

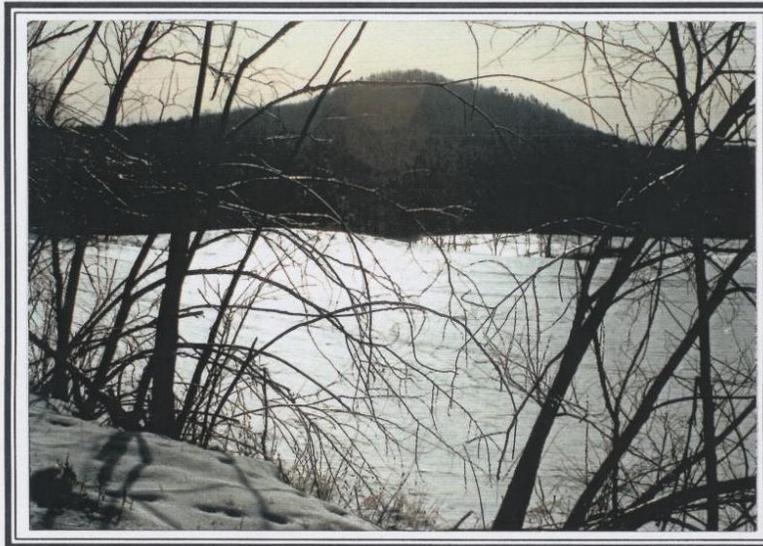


**Lyme Hill Conservation Area**  
River Road to Route 10, Lyme NH  
*Conserved in 1991-2011*

**Project Stories (from UVLT archives) - 1991**

**65 Lyme Hill, 37.3 Acres**  
off River Road, Lyme  
*Donation of Land*

Lyme Hill is one of the Upper Valley's "little hilltops" rising out of the Connecticut River floodplain to a height of 1047 feet. Just southeast of Lyme village, the hill is visible from many parts of town. It's a twenty minute walk or ski trip through hardwood stands and past the occasional fir and pine to the top. The views of the Valley to the west and the village of Lyme to the north are best in winter. This forested property was donated to UVLT by Michael McGean and Robert Alden and will be managed for recreation and forestry.



**Project Stories (from UVLT archives) - 1993**

**93 Stevenson, 3 Acres**

Route 10, Lyme

*Donation of Land*

Bayne Stevenson donated a 3-acre parcel on Route 10 south of the village of Lyme. The small property includes some agricultural soils and could potentially provide a link to the Lyme Hill property owned by UVLT.

UVLT will probably choose to sell the property in the future , possibly reserving public access and parking rights for recreational uses in the area.

**Project Stories (from UVLT archives) – 1997, 1999**

**Lyme Hill East, 123 Acres**

**Van Vleck Trust, 96.5 Acres**

Lyme, December 1997

*Donated Conservation Easement*

**Lyme Hill East, additional 26.5 Acres**

Lyme, July 1999

*Gift of Land, combined with Van Vleck Trust land*

Lyme residents David Roby and Roy Van Vleck Trust acquired 96.5 acres of the Grant Estate in support of the Grant Brook Conservation Project to provide a corridor following Grant Brook from Route 10 down to the Connecticut River. A couple of years later the Van Vleck Trust added another 26.5 acres of adjacent land to the initial easement, and donated the entire 123 acres to the Upper Valley Land Trust. This forested property is topographically diverse, with steep embankments and rocky bottomed streams that are home to a wide variety of wildlife. A public snowmobile, hiking, and skiing trail runs through the property, connecting with the Lower Grant Brook Trail to the north, Lyme Hill to the south, and the River Road to the west. Under a memorandum of understanding forged with the Audubon Society of New Hampshire in March 2001, the 123-acre parcel, along with adjacent Lyme Hill and Jabali parcels are all managed together by ASNH as a wildlife sanctuary and site for educational programs. The Land Trust retains ownership of the property.



***Project Stories (from UVLT archives) - 1998***

**173 Jabali Trust, 100 Acres**  
Lyme, December 1998  
*Acquisition, U.S Fish & Wildlife Funds*

Where Lyme's Grant Brook meets the Connecticut River is a marsh fringed with cattails and wetland shrubs. Upstream, tall pines shade cascades of cold water flowing from the stream's headwaters on the slopes of Smarts Mountain. UVLT's purchase of 100 acres at the mouth of Grant Brook completed a five year effort to protect a corridor between the village of Lyme and the Connecticut River, linking 200 acres of conserved land upstream with the riverfront Wilder Wildlife Management Area. The parcel includes rich marshland habitat and rare plant communities. To the south, the property stretches up the side of Lyme Hill, protecting significant deer wintering area. It is also the site of one of Lyme's oldest cemeteries. Hikers, skiers, snowmobilers, hunters, and fishermen enjoy the stream corridor and the network of trails which cross the area.

Major funding for the acquisition was provided by a grant from the North American Wetlands Council. The NAWCA grant recognizes the cumulative significance of small wetland areas along a 12-mile stretch of river. These pocket wetlands support rare plants and provide rich habitat for songbirds, migratory waterfowl, otter, and other species. Protecting wetlands through a combination of private initiative and public investment is envisioned under the plan for the Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge.



*Project Stories (from UVLT archives) - 2011*

**Lyme Hill Wetland, 15.8 acres**

January 2011

*Land donated to UVLT*

Located adjacent to UVLT-owned Lyme Hill parcels, this property was a gift from David and Barbara Roby. UVLT conserved the land in consultation with the NH Department of Environmental Services, the Town of Lyme, and received support from the Lyme Conservation Commission.

UVLT hopes to someday improve the current footpath to the wetland so that an observation point will be accessible to folks with walkers, wheelchairs, and strollers and so that students with mobility disabilities will be able to join their classmates for learning opportunities here.

