

Green Mountain Conservancy, Inc.

2022 Annual Report



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Mission

The mission of the Green Mountain Conservancy is to acquire and protect forest lands in southern Vermont:

1. To insure their natural character and continued biodiversity;
2. To conserve wildlife corridors and watershed systems;
3. To promote carbon sequestration;
4. To undertake related initiatives that educate people in the continuing understanding, appreciation and stewardship of these lands;
5. To protect their aesthetic and inspirational values; and
6. To improve the quality of life for residents and visitors to southern Vermont.

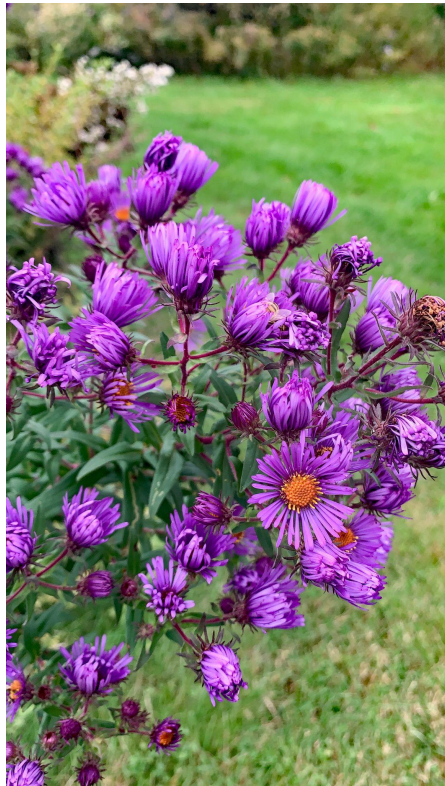
2022 Achievements

While GMC activities continue to be impacted by the pandemic, in 2022 the Green Mountain Conservancy:

- Held an Earth Day Hike that was attended by 20 people;
- Partnered with [Vermont Wilderness School](#) and sponsored a workshop entitled "Outdoor Education and Allyship with American Abenakis";
- Raised the funds and built a sturdy bridge on the main trail across a stream, making our trails more accessible;
- Blazed the Ravine Trail, a 1 mile (2 mile round trip) trail off of the Monument Trail, down the side of the Putney Mt. Ridge and along a deep, picturesque ravine to the flood plain fields that border the West River. The fields host Bob-O-Links, Savannah Sparrows and a multitude of pollinators;
- Held a hike to celebrate the opening of the bridge and the Ravine Trail that featured hikes for three levels of ability and that was attended by 60 people.



- Maintained the 2 mile low gradient trail to the “Monument” and the ½ mile Shoulder Trail, which saw enthusiastic use all year.
- Improved the parking area and added new signage and a new map at the trailhead.
- Applied for and received Conservation Current Use status for the Preserve.
- Improved GMC’s capacity by developing more efficient and effective organizational systems.
- Continued to work with Global Giving on new funding options.
- Began work on a loop trail, a 7 mile round trip hike, that will open in 2023. The loop trail accesses other natural communities and beauty spots in the Preserve.
- Continued to enhance our outreach to the community through an e-newsletter, articles in local papers, our website, greenmountainconservancy.org, and social media via Facebook and Instagram.
- Explored opportunities to purchase and preserve other wild lands in southern Vermont.
- Coordinated our work with organizations such as the Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center, the Putney Mt. Association, Vermont Land Trust, the Windham Regional Commission, The Vermont Nature Conservancy, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Financial Information

In 2022, Green Mountain Conservancy had total income of \$35,366. Expenses totaled \$33,630. Net income was \$1,736.

\$19,516 was donated to construct a footbridge and access stair on the main trail at the stream crossing.

Total donations came from GlobalGiving fundraising events and individual donations.

The balance of expenses covered costs of future acquisitions, property taxes and maintenance of Deer Run Nature Preserve.

Our detailed financial review is available upon request at info@greenmountainconservancy.org



Green Mountain Conservancy would like to extend our sincere appreciation for all of the community members, who have invested thousands of hours of volunteer time in the Preserve and are committed to providing on-going stewardship. We also thank our generous donors whose support has allowed us to continue our mission.

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