

Hartland Conservation Commission 1995 Report

1995 was a very busy year for the Hartland Conservation Commission as we carried out projects started last year and took on several new initiatives:

Foster Meadow and Lull's Brook

◆ The Commission completed a report to the Board of Selectmen on recommended actions to deal with the erosion at Lull's Brook and encourage recreation at the Foster Meadow property. Geoff Dates chaired the report committee, whose recommendations included; regrading and revegetating the eroded banks to create a 70' floodplain forest buffer, monitoring future bank erosion, establishing an interpretive trail along the brook, and preserving and adaptively re-using the barns.

◆ Commission members Andrea Ambros and Nancy Johnson carried out a Lull's Brook Photography Contest; local businesses contributed prizes, and all entries were exhibited at Old Home Day.

◆ Members conducted a Lull's Brook Habitat Assessment to gain basic data to measure future changes against and create a working map for our report.

◆ The Commission met with Hartland's new recreation committee to discuss potential plans for Foster Meadow.

◆ Travis Ramsey will be coordinating the first section of the Lull's Brook Trail at Foster Meadow as part of his Eagle Scout work.

The Town Forest and Cady Brook Trail

◆ Pierre Fournier headed up efforts to get a graduate student from Antioch University's Environmental Studies program to create a Town Forest Management Plan.

◆ Following up on last year's extensive work, Commission member Nancy Johnson coordinated with the Green Mountain Horse Association and the Town to do culvert work and repair surface damage to the Cady Brook Trail.

Farm and Forest Preservation

◆ The Commission supported two land protection efforts this year, working with the Upper Valley Land Trust and Vermont Land Trust towards securing easements on 340 acres of productive farm and forest land.

Green-Up Day

◆ Pierre Fournier headed up the 100+ participants who gathered 150 bags of trash from Hartland's roadsides; over 40 people signed up to "adopt-a-road" to pick up trash on the rest of the year.

Conservation Commission members:

Pierre Fournier and Geoff Dates (co-chairs), GraceAnn Ridlon (vice-chair), Jennifer Waite (secretary), Scott Richardson (treasurer), Philip Nothnagle (planning commission rep), Andrea Ambros, Sheilla Files, Nancy Johnson, Dr. Charles Marrin

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