



Hartland Conservation Commission 2001

29 Acres Protected at the I-91 Interchange

With the support of many individuals and organizations, we've protected 29 acres on the interchange from future development. We're now working on developing activities at the land that will be of benefit to the Town (including potentially a regional farmer's market and programs with the School); your ideas are welcome! Many thanks to the Upper Valley Land Trust, the Hartland Selectboard and Planning Commission, Hartland Community Connections, Country Real Estate and Carmen Summarsell for working with us to make this project happen!

Work with Hartland Elementary School

An exciting development this year was our Commission member Ginny White (a Hartland Elementary 3rd grade teacher) being chosen to participate in a special year-long teacher training, "A Forest for Every Classroom". Through this program, Ginny has been working with the School Grounds Committee on plans for wildlife habitat enhancement and trails at the school, as well as taking her class for some outdoor learning both at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park and local woods in Hartland.

For a second year, the Conservation Commission co-sponsored River Days, a K-3 outdoor education workshop for the Hartland Elementary School that used Lull's Brook as an outdoor classroom.

Lull's Brook

The Lull's Brook watershed lies almost entirely within the borders of Hartland, and encompasses nearly half of the Town's land base. It is fed by the waters of Cady Brook, Densmore Brook, Alder Meadow Brook, and Weed Brook, and flows past both Four Corners and Three Corners villages before making its way to the Connecticut River. The Commission continued our work on the watershed in two ways this year:

- We hosted a "Lull's Brook Watershed Night" this fall, featuring presentations about how watersheds work, a regional study of the Lull's Brook watershed, and how invasive plants are affecting the Brook.
- Commission members spent many days walking sections of Lull's Brook and mapping invasive plants (such as Purple Loosestrife, Phragmites and Japanese Knotweed) that are of increasing concern in the watershed.

The Conservation Trust Fund

The Conservation Trust Fund was established in 1989 to support "planning and preservation of the Town's natural and cultural resources for the continuing benefit of the townspeople." Contributions from the fund, though small, have enormous leveraging power in obtaining conservation grants and in demonstrating our Town's commitment to conservation projects. Thank you to all of our generous contributors - and remember that all contributions are tax deductible!

Conservation Commission Members:

Sue Achenbach (Secretary), Andrea Ambros, Geoff Dates, Deborah Luquer (co-chair), Philip Nothnagle (Planning Commission Representative), Tom Ramsey, Scott Richardson (Treasurer), Andy Stewart, Jennifer Waite (Chair), Ginny White