

**Vermont's unified voice for  
recreation trails.**

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On behalf of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council, we hope this letter finds your community well. We respectfully request your support by including a renewal application with this letter. The VT Trails and Greenways Council is an organization with state-wide responsibility. As such we are not able to petition each town, so we ask that this small amount be included in your budget. We hope this request arrives at an appropriate time.

For over a decade, the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council has been your voice for recreation, trails and conservation issues throughout the state. Our membership is comprised of a wide variety of outdoor groups – organizations that work hard, both statewide and at the community level, to provide comprehensive public access to Vermont's recreation resources. Because the Council embraces a broad spectrum of user groups, we are often able to speak with one voice in our efforts to expand and protect public access to trail lands, acquire State and Federal trail dollars and steward natural resources. Learn more at our website: <http://www.vermonttrailsandgreenways.org/>

Your membership will provide a voice for trail interests throughout Vermont. The Vermont Trails and Greenways Council is working to shape the future of recreation in Vermont – for all trail users from hikers to mountain bikers to equestrians and snowmobilers; motorized and non-motorized alike. The projects the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council plans to continue to work on include:

- ❖ Hosting quarterly meetings to keep you up-to-date on Vermont events, projects and policies and provide important networking opportunities to share and learn with people across the state.
- ❖ Connecting members through our biannual newsletter. Keeping you informed with trail updates as well as feature articles on issues affecting trails in Vermont.
- ❖ Advising the Vermont Department of Forests, Park and Recreation on revisions to the Vermont Trail System.
- ❖ Developing and distributing the Vermont Trails and Greenways Manual – a resource guide for creating and managing community trails projects.
- ❖ Providing guidance with the Vermont Recreation Trails Fund, an important funding source for trails projects.
- ❖ Participating in the development of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.
- ❖ Providing community assistance - members of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council have decades of collective trail experience and can assist you in planning, funding and creating your next trail project.
- ❖ Hosting the Annual Vermont Trail Symposium, a hands-on trails workshop that offers great networking and skill building opportunities.

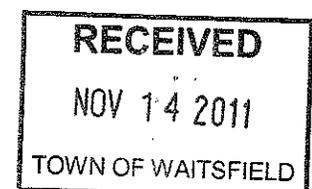
Please complete the attached membership form and feel free to contact us with your ideas. Together we can arrive at solutions to continue to improve our communities. For more information on how the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council directly supports outreach, education and advocacy work, please contact me at (802)-498-4506, or any members of our Board of Director's on the attached list.

We hope you will become involved and help us shape the future of recreation in Vermont.

Sincerely,

Walter Opuszynski, Chair

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# Membership Application & Annual Renewal Form

Memberships Year:  
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

Membership Classification:       New       Renewal

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Page: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of your organization/association, business, or local, regional or State affiliation:  
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- Member/Organization performs on-the-ground trail work.
- Member(s) is/are individual trail user(s)

Annual Membership Dues			
Category	Dues	Amount Remitted	Received:
Commercial	\$50	\$	_____/_____/_____ Check No.:
Group/Municipal	\$35	\$	_____
Individual/Friend	\$25	\$	To Treasurer:
Donation		\$	_____/_____/_____ Deposited:
			_____/_____/_____
<b>Total Remitted</b>		\$	

Please make checks payable to Vermont Trails & Greenways Council and mail to:  
 Vermont Trails & Greenways Council  
 VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, & Recreation  
 103 South Main St. Building #9 South  
 Waterbury, VT 05676-0601

Thank you for your supporting the efforts of the Vermont Trails & Greenways Council!