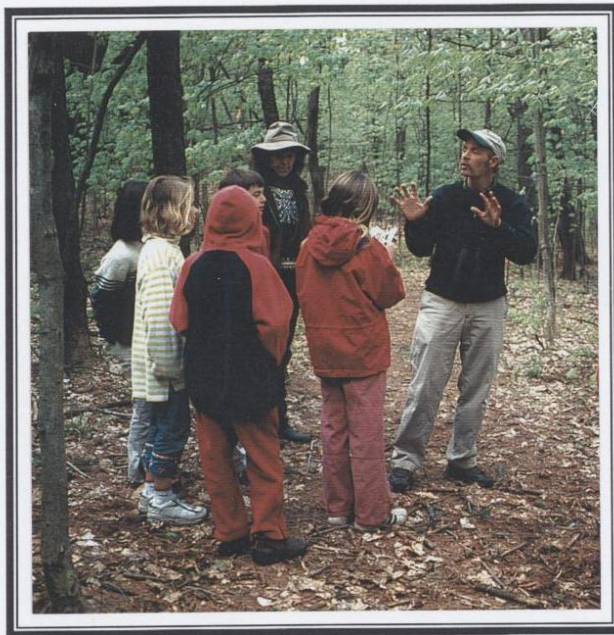




**Milton Frye Nature Area, 35.3 acres**  
Route 5/Main St, Norwich VT  
*Conserved in 2002*  
*Conservation Easement Donated to UVLT by Town*

***Project Story (from UVLT archives)***

“Norwich Special Places is excited to be completing its first project, one that has been a high priority for residents of Norwich for some time,” says Judy Brown, chairperson of the group.



This parcel of town-owned land along Route 5 between I-91 and village of Norwich includes part of a meadow and old apple orchard that provide scenic views to those entering the village from the south. It is adjacent to the Marion Cross School, which uses the land as an outdoor classroom for science, nature, and environmental studies. Community members enjoy trails throughout the property for low-impact recreational uses such as walking and skiing.

The effort to permanently protect the parcel was led by Norwich Special Places (NSP), a citizen group that

works to identify and facilitate the protection of key open space in Norwich. NSP petitioned to place a warrant article on the 2001 town meeting ballot asking the Selectboard to conserve the property through an easement to be held by the UVLT. Norwich voters approved the measure by more than 10 to 1, and the Norwich Selectboard unanimously approved the conservation easement and a management plan for the property. Funds raised by NSP will cover the costs of conserving the land. The Norwich Conservation Commission’s Milt Frye Nature Area Committee will oversee the uses and care of the conserved land.