

Hartland Conservation Commission Goals 2026

Draft goals

Ongoing annual activities

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.

Education/Outreach

Increase awareness of Hartland public lands & natural resources

 Guide to Hartland Public Parks - Second edition

Participate in a public meet and greet at the library.

 --maybe in coordination with 17 Acres woods celebration

Identify amphibian crossings on Big Night; use as an educational tool for public engagement

Public presentations on various current topics affecting public and private lands

Streamline and amplify our electronic communication on our page of town website

Host fun events at public properties, like invasive species identification or removal.

Public Policy

Update map of local vernal pools by assessing new and potential pools; coordinate with Vermont Center for Ecostudies

Town Plan--stay engaged in the process, and comment regarding conservation issues

Withdrawal of water from Lull's Brook—monitor situation this season, post-notification

Public and Protected Lands

Facilitate increased knowledge of, parking access to, and events at public properties

17-Acre Woods--communicate with town and school regarding agreement & celebration

Sumner Falls--finalize trail readiness, signage, public events on land and water

Jenne Town Forest--begin implementing management plan

Host community hikes on public lands, while noting species of plants and animals

Sponsor or co-sponsor invasive species management and riparian restoration plantings where needed

Consider aerial photography repeated over time to document changes on public lands.

Other

Write a Natural Resources Inventory for the town

Create an online space for the Commission to share documents, photos, and information

Consult with State Archivist about Conservation Commission records –