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## Our Impact

Since 1989, the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council has worked with trail stewards, communities, legislators, and a broad range of local and national partners to strengthen and expand Vermont's trail network. Our 50+ member organizations reflect Vermont's enduring commitment to outstanding trail stewardship. Together, we represent:

**50,000**

Individual trail  
organization members

**7,750**

Miles of  
trails

**100,000**

Hours of volunteer time  
logged annually

**50,000**

Jobs supported  
statewide



High Quality Trails connect people to nature, while minimizing the impacts to the nature they are there to enjoy



High Quality = Sustainable



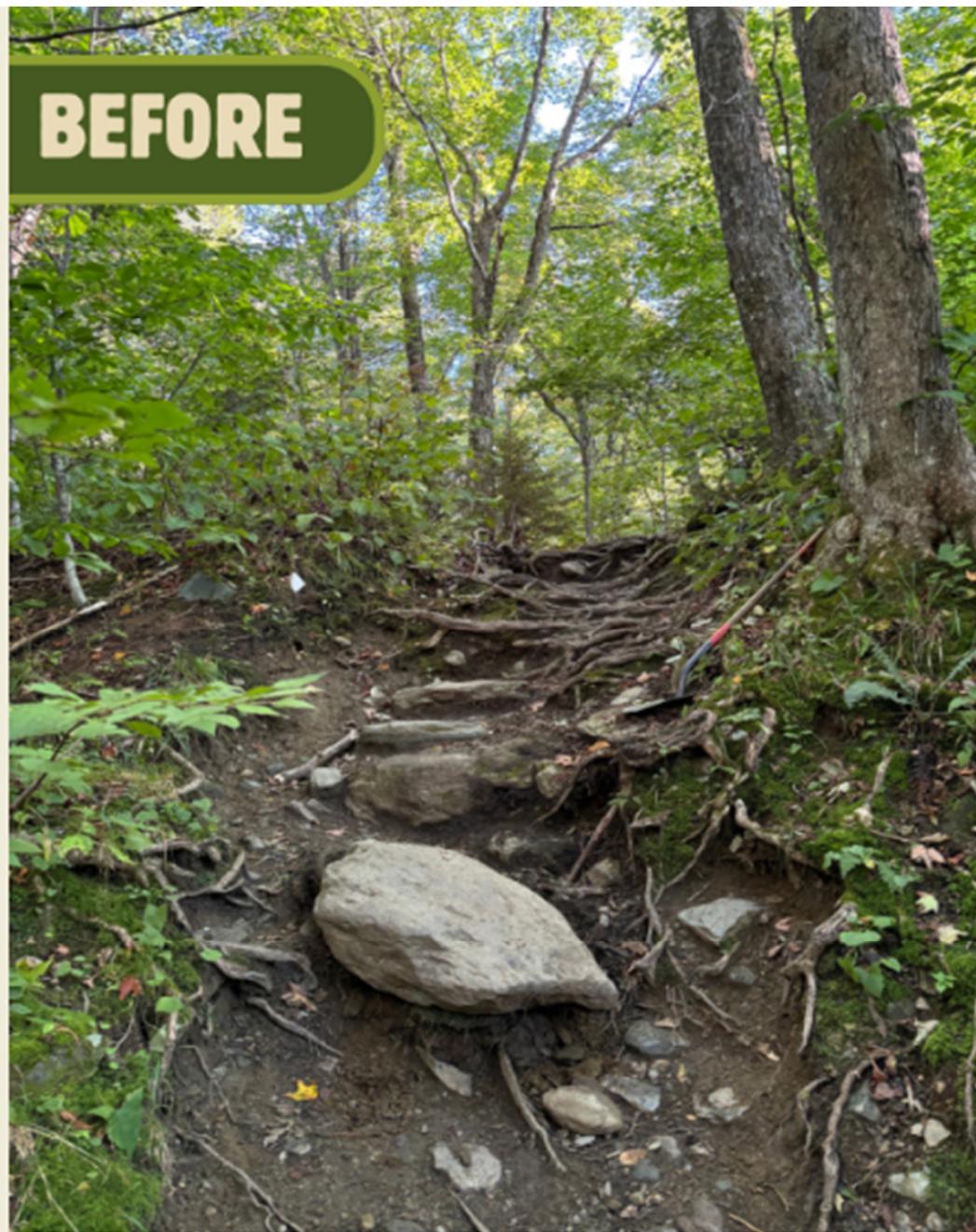
# Vermont's Legacy Trail Systems



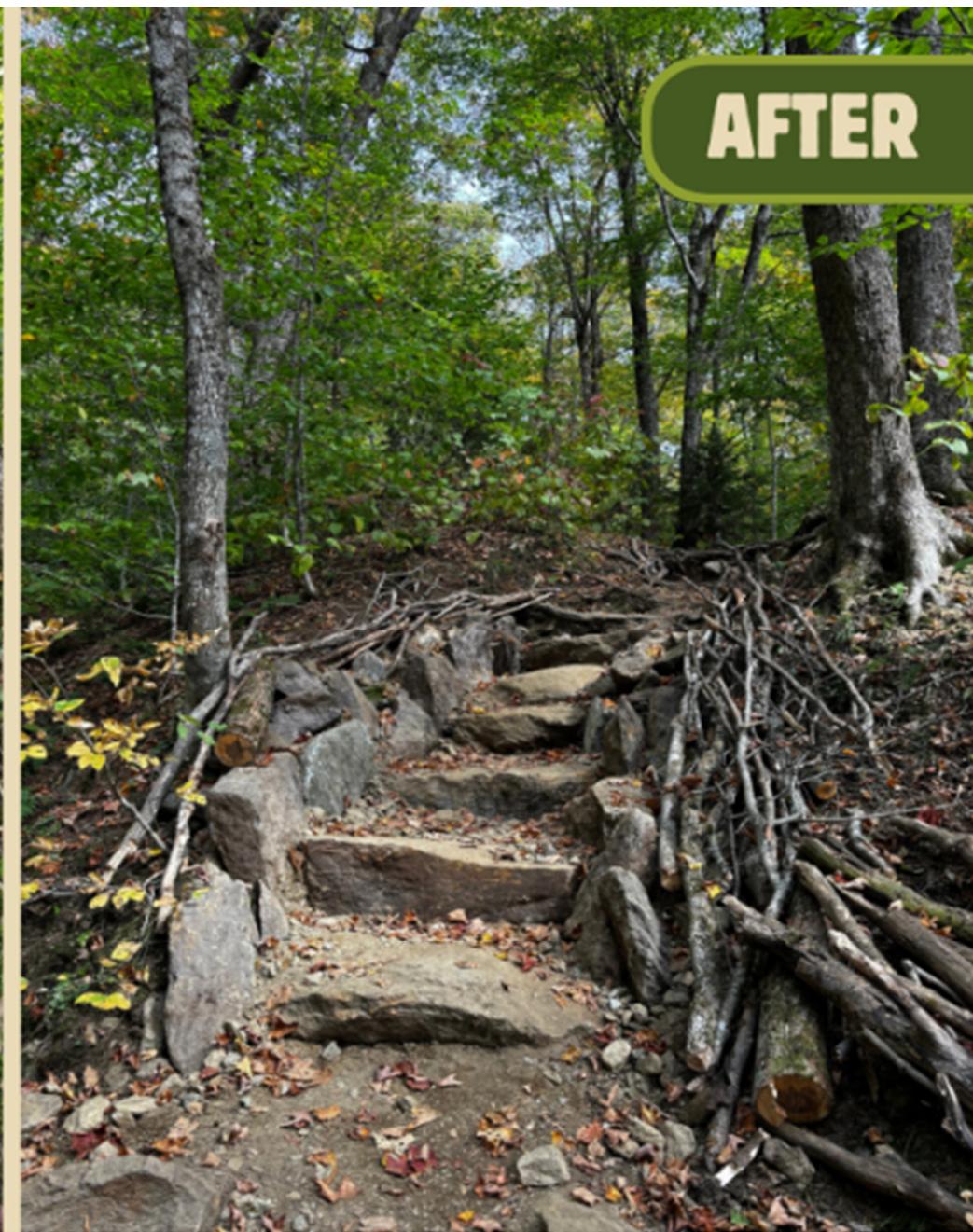
# Legacy Trails & Reconstruction



**BEFORE**

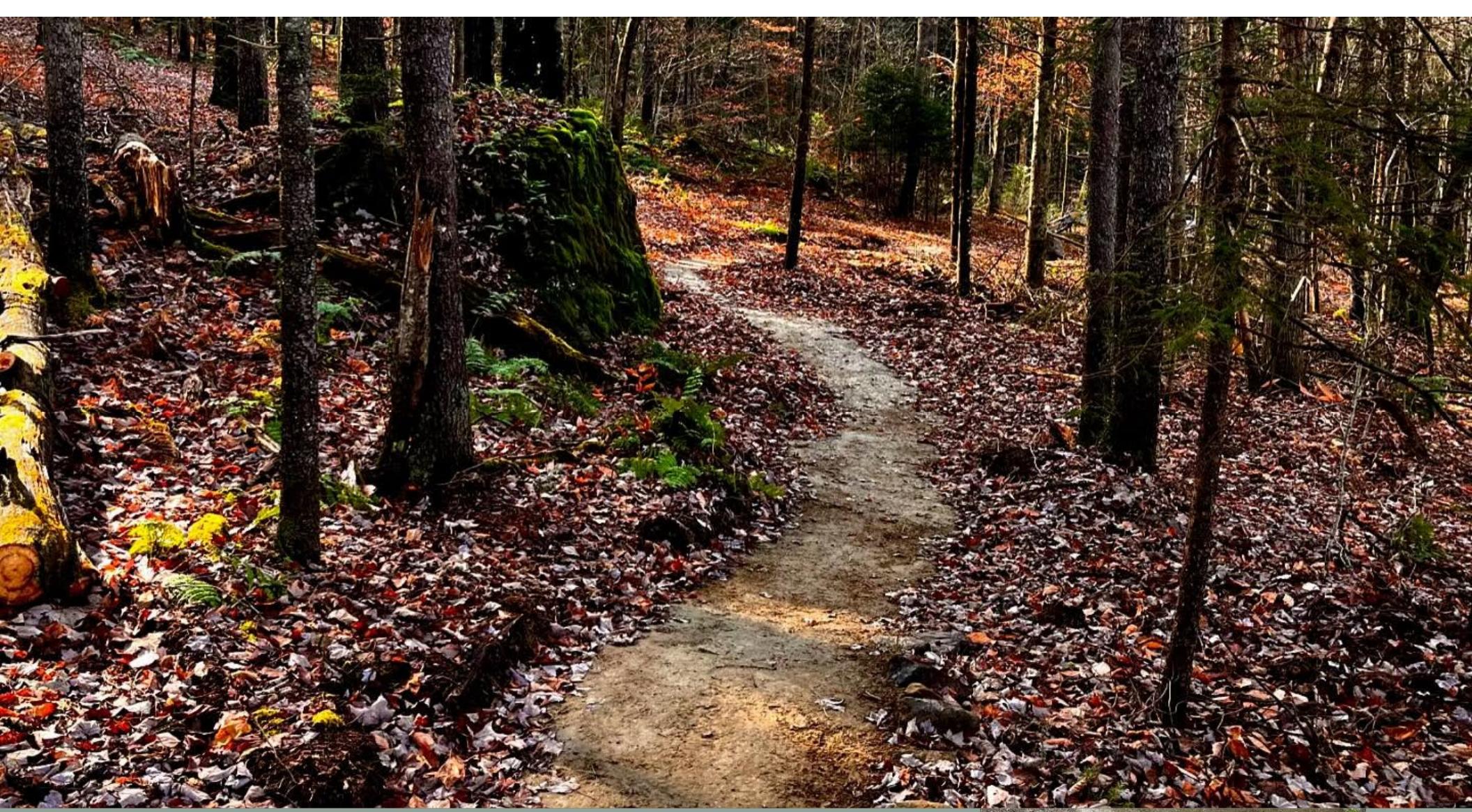


**AFTER**



Boroughs Trail Reconstruction Project  
(Camel's Hump)





Using what we now know to do it right  
the first time



Investing by planning for the future



Maintenance protects our trail infrastructure, old and new

# Protecting our Trails by Training Trail Professionals

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# Why is good drainage so important for trails (and especially for those in VT)?



Vermont Outdoor  
Business Alliance

What happens  
when we get it  
wrong?



# Key Concepts

- Drainage is vital for trails in VT, and increasingly so due to climate change.
- Not planning for drainage damages trails and the surrounding environment.

- Effective drainage accounts for soil type and trail watershed- and considers on and off trail factors.
- Principles of sheet flow vs. channeling.

- Type of drainage features and their applications.
- The same drainage concepts apply to new trail construction as existing trails.

# Thank you

