



Hartland Conservation Commission Goals for 2025

The Hartland Conservation Commission inventories and protects Hartland's natural and community resources, providing information on issues impacting those resources, and promoting sustainable recreation on public lands.

Ongoing Projects

- Water quality testing in the Lull's Brook watershed
- Hartland Conservation Award at Town Meeting
- Old Home Days booth
- Green-Up Day co-coordinators
- Big Night- volunteer teams to help amphibians cross the roads
- Fungal Diversity Survey
- Sumner Falls Park annual clean-ups in May (Green-Up Day) and September (Source to the Sea)

Education & Outreach

- Guide to Hartland Public Parks – create 2nd edition
- Surface Water Withdrawal – raising awareness of new regulations
- Big Night and Fungal Diversity Survey – build volunteer teams for these educational events
- Conservation Presentations – host a series of events about topics such as Emerald Ash Borer, Recycling, How to use Game Cameras to monitor wildlife, Hartland Invasive Plant Patrol
- Public Information – boost HCC information online and in printed format
- 17 Acre Wood Accessible Trail – host opening celebration with the School
- Listserv and Facebook posts – posts about Doug Tallamy's book, *Nature's Best Hope*
- Christmas Bird Count – encourage Hartland residents to participate
- Host Community Hikes on Hartland's public lands

Public Policy

- Water withdrawal from Lull's Brook - further research on options for safeguarding Lull's Brook's waters from commercial withdrawal
- Emerald Ash Borer - update EAB response plan, including road surveys and discussion with SB
- Vernal Pools – work with landowners who wish to add their data to the VT Vernal Pool Atlas
- Wetlands Inventory – assess and id high-value wetlands for conservation projects
- Conservation Projects - coordinate land use and conservation efforts with adjacent communities, and supporting regional conservation corridors; support landowners doing conservation projects; build Conservation Trust Fund; assist landowners dealing with erosion challenges along rivers

Public and Protected Lands

- Sumner Falls Town Park – complete new trails and have a grand opening ceremony; continue inventory of major plants and animals, especially ephemerals and invasives; assess Shepherd Brook with water chemistry, macroinvertebrates and fish; invasive species management
- Jenne Town Forest - begin implementation of the Jenne Town Forest management plan, including a plan for invasive species; continue inventory of plants and animals
- 17 Acre Wood – develop public access policy with School and Town
- Pohl Conservation Project- celebrate property's conservation and assist in long-term planning
- Legal Trails and Class 4 Roads – assess conditions, create signage