

The VT Town Forest Recreation Planning Assistance Program

- In 2017, the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program received a grant for town forest recreation planning assistance for communities across the state.
- In the initial process, 10 communities worked with a consulting firm specializing in community planning—SE Group—to develop an action-based town forest recreation plan.
- That process also led to a toolkit to support sustainable, forest-based recreation in town forests statewide for other communities, like ours, to follow to create our own town forest recreation plan.
- This process will be led by community members and actively engage the community at large in a vision for our town forest.

The Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program is a joint initiative of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FRP) and UVM Extension (Extension). Working group members include FPR's Recreation Program, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and Extension's Tourism and Marketing Program. Partners includes over 40 organizations and stakeholders who attended a summit in January 2017 to help shape the process and deliverables.

