

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Access Paths and Connections

Key Attribute #:

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Need #:

2

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Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Medium-Term

Throughout the visioning process, community members expressed a strong desire to connect the village and residential areas to outdoor recreation opportunities. The community envisioned being able to safely and enjoyably walk or ride their bikes to nearby trails.

At present, despite the proximity of the village to trails, people rarely walk or bike. Many commented that the roadways are narrow with limited shoulders, making them feel unsafe.

The town should work to create safe walking/biking routes to town trails, whether by expanding the shoulder, adding sidewalks, multi-use paths, or parallel natural surface trails in the woods.

A first priority could be a route between Huntington Village and the Green Mountain Audubon Center along Main Road. This route would encourage people to walk/bike to Audubon's trail system, visitors to head down to Huntington Village, and the many residents who live in between to walk/bike as well.

Planning for such connections could also be combined with trails and open space planning for comprehensive "active transportation" planning.

Responsibility:

Town, Conservation Commission, and/or a committee of local volunteers

Partners Involved:

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Planning Required:

Trails/Active Trans Plan

Funding Opportunities:

RTP, RD, TAP, BPP, VCDP, RFG, VCF, LF,



Toolkit Resources

Sustainable Trail Standards

