once completed
- Connects 18 different communities across 5 counties
- Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) is transforming the rail line into a recreation trail in partnership with Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans)
- Funding began with an earmark secured from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by Bernie Sanders
 - \$5.2 million from FHWA
 - \$1.3 Million match from VAST
 - Due to ACT 250, the project was delayed for ten years and cost nearly a million dollars to VAST just to go through ACT 250 and finally to settle on a release from it. *The LVRT is the only rail trail in Vermont that was ever subject to ACT 250.* Because of the project delay, increase of costs over the past decade VAST itself has spent over 6 million dollars on the LVRT as only one user group of the trail. To date other private donations and grants have added up to under \$350,000.
- The trail is a year-round, multi-use recreation path and alternate transportation facility
 - 100% ADA Accessible
 - Walking, Running, Biking, Horseback Riding, Snowshoeing, X-C Skiing, Snowmobiling, and Dog Sledding are allowed
- Provides many benefits to communities and Vermont as whole:
 - Increased tourism and patronage of local businesses
 - Community health benefits
 - Safe routes for local commuters
 - Educational opportunities
 - Historic landmarks
- The first sections were rehabbed in 2014-2015
 - 15.35 Miles - St. Johnsbury to Danville
 - 17.42 Mile – Morristown, Hyde park, Johnson, and Cambridge
- The remaining trail is estimated to cost \$15 Million to complete