

# Town Forests for the People, by the People.



## Meet Andrea Morgante... landscape designer, hiker, and town forest advocate.

Andrea Morgante lives in Hinesburg, Vermont, and was serving on the Hinesburg Select Board and Hinesburg Land Trust when the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest was established in 2008.

*"If our town forest could talk, I think it would tell us to relax, that we are connected. The trees would tell us that 'we are part of you, we are here to help...that we love you.'"*

### What key role have you played in your town forest?

*"Once the town acquired the land, we had the responsibility of developing a management plan, and it was critical in moving the community toward thinking more holistically about the value of the town forest."*

### What do folks like to do here?

*"Hunting, mountain biking, running, hiking, some horseback riding. Preschool teachers and kids do storybook walks that feature nature. And oftentimes teachers use it as an outdoor classroom."*

### What is your most remarkable takeaway from your experiences here?

*"I am appreciative of this beautiful resource, and thankful that it's sustainably managed to maintain its biodiversity and economic value to the town."*



***"I urge anyone and everyone to get involved in helping protect and care for our town forests."***

To get in touch with Andrea, and for more information on the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest and the Hinesburg Town Forest, connect with Hinesburg's Town Clerk at [mross@hinesburg.org](mailto:mross@hinesburg.org) or 802-482-2281 (x223).

For information on Vermont's town forests, and to find yours, visit [www.vtcommunityforestry.org/YourVTTownForest](http://www.vtcommunityforestry.org/YourVTTownForest)



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