

Bull Creek Headwaters

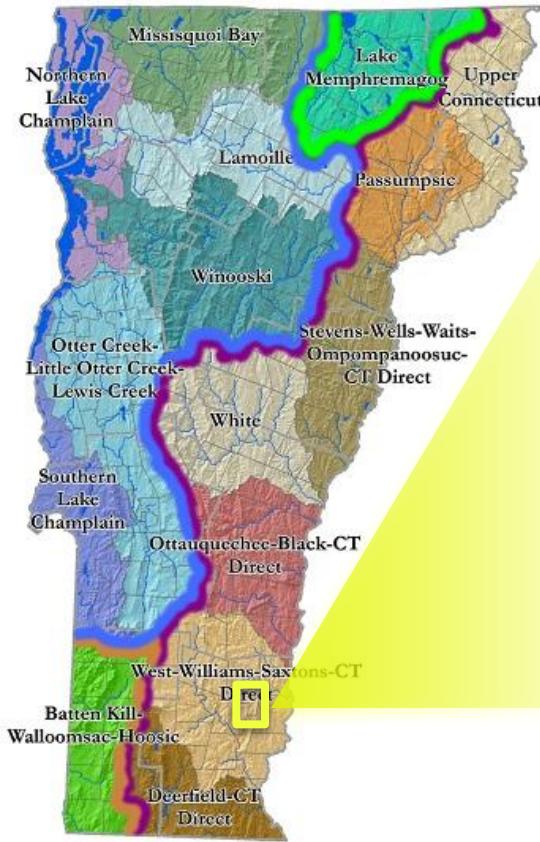
Athens and Townshend, VT

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341 acres of headwater forests and
wetlands conserved with VHCB
funding in November 2025



Statewide Context and Impact

Bull Creek → Saxtons River → Connecticut River

Southeastern Vermont is underrepresented in conserved land

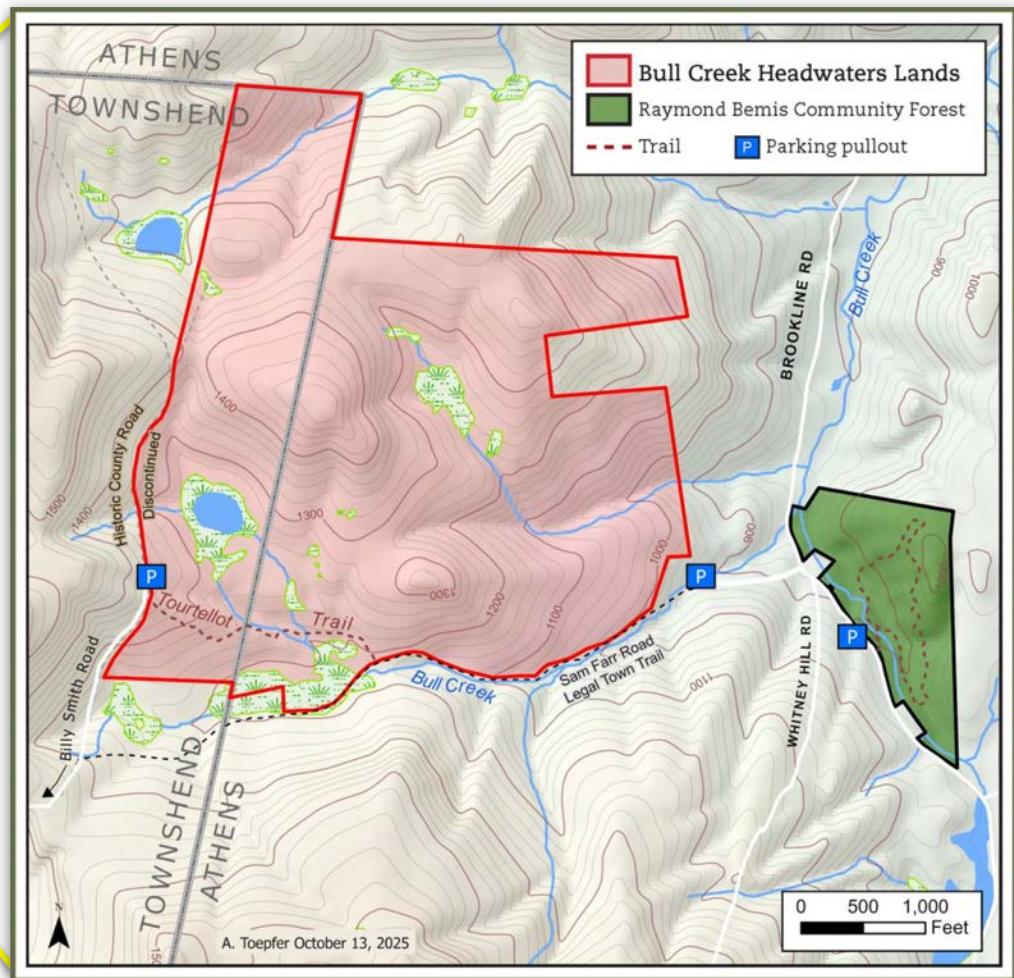
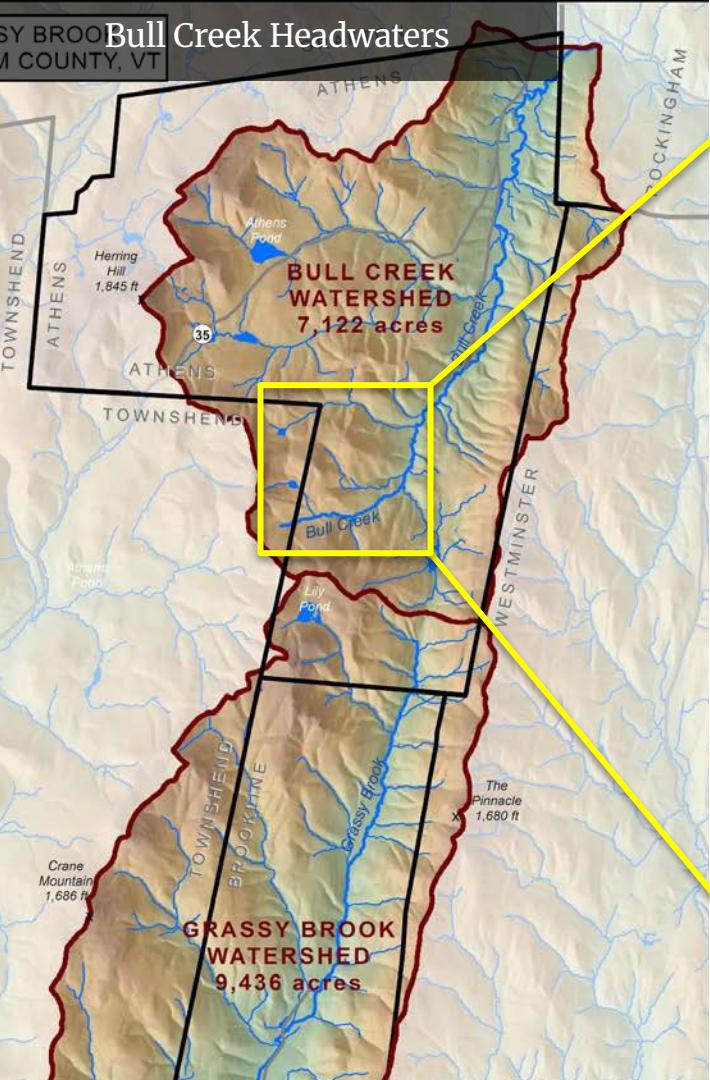
TNC focal area “Southern Greens to Whites”

Vermont Conservation Design:

- Highest Priority Interior Forest Block
- Highest Priority Connectivity Block
- Highest Priority Surface Water and Riparian Areas
- Riparian Connectivity

State and federally listed Rare and Endangered Species

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Community Impact

Securing public access for everyone, for exploration, solitude, recreation, and hunting



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Community Impact

Connecting old roads via a new, half-mile section of hiking trail

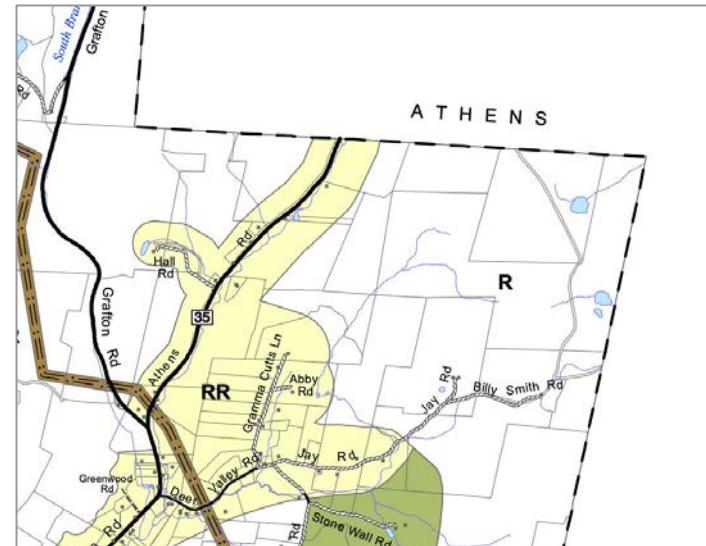


All types of hikers on the old roads! (↑ Moose)



Community Impact

Aligning with town, regional, and statewide land use planning



Averting a trophy house and forest fragmentation



Community Impact

Restoring soil, water, forests,
and healthy ecosystems



NRCS supported skid road restoration



Community Impact

Helping the land help us —
Flood and climate resilience



Wetlands and buffers that can hold and slow flood waters



Community Impact

Preserving historic landmarks and archeological sites



Remnants of the Tourtellot family homesteads



Community Impact

Protecting the intrinsic value of wild spaces so interconnected life can flourish



Rose pogonias blooming in a small fen

Community Voices



We want to hear from you

Bull Creek Common Lands is a local, all volunteer, nonprofit land trust that serves your community. Since our founding three years ago, we have created the Athens Community Forest and are working to conserve a large area of the headwaters of the Bull Creek in Athens and Townshend.

We want to better understand what is important to you, our neighbors, as we get more requests to protect land. What do you value about the landscape? How do you use the land? How do you feel about the environment? Additionally, if you have any questions about land conservation, we would love to have a conversation.

Two ways to share your thoughts:

1. Fill out our online survey by going to our website or scanning the QR code below
2. The old-fashioned way—write your thoughts on the card and return in an envelope

Thank you! We appreciate your time and input.

~ The folks at Bull Creek Common Lands

Please add me to the mailing list and email list for news and updates

Please contact me to discuss my reply

It's OK to share my response anonymously

Return card to:
Bull Creek Common Lands, 60 Herring Hill Rd.,
Athens, VT 05143

SCAN TO TAKE SURVEY

BullCreekCommonLands
Website: BullCreekCommonLands.org Email: Hello@BullCreekCommonLands.org

Photo: The Bull Creek headwaters post in Townshend, VT
Printed on recycled paper and post for a genuine *magnum* donor.

"The scenic beauty, the clean water, undeveloped areas. I am concerned that areas may become developed or too many people will try to visit at the same time."

"Beauty. Serenity. I have been blessed in my lifetime to see the return of bald eagles to Vermont, a sight I never saw as a child. All the animals bring us so much pleasure and entertainment."

"I'd like to see large forested undeveloped land with opportunity for people to enjoy but making sure that we don't disturb habitat."

"Fresh, clean air, beauty and peace within its given space ~ a sanctuary to reflect, help restore the mind and body and to appreciate the natural world and what supports ~ all of us!"

"There is a lot of "micro" as well as "macro" to enjoy in any landscape. One can see and experience a lot in this kind of area without traveling far. I worry about 4-wheelers and illegal hunting in the area."

"Native forest supporting wildlife, community and economy. Working woodland can contribute more than land excluded from active management."

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Thank you!