

Conservation easement in Jackson Upper Saco Valley Land Trust establishes first easement

JACKSON — The Upper Saco Valley Land Trust recently announced the acquisition of its first conservation easement, received from Sam and Betsey Harding.

The 12-acre easement protects, forever, more than 1400 feet of the Wildcat River. It prohibits further subdivision and building on the property while encouraging agricultural and recreational use.

Located in the Town of Jackson, the scenic property is host to portions of the Woodchuck Fields cross country ski trail.

“The Trust is very excited to receive its first easement and protect this beautiful property,” said Tom Henderson, president of the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust. “Protecting scenic places and preserving traditional uses is our mission. The Hardings have been key supporters of the trust from its inception. We are especially pleased to be partnering with

them on this, our first project.”

“We are thrilled that the natural beauty of our land will be protected in perpetuity for all to see and enjoy. We hope that others will also seize this great opportunity to partner with the land trust to preserve our precious fields, forests and streams,” the Hardings added.

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The Upper Saco Valley Land Trust is a local, membership supported, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving open space for public benefit. For more information about land preservation, conservation easements, membership, or volunteer opportunities, contact the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust at 356-9683, email to usvlt@ncia.net or write, Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, P.O. Box 424, North Conway 03860. ▲



Sam and Betsey Harding (above) recently deeded a 12-acre parcel of their land on the Wildcat River in Jackson as a conservation easement to the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust.