

Dundee Community Forest



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Overview

Nearly 1,200 acres of forest rich with biodiversity, pristine streams, and peaks with stunning views... the future Dundee Community Forest. USVLT is partnering with The Trust for Public Land to conserve one of the largest unprotected properties in our 11-town service area, spanning the Bartlett and Jackson town line. The land, which will be managed for sustainable forestry, recreation, and the protection of rare natural ecosystems, also serves as a buffer for the headwaters of Wildcat Brook, a federally designated Wild and Scenic River.

Consisting of 16 land parcels, the forest has been assembled and stewarded by a local family over the last 60 years. USVLT intends to manage this remarkable land in partnership with stakeholders in the towns of Bartlett and Jackson. The property will be further protected by a conservation easement held by the State of NH.

This project is ambitious. This summer, the project ranked twelfth nationwide for funding from the Forest Legacy Program, grounds for optimism that the full request for \$2.3M in federal money will be awarded in early 2021. These dollars will also need to be matched by other state and local funding sources, as well as donations from our generous community of supporters.

Recreation

Hunters, off-trail explorers, artists, and photographers alike will continue to enjoy access to the properties. Additionally, the long-term vision for the property is to develop a trail system that complements the existing recreation opportunities on the nearby White Mountain National Forest. A community process will determine final trail development, but early ideas include backcountry ski trails that link to existing winter trails on Doublehead Mountain, hiking trails that access upper-elevation ledges, offering sweeping views towards the Presidential Range, and possibly singletrack mountain bike trails.

Ecology

Creation of Dundee Community Forest will provide a rare opportunity to protect over 150 acres of old-growth forest. The high-quality riparian areas and mature forest benefit a range of wildlife including bear, moose, bobcat, pine marten, deer, coyote, and a host of other species. Swainson's thrush, northern parula warbler, and white-throated sparrow are also common.

The property has 3.5 miles of pristine, cascading streams, some of which flow into Wildcat Brook, a nationally designated Wild and Scenic River. All waters eventually

flow into the Saco River, a major recreational resource for paddling and swimming and a drinking water source for approximately 250,000 people in 35 towns in New Hampshire and Maine.

Economic Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits linked to the recreational opportunities onsite, the proposed community forest will have an active timber program which will produce high-value forest products and a source of revenue for the Community Forest in perpetuity. The proceeds of the timber program, initially covering trail development, can also be reinvested in other community conservation priorities. The logs, supplied to local mills, will bolster forest-products sector jobs, with additional revenues for the towns from timber yield tax.

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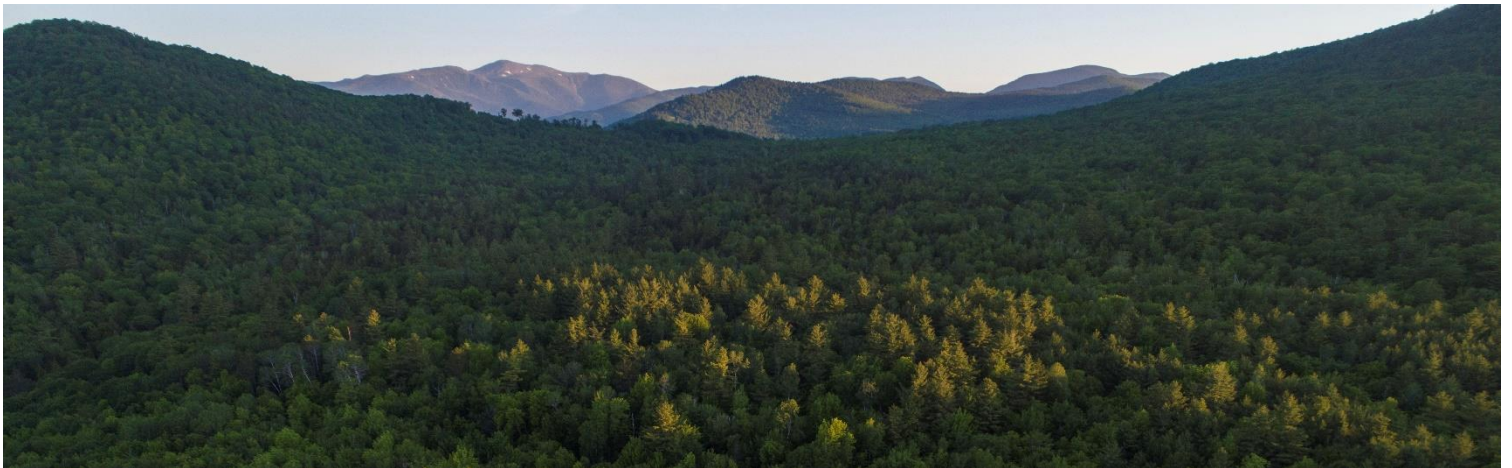
We invite you to envision the future Dundee Community Forest with us – built with intention and our communities’ backing. Your generous financial support will help create a community resource that will keep giving back for generations to come. Thank you!

History

Located on traditional ancestral lands of the Abenaki people, the Dundee Community Forest has rich



historical resources, dating from pre-European settlement to the current day. Most obvious signs of both Native American and early European settlers have disappeared from the land. The Ham House, however, dating from circa 1825, provides a glimpse of the hard-scrabble lives of early hillside farmers. The structure (above) still stands and presents opportunities for preservation and possible restoration.



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