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## Why is land conservation important to you?

On the surface, this may seem like an easy question. But as development pressures continue to carve away our natural places of the Valley, this question isn't always considered.

We asked some of our supporters this question, and there was a common sentiment: land conservation means more than just conserving land, but conserving the wonderful relationships you have with it.

By supporting USVLT, you're protecting more than just the forests, farms, and waterways of the Valley. You're protecting its tranquility. You're protecting its wonder. You're protecting its ability to inspire, and you're protecting all of this for generations to come.

This year, you ensured that the open fields of Bun Lucy Farm, the tranquil trails of Tin Mountain Arboretum, and the majestic views of Jockey Cap are forever protected. To date, you have saved over 12,000 acres of land in our Valley. That is remarkable!

**And it is only possible because of you.** You are the guardians of the forests, wildlife, farms, and waterways of the Valley. Every acre of land you preserve at USVLT is protected forever.

But these lands are under threat of unsustainable development. It is too late for some of the special areas that are already gone, but together we can save those places that are still worth preserving.

We're currently putting our focus towards 8 different projects—3 of which we're hoping to finish by the end of the year—and have almost a dozen others in the woodworks. **[To bring these projects to fruition, we ask for your support./We recognize and appreciate your recent support, and we're sharing this letter to let you know what is happening at USVLT.]** None of this would be possible without supporters like you, and it's through your dedication that the Valley remains such a uniquely wonderful place.

Yours in conservation,

Upper Saco Valley Land Trust

# Why is land conservation important to you?

What our supporters have to say:

*It is important to the quality of life for the people that benefit now and for those in the generations to come. I support land conservation for the wildlife, preserving critical ecosystems, corridors for movement and the health of this fragile world. To modify a famous Will Rogers quote, 'conserve land because they are not making any more of it.'*

– Jim of Jim Doucette Real Estate



*Land conservation protects water quality, ecosystems, wildlife habitats, natural resources, and beautiful landscapes. These are all so critically important to our community's overall health, well-being, and quality of life. That is why land conservation is so deeply important to us.*

– Anne & Hadley from Intervale



*Every time I stand on top of Jockey Cap and take in its 360° degree view, I am incredibly grateful for the work of the Land Trust. It took collaboration, patience, and foresight to protect this town landmark so we can all continue to enjoy the most rewarding 'hike' in the Valley (just my opinion!). And this is only one small piece of the work that they do.*

– Laura of White Birch Books



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