

## **Hartland Conservation Commission Goals 2024**

Conservation Award at Town Meeting.  
Old Home Days booth.  
Green-Up Day coordination.  
Water quality/temperature testing  
Connecticut River (waterway) cleanup in May (Green-up) and September (Source to Sea) at Sumner Falls.  
Continue amphibian studies and rescue on Big Nights.

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### **Education/Outreach**

Collect and publish extensive and consistent information on Hartland's public lands.  
Celebrate 35 years of the Conservation Commission.  
Participate in a public meet and greet at the library.  
Continue contributing to the Fungal Diversity Survey.  
Host public presentations on conservation issues:  
    Promoting old growth characteristics in forests.  
    Invasive threats to native trees.  
    American chestnut tree recovery effort.  
    The truth about recycling.  
Host invasive species cleanup workshop on public land.  
Host an event at the 17-Acre Wood to celebrate the opening of the accessible trail.  
Communicate the importance of vernal pools and encourage landowners to report them for the Vernal Pool Atlas.

### **Public Policy**

Update the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) response plan, informed by tree surveys.  
Comment on the FERC re-licensing of dams on the CT River.  
Write a management plan for the Jenne Town Forest.

### **Public and Protected Lands**

Inventory public lands for spring ephemerals and invasives (tie to map)  
Maintain and care for public lands, managing invasive plants  
17-Acre Wood--Complete accessible trail  
Sumner Falls--Plan trails with Upper Valley Trails Alliance  
    Assess Shepherd Brook--water chemistry, macroinvertebrates, fish  
Jenne Town Forest--Implement first steps recommended by County Forester  
    Mark boundaries, label legacy trees and ones to be girdled  
Host community hikes and activities celebrating nature on our public lands  
Create signage for legal trails and public recreation areas.  
Work with Upper Valley Land Trust to conserve the Pohl property.