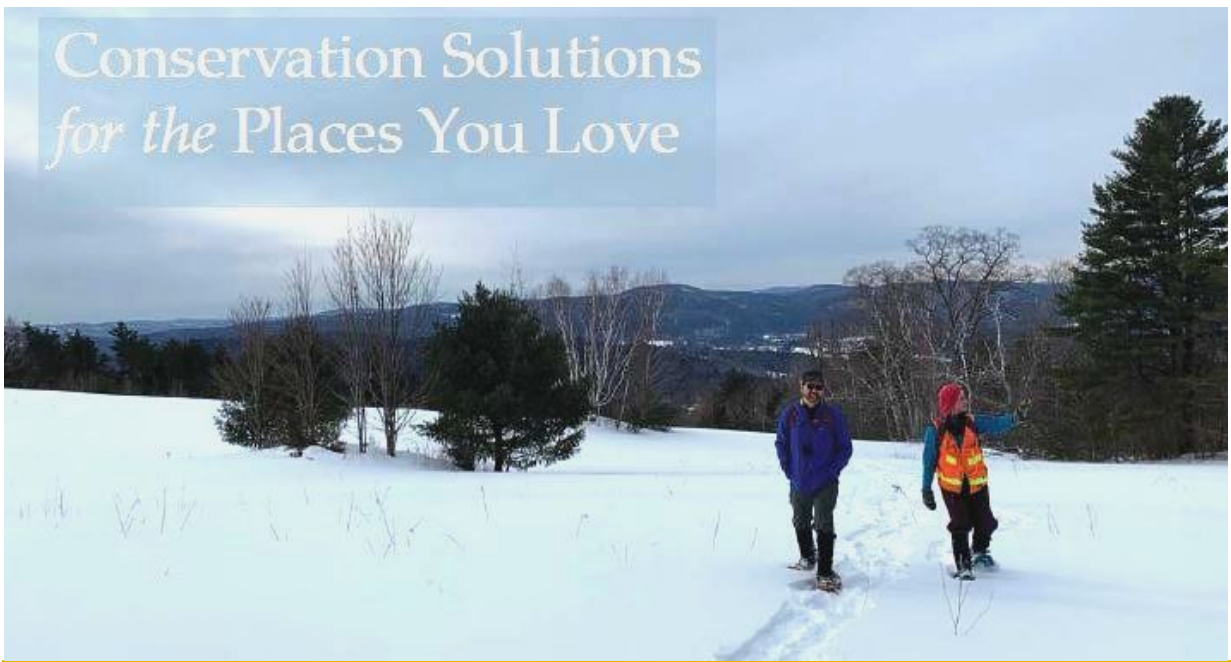


Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*



Upper Valley Land Trust - March 2019

Masthead Photo: Stewardship Director Jason Berard and Land Steward Kaytee Currie-Huggard directing volunteers during a work day at Lyme Pinnacle. (Photo by Doug Brown)

RHFM Conserved

UVLT is pleased to announce the permanent conservation of Rocky Hill Farm Meadows! Located along Meadow Lane, this land consists of 40 acres of gently sloping scenic fields adjacent to Bedell Bridge State Park in Haverhill, NH. 32 acres is prime agricultural soil where owners Dale and Jacqueline Lewis used to grow corn for their dairy farm. Now the property is rented to another local dairy farmer.

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Dale and Jacqueline Lewis at the closing for the conservation project.

21st Annual Conservation Commission Gathering

On March 19th, UVLT held our 21st Annual Conservation Commission Gathering at Hypertherm. Participants came from 15 towns and 5 organizations across both states to spend the evening having dinner, chatting with their fellow commissioners, and learning about Planning for Climate Change Resiliency. The speaker for the evening was Sherry Godlewski from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup. Her presentation was titled "Natural Resources, Local Economies, Climate Change: Exploring the Links and Opportunities for Action" and focused on ways that Conservation Commissioners can be involved in climate resiliency planning in their towns



25 conservation commissioners from 15 towns joined UVLT for the annual Conservation Commission Gathering

Calling All Volunteers



Volunteer for **Vernal Pools!** UVLT will be identifying and mapping vernal pools at the Tunis District Conservation Area and at Smith Pond Shaker Forest this spring. This activity is highly weather dependent. Sign up here: andy.boyce@uvlt.org, if you would like to be notified when UVLT field activities pop up.

What's Up with **Chestnuts?** Our initiative to identify, map, and "watch" native chestnuts at our Smith Pond Shaker Forest will continue this spring and summer. Why are we watching? To determine which trees are flowering and try to collect their nuts for future planting. You can help.

Contact: alison.marchione@uvlt.org

Morey Mountain Clean Up Day With the help of Northwoods Excavating, we'll be removing old buildings and large trash items from our 149-acre Morey Mountain Conservation Area. Once the ground is dry, we'll bring many hands together to finish restoring the site. Sign up here: jason.berard@uvlt.org

Take those bird feeders down

However slowly it may seem to be approaching, spring is well on it's way to us in the Upper Valley and this is your friendly reminder to **take down your bird feeders!** March 31st is the unofficial date to take down your feeders, secure your trash cans, make sure your grills are clean and just generally make sure you aren't attracting bears into your yard.

Fish and Wildlife in both NH and VT are warning folks that the bears are going to be more hungry than usual this spring due to a lack of beech nuts, acorns, and wild apples last fall. Please take precaution not to attract hungry bears in your yard!

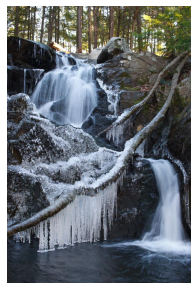
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Upcoming Events



Flavors of the Valley

Join UVLT and 45 other vendors on **Sunday April 7th** from **11 to 3** at the **Hartford High School Gym** for the Upper Valley's favorite food expo! We will be partnering with soon-to-be-conserved **Beaver Pond Farm** from Newport, NH. They will be giving out maple samples and we will



Lunch & Learn Field Trip: Smith Pond Shaker Forest

We will meet at 3pm on **April 17th** at the **Smith Pond Road parking lot (Exit 15)** for a walk and talk about the forest soil ecology at Smith Pond Shaker Forest. You do not need to have attended the lecture on



Earth Day at Starr Hill

Each earth day we gather together at Starr Hill preserve to remember the life and conservation spirit of Laurel Letter who worked tirelessly to make sure that the Starr Hill Preserve was protected forever! Meet at the parking lot behind **The Woodlands** at **3pm** for a **1**

be holding a raffle for a basket of local foods and UVLT swag. Stop by and say hi!

March 21st to join us for the walk.

mile, easy hike.

[For Details on Everything Going on at UVLT Click Here](#)



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Hanover Biodiversity Committee

The Hanover Biodiversity committee is selling "Invasive Species Bookmarks" to interested groups who want to use them as a way to raise awareness about identifying and controlling different invasives.

[Click for more Info](#)

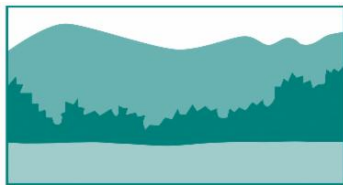
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