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# Wolcott Community Forest

Wolcott, Lamoille County, Vermont



# Wolcott, Vermont

- Population: 1,682
- Lost their 2 major businesses, increasing unemployment (higher than 80% of VT communities)
- No public all-season trails, beyond Lamoille Valley Rail Trail
- Housing crisis



# Community Benefits

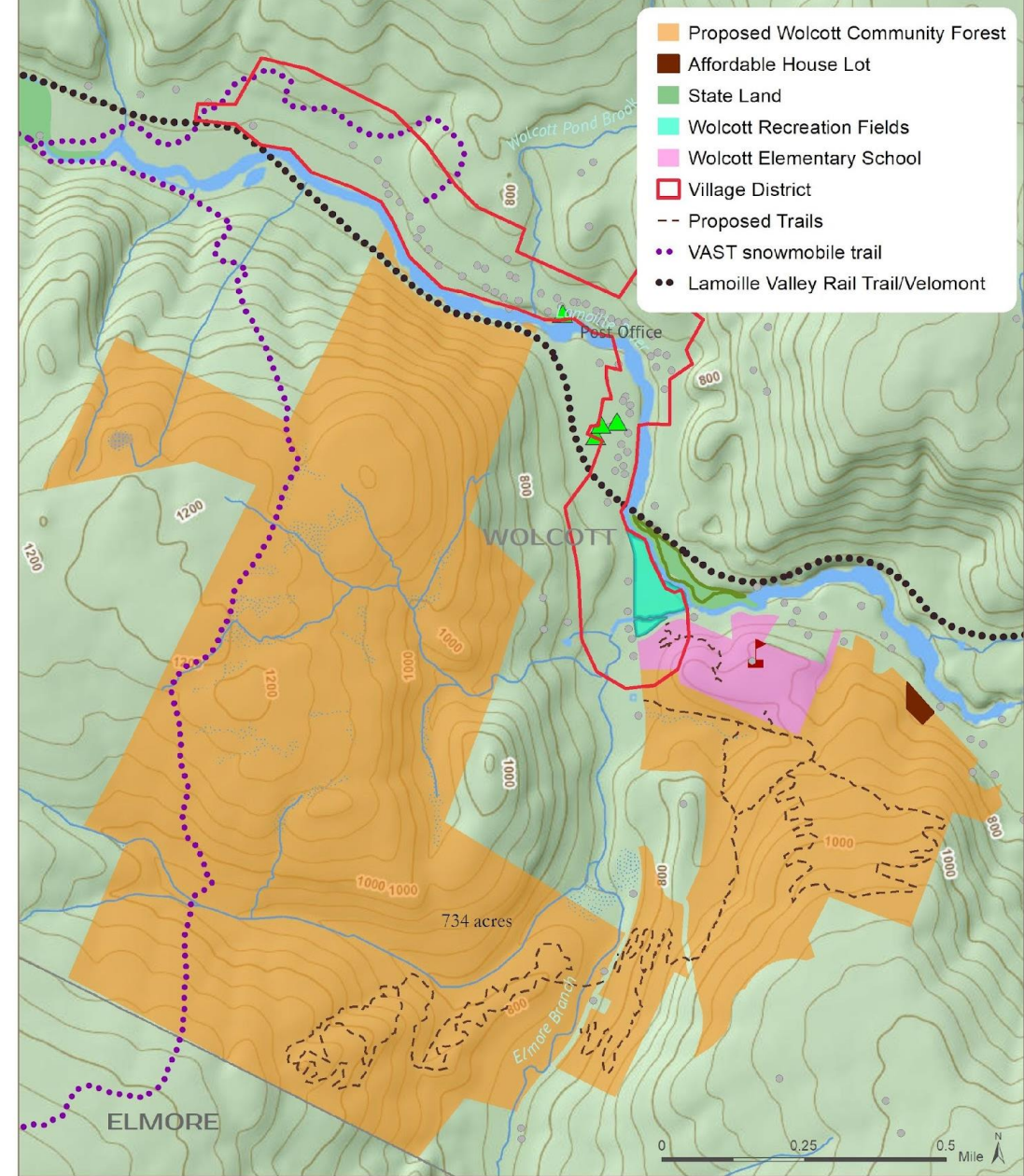
- Climate: Protection of 38 acres of wetlands, 5 miles of headwater streams and frontage on Lamoille River and Elmore Branch will improve downstream flood resiliency
- Health: New trails, outdoor classroom, connection to nature
- Equity: affordable housing site, vibrancy through the outdoors in a low-income community



# Public Access to the Outdoors

## New Trail Network

- FY22 Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) Community Grant Program
- New public parking, trailhead, signage, and 5 miles of multi-use trails
- Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, Velomont Trail



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# Community Building through Community Forests

- Part of plan to revive Wolcott Village
- Local control = local benefits
- New 2-bedroom affordable home
- Groundwater source protection area for Wolcott Elementary School
- Force main and pumpstation for new community wastewater system





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