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*Front Cover Photo: Aerial view of Tupper Lake by Carl Heilman, II.*

*Forester Sierra Giraud is one of six young people profiled in the North Country Calling video series. See more inside the back cover.*

*Photo: Ian MacLellan*
VISION
We envision a thriving and welcoming Northern Forest region sustained by innovation and environmental stewardship.

MISSION
We create bold possibilities that give rise to vibrant Northern Forest communities.

WE BELIEVE IN
We are passionate about the Northern Forest and its potential. While this region, like every corner of the globe, is challenged by the pandemic and its economic impact, we believe in the resilience of Northern Forest communities. We know they can thrive, be welcoming, and be sustained by innovation and environmental stewardship.

This is the New Forest Future we know is possible.

As an organization we listen first and work closely with partners, supporting their persistence, energy and hard work to create bold possibilities in places like Greenville Maine, Gorham New Hampshire, Island Pond Vermont and Elizabethtown New York. If you could experience what we do in these places, you too would see opportunity. And now, building on our work in 2020, we’re committed more than ever to support these partnerships with energy and resolve.

With the launch and capitalization of our new Northern Forest Fund in 2021, we’ll increase programming and investments in the region and help reverse the region’s population decline of young workers and families. We’ll build on and celebrate the work already underway in many communities and invite you to join us in being part of the action.

The Northern Forest region can and will be a place for growth and vibrancy for the next generation. You’re helping to make it happen – we simply couldn’t do our work without you. Thank you for your partnership and friendship.

Celina Adams, Chair

Rob Riley, President
PROGRAM IMPACT SINCE 2005

SUPPORTED

7,141 JOBS
IN WOOD PRODUCTS
TOURISM AND
WOOD HEAT

HELPED CONSERVE

257,218 ACRES
FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT

SECURED & LEVERAGED

220,000,000 DOLLARS
TO BENEFIT COMMUNITIES,
THE ECONOMY & FOREST STEWARDSHIP

Regional Leadership

• Leveraged more than $12 million from increased federal funding, tax credit financing, business investment and grants to support economic opportunity and environmental resiliency across ME, NH, VT and NY.

• Helped communities and partners secure nearly $600,000 from public and private sources to directly support projects that align with the Center’s mission.

Community Development

• Raised $3.3 million in impact investments for residential and commercial real estate redevelopment projects since 2018.

• Completed our 6th residential purchase & renovation in Millinocket, Maine, providing much-needed quality workforce housing.

• Through the Center’s housing initiative, contributed to the 80% increase in median sale prices of homes in Millinocket between 2017 and 2020.

• Invested nearly $1 million so far to redevelop a historic Lancaster building to support economic expansion and community revitalization.
Economic Development

- Supported **1,100** jobs through direct assistance to **153** wood products, tourism, and wood heat businesses.

**WOOD PRODUCTS**

The Center’s ongoing work with 19 wood products companies helped these companies:

- Create **38** new jobs and increase average wages by **5.7%**.
- Support **760** existing jobs.
- Increase gross sales by **$39 million**.
- Increase demand for wood by **3 million board feet**.
- Invest more than **$300,000** in manufacturing, technology and other advances.

**DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT**

To support both community revitalization and economic development, the Center:

- Awarded **10 grants** totaling **$302,000** to improve outdoor recreation opportunities in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, in partnership with Northeastern Vermont Development Association and NEK Collaborative.
- Invested **$15,000** in community-based recreation development through the Adirondack Community Recreation Alliance.
- Leveraged **$85,500** in business investment in the Moosehead Lake region through our Tourism Investment Program.

**WOOD HEAT**

By helping people convert from oil to wood pellets and chips:

- Generated **$1.2 million** in economic impact for the region this year; **$5.7 million** positive impact since 2011.
- Prevented **1,381 tons** of greenhouse gas emissions this year – totaling **6,500 tons avoided** since 2011 – equal to driving **16 million FEWER miles**!

The Center coordinates the Automated Wood Heat, Bike Borderlands and getNEKedVT programs.
Transforming Communities for the Next Generation

We believe Northern Forest communities are full of possibility. We bring tested strategies, positive leadership and new investment to create widely shared opportunities.

With our partners, we foster initiatives that keep young people and attract new residents eager to invest in community and steward the forest for future generations. **Our work:**

**Builds Active Communities**
Outdoor recreation is often tailored to attract visitors rather than to serve local people. Our partnerships and investments are increasing high-quality recreation opportunities for residents – particularly kids – and ensuring they benefit local businesses and create good jobs.

**Creates Community Assets**
Northern Forest communities have been deeply affected by decisions made by out-of-region property owners and policy makers. We play a vital role in redeveloping properties, coaching communities to acquire and manage forestland, and supporting leaders to attract funding to regional projects.

**Develops New Leadership**
Small towns rely on volunteers and a small number of paid staff to do… everything! We bring new voices to the table, facilitate action and collaboration, manage project implementation, and attract resources to make projects happen. We help expand the ability of local partners to reach their goals.

2020 Highlights

- Supported youth programs, trail expansion and the Ride with Gratitude stewardship campaign among the Bike Borderlands’ 9 trail networks across VT, NH, ME and QC, increasing their contribution to the regional economy.

- Began redeveloping the 11,000-square-foot Parker J. Noyes building into apartments and a local food marketplace in Lancaster, NH. This project is funded partly by impact investors who – through our investment funds – earn a financial return while generating community benefit.

- Facilitated the Adirondack Common Ground Forum, guiding 200 participants to help their communities be more welcoming, particularly to people of color and people “from away.” The forum informed a Center-led strategy to retain young people and attract residents to the region.
Choosing the Northern Forest for Home and for Work

Fifteen years ago, Boston’s high cost of living and a longing for a close-knit community drove newlyweds Tim and Amanda Clough to move to Franconia, near where they grew up. “I was lucky to be able to bring my job with me,” said Tim, who is a partner in a telecom firm, “and Amanda started teaching school in Bethlehem. Now there are a lot of IT companies up here. The opportunities are far greater than they were.”

“We can go mountain biking right out the back door. Everything is right here, and in school there’s a lot more emphasis on being outside. Our kids love it.”

— Amanda Clough

Two years ago, the Cloughs and three high school friends opened Iron Furnace Brewing in Franconia. “We merged our dream of opening a brewery with our need for a place to have a beer after mountain biking at Profile Trails,” said Tim, who serves on the board of Franconia Area NEMBA, a Bike Borderlands member.

“People have done an exceptional job building trails here,” said Tim. “I’m more of an ambassador for the trail system.” He hopes to collaborate more with trail systems in Littleton and Bethlehem to make the area even more of a mountain biking destination.

“We’ve got three trail networks, three breweries and a great community for our kids,” said Tim. “We live where people vacation.”
Strengthening Forest-based Jobs

We are a regional innovation and investment partner creating rural vibrancy by connecting people to the forested landscape.

Our work is strategic, collaborative and hands-on to help communities and businesses achieve their economic potential. We provide technical and financial assistance, peer consultation, and strategic leadership to develop new markets. Our work:

**Sustains Businesses**
Rural businesses provide essential forest products and services, but face workforce, internet and capital challenges. We advance innovation by helping businesses tap expertise and capital to create and sustain good jobs in wood products manufacturing, wood heat, and recreation and tourism.

**Expands Markets**
Sustainable forest management relies on diverse, consistent and accessible markets for wood. Our programs sustain demand for finished products – furniture, flooring, construction materials – while developing new and stronger markets for wood heat, mass timber, and other emerging products.

**Develops Destinations**
Some places are being over-used while others have the potential to expand business opportunities, jobs, and community benefit. We help communities and businesses find the right balance by building on their unique appeal while sustaining the region’s landscape and culture.

**2020 Highlights**

- **Invested in market development for new forest products to help expand the region’s economy.** The Center’s Future Forest Economy Initiative granted nearly $1 million to projects in wood heat marketing, master logger certification, and mass timber construction.

- **Assisted 18 wood product manufacturers and sawmills** – which collectively employ hundreds and support thousands of related jobs – with business development, Covid-19 crisis management, market development and leadership coaching. Our assistance helped keep employers in operation and sustained demand for wood harvested from the region’s forests.

- **Provided technical assistance to 130 tourism-related businesses in Maine and Vermont** to improve their online presence and digital sales, build long-term resilience, and weather the pandemic through online sales and digital marketing.
Navigating Unknowns to Keep Jobs in Vermont

Even Covid-19 can’t shake Brian Ball, president and CEO of Lyndon Furniture in Vermont, from his guiding principles to “Take care of our customers, grow our business with them, and bring on some new retail partners.”

“My philosophy hasn’t changed,” he said, “but this is a complete unknown, no matter how long you’ve been in business.”

To navigate the unknowns Brian turned to the Center’s Northern Forest Board Forum, a facilitated peer group of wood products business executives. Members support each other on strategy, leadership, financial management, human resource issues and more.

“The Board Forum has made me a better owner, and a better leader,” he said. “I get perspective from people...”

You’re helping me do what I need to do to keep this company going and keep these jobs right here in Vermont where they belong.

— Brian Ball
Lyndon Furniture

I have great respect for.” Brian brought all 85 employees back on salary as quickly as possible and paid them a hazard bonus when they were able to return to work.

“I can’t say enough about the good the work the Center does,” said Brian.

The Northern Forest provides wood for fine furniture, traditional and mass timber construction, pellets and chips to replace fossil fuels, and a landscape that draws visitors from around the world.
Defining New Leadership to Create Change

We believe in bold, adaptive leadership. We bring new ideas and resources to accelerate innovation across geographic, social and ideological boundaries. We share what we’re learning in communities with policy makers and funders to better serve people in rural communities. Our work:

Leverages Resources
It is difficult for communities to find funding for essential services such as high-speed broadband or quality housing. We pride ourselves on directly raising and leveraging funding into the region for the benefit of communities, businesses and non-profit partners.

Advocates for the Region
Although we have seen unprecedented governmental relief for Covid-19, many people, businesses, organizations and communities are still being left behind. Building on decades of strong relationships, we advocate for policies that will bring transformational benefits to our communities.

Contributes to Climate Solutions
We are driven by a deep commitment to advance green business practices, lower carbon emissions, keep forests as forests, and advance innovations – like wood heat, mass timber construction and new building materials – that contribute to economic, social and ecological outcomes.

2020 Highlights
Advanced broadband improvements: in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom, by supporting creation of a Communications Union District to fund internet infrastructure; in Lancaster, NH, by exploring the extension of a high-speed internet line; and in western Maine, by helping leaders increase their knowledge, pursue grants and implement regional fiber build-out.

Co-led the Rural Development Innovation Group – a national partnership with The Aspen Institute and others – which sent policy recommendations to Congress to shape the economic recovery response to the pandemic. We also directed recommendations to Northern Forest state policy makers.

Coordinated two regional initiatives – to expand markets for the region’s wood and to invest in community destination assets - while also coordinating a four-state proposal to support the tourism sector. These initiatives total nearly $9 million and we add value by increasing coordination and learning across projects and by leveraging private investment.
“I realized if I could do one thing that would make a real difference in western Maine, it’s improving broadband,” said Mia Purcell, vice president of Economic Development and Impact at Community Concepts, a key partner in the Maine West collaborative.

“I focused on helping underserved areas and businesses that needed faster service, but that shifted when Covid hit,” she said. “Kids need internet access for school. We have a lot of home-based businesses and people moving here with remote jobs. It’s about keeping seniors connected and access to telehealth.”

Working across 34 communities, Mia is a key driver behind a state-sponsored planning process for broadband expansion in Western Maine and the Broadband Bootcamp, a partnership co-developed with the Center and others.

"I’m a team of one, so my challenge is how to maximize what I can do. The Center is my most ready and willing partner. It’s been a great partnership. I couldn’t accomplish nearly as much as I have without the Center’s support."

— Mia Purcell
Community Concepts
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The Center fosters initiatives that keep young people and attract new residents eager to invest in community and steward the forest for future generations. Our programs help build active communities, create community assets and develop new leadership.

ADVANCING THE FOREST ECONOMY

The Center helps communities and businesses achieve their economic potential through technical and financial assistance, and peer consultation. We help develop new markets through investment and strategic leadership, and expand business opportunities, jobs and community benefit through destination development.

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP

The Center brings new ideas and resources to accelerate innovation across geographic, social and ideological boundaries. We leverage resources into the region to support projects, advocate for policies that benefit the region, and contribute to climate solutions through our programs.
The Northern Forest Center has a strong 20-year track record of diversifying income sources while providing consistent and ongoing program services to communities and partners. We create strong relationships and deliver on our promise.

### Community Impact Investment Funds

In addition to the Center’s funds above, the Center’s community impact funds are putting capital from individuals and foundations to work in targeted communities, producing a financial return while investing in residential and commercial property redevelopment. These funds enable the Center to implement strategies to invest in community infrastructure, diversify local economies, and retain and attract younger people and entrepreneurs.
The Center is deeply grateful to the individuals, public agencies, foundations and businesses that invested in our work in Fiscal Year 2020, allowing us to provide direct support and expertise to people strengthening economic opportunity and environmental resiliency across Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. This year we pay special tribute to donors who gave for the first time or increased their gift; each is noted by a green star.

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Thank you to our generous donors

"In the last three decades, our work and lives have traversed the Northern Forest from Millinocket to Tupper Lake, and we’ve seen the region’s economy in times of boom and bust.

“We feel it’s imperative that the forest economy remain strong to provide for the region’s people, communities, and businesses. We are happy to support the Center’s work because its vision and programming makes a significant contribution toward reaching this goal.”

– Lisa Reece & Steve Williams
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FAREWELL TO NORTHERN FOREST GIANTS

Paul O. Bofinger and Harold Janeway were outstanding leaders in the non-profit world of New Hampshire and beyond. Both passed away in 2020, and we will miss their guidance, friendship and support.

Paul served on the Center’s board from 2006 – 2014, and as chair for 2 years, guiding the Center through the 2008 recession and the transition from its founding president. We miss the wisdom that came from Paul’s deep connection to the forests of the region – as forester, advocate and fisherman – and his good Yankee humor.

Harold’s tenure on the board from 2012 – 2020 included 5 years as secretary and 8 years on the finance committee. His personal connection to each of the Northern Forest states enriched his perspective, and we counted on his quiet, clear thinking to guide us into new endeavors such as setting up impact investment funds.

We miss them both deeply and are grateful for all they gave us.

In Memoriam

Don Blackmer
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Planned gifts make a lasting difference to the Northern Forest Center’s mission and the communities we serve. The Innovators’ Circle is made up of Center supporters who — through estate planning, deferred giving, and other forms of planned gifts — ensure that the Center will have resources far into the future.

Join us in building a thriving and welcoming Northern Forest region sustained by innovation and environmental stewardship.

To find out more, visit our website (https://nfcenter.org/legacy) or contact Lila Thorne, Director of Development at lthorne@northernforest.org or (603) 933-2159. We’d be happy to work with you and your financial advisor to find the best planned giving option for you.
“We cannot thank the Northern Forest Center enough for their help and support at this critical time in our new business scale-up.”

– Joy Bueschen
Turning Page Farm
Monson, Maine

The Center has helped entrepreneurs Joy and Tim Bueschen strengthen their business with grants from the Tourism Innovation Program.

The new greenhouse tasting room provides a warm, sunny space for customers in winter, and a new solar installation will help contain Turning Page Farm’s energy costs—more crucial than ever with the economic challenges imposed by Covid.
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The Center and Northern Woodlands magazine produced a video series to share the stories of six young people who have chosen the Northern Forest as their home. Tune in to find out why they love it here: https://bit.ly/2MbsCVA

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Living the New Forest Future

The Center co-created the Ride With Gratitude campaign with our Bike Borderlands partners this year to encourage responsible mountain biking.

Ride With Gratitude acknowledges that using trails is a privilege. It asks riders to be respectful in how they treat landowners, other trail users, and the land itself.

We look forward to spreading this grateful attitude!