We envision a thriving and welcoming Northern Forest region sustained by innovation and environmental stewardship.

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


Resilience is the watchword of our time, and with good reason: communities across the Northern Forest are buffeted by numerous challenges today, even as they seek to build thriving communities for tomorrow. Long-term stability and sustainability come with resilience – having the strength and elasticity to continuously adapt and overcome new challenges. Resilience is no longer a luxury. It’s a necessity for meeting the ever-increasing changes and challenges of the world today.

We understand the tension between meeting immediate needs and finding time to plan for the future. And we understand the complexity of working across economic, community, and conservation disciplines. We believe that it is here – where time frames and disciplines intersect – that communities have the greatest potential to reposition themselves for economic stability and ecological resilience.

We ask questions and listen deeply to community partners about their priorities and respond with the know-how to develop strategies, find funding, and get to work in pursuit of gains today and resilience tomorrow. The stories in this year’s report are only a few examples of how we create bold possibilities that give rise to a vibrant Northern Forest.

Read on to see how:

• Partnering with a small town helps it make important changes;
• Funding Master Logger certification supports both the forest economy and forest stewardship;
• Creating new outdoor recreation opportunities enhances community;
• Investing today helps build resilience for tomorrow.

We so appreciate the many ways you make this work possible! Together, we are building the New Forest Future! Thank you.

Tabitha Bowling, Chair

Rob Riley, President
Courage to Take Big Steps

“It had been my wish for years for the towns in our area to work more closely together,” said Vern Maxfield, who has served as town manager in Woodstock, Maine, for 35 years. “The Community Destination Academy brought our towns together in a new way, which began to change things.”

Like most small towns across the Northern Forest, Woodstock has historically faced challenges alone rather than collaborate with neighboring towns. The lack of high-speed internet, the need for more workforce housing, and the struggle to guide growth while maintaining rural character are top-line issues for many communities.

Lately, things have been looking up. Stemming from the Center’s Community Destination Academy, the towns of Woodstock, Bethel, Greenwood, and Newry teamed up with other local partners to create the Mahoosuc Way to guide sustainable destination management. The same four towns, plus Gilead, set a shared goal for internet access and worked together to seek funding for broadband expansion. “The Academy helped us all to realize that our area is changing, and I wanted to be part of guiding that change,” said Vern.

With added capacity from the Center and partners, this spirit of collaboration helped engage partners across the region in Woodstock’s successful bid to conserve 646 acres as the Bucks Ledge Community Forest last year. “I’m so pleased about conserving Bucks Ledge,” said Vern. “That’s a 17-year dream come to fruition.”

“We would not be at the advanced stage in all these efforts if not for the Center,” said Vern. “The Center has driven the bus and it’s been great. We’ve had help with education, tools, and funding. It’s just been a great partnership.”

Added Capacity Gets Things Done

In many small towns, local government is fully tapped to manage basic services and respond to crises, leaving little time to plan for the future. The Center lends its expertise to help communities pursue funding to achieve their goals – expanding high-speed internet, addressing housing needs, and building local capacity to invest in long-term community revitalization and climate resilience.

Each engagement is tailored to community needs. Through the Maine West collaborative, we help communities address rural challenges and enhance community well-being. In the Adirondacks, we shepherd the Attracting New Residents strategy to advance community revitalization projects. In Elizabethtown, NY, we revived an effort to add sewer and water service to the village center to create new opportunities. And in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom, we convene the Get NEKed VT marketing collaborative to improve visitor experiences.

Through these programs, the Center helps communities increase their appeal and build long-term resilience to care for residents and the landscape for generations to come.
A Badge of Honor

Everett Thurston is a rarity – a professional logger only eight years into his career. After Paul Smith’s College, Everett followed his grandfather’s path and went to work in the woods. Now he’s built on the tradition by completing Master Logger Certification.

“It’s a badge of honor,” said Everett. “I’m part of a group, a class of professionalism that the industry needs. Certification holds you accountable and proves that you’re meeting standards for protecting water quality, maintaining soil productivity, sustaining the forest ecosystem, and more.

Everett earned his certification through the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands, which expanded its certification program to include loggers in New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York, thanks to a grant from the Center’s Future Forest Economy Initiative.

Based in Brandon, Vermont, Everett helps landowners manage and improve their property and fulfills logging contracts for the US Forest Service and sawmills. The wood he cuts goes for firewood, dimensional lumber, and wood pellets, or to paper mills in Glens Falls and Ticonderoga, NY.

The Master Logger Certification provides Everett a stamp of approval, expanding markets for the wood he cuts because it can be used in products that carry certifications. Third-party certifiers, such as the Forest Stewardship Council, let consumers know that the end product came from sustainably and responsibly managed forests that provide environmental, social, and economic benefits.

Everett knows that some people are against cutting trees, but he wants them to think about the contrast between using wood and fossil fuels. “The carbon in trees has not been buried for millennia, and when the wood goes into long-term products like lumber, its carbon is stored for decades, maybe longer,” he said. “We’re not developing land; we’re helping to regenerate another forest.”
Mountain Biking Cultivates Community

Shanna Maziarz discovered her love of mountain biking only after she joined the PRKR MTN Trails board of directors, which manages Littleton, NH’s multi-use trail network. In her late 20s at the time, Shanna didn’t know many people in the area and wanted to find a sense of community.

“I joined the board to give back to the community and ideally to get kids involved,” said Shanna. “My first rides were on borrowed bikes, and I fell a lot but had even more fun.”

“PRKR MTN is a completely volunteer-based organization, so having the power of the Center’s staff and expertise to move projects forward is a great help,” said Shanna. “Bike Borderlands has helped us get funding and connected us with other networks in the region to learn from each other. The partnership with Bike Borderlands has helped us grow and be a better community asset.”

Support from the Center contributed to two major trail improvement projects and helped fund a new youth program, buying bikes for kids to borrow and getting the town’s Parks & Rec director certified to coach and lead rides.

Shanna’s goal is to get more people out on the trails, especially people who might not normally be active or who are new to biking. “Mountain biking is great for mental health,” she said. “The thrill of biking is that there’s always some new way to challenge yourself, to improve.”

Bike Borderlands Expands Local Recreation Opportunities

Bike Borderlands, a collaboration of eight trail networks in three states and Quebec, is part of the Center’s effort to energize rural communities and provide access to top-quality recreation opportunities.

Thanks to our generous funders, the Center invested $167,000 in 12 trail building projects and programs last year. And the support goes well beyond funding to include strategic planning for the organizations, technical training, and perhaps most importantly, the Ride With Gratitude campaign.

All Bike Borderlands groups – and many other riding destinations and bike shops – participate in the Ride With Gratitude campaign to help instill a stewardship ethic among mountain bikers. The goal is to encourage riders to respect the gift of riding on private property, minimize impacts on trails and nature, show consideration for other people, and set a good example in every way. Over 1,100 people had taken the pledge by October 2023.

Bike Borderlands is helping communities connect people with the forest and meet the increased demand for outdoor recreation opportunities while stewarding the landscape.
Capital and Gifts Work Best Together

After living abroad, across the US, and traveling extensively, Connie and Craig Weatherup chose the Adirondacks as their permanent home. “We love the natural beauty here,” explained Connie. “You walk outside, and it makes you feel wonderful.”

The land around their home in Paul Smiths, NY, and the forests, mountains, and rivers of the Adirondack Park, fulfill their recreational and spiritual needs. As they got involved in the region, Connie and Craig saw the challenges imposed by a dwindling population. “The demographic trends here dwarf everything,” said Craig, whose style of inquiry and commitment to solution-oriented strategies mirrors the Center’s.

“The objective – full stop – is to reverse the decline in young families and the collapsing of school systems,” said Craig. “I hope that five years from now we’re gaining in population of young families. That would really help the towns and villages.”

The Center – already engaged in community revitalization through its work in Millinocket, Maine, Lancaster, NH, and other communities – teamed up with the Weatherups and others to develop and implement the Attracting New Residents Strategy.

To tackle this complex issue, the Weatherups committed to a philanthropic contribution and an impact investment for the Center’s Northern Forest Fund. “Supporting the Northern Forest Fund seemed the best opportunity to move the needle,” said Craig. “Outright gifts have leverage, but capital also has leverage. They work best together.”

“We’re moving a piece of our investment portfolio to the Northern Forest Fund and accepting a more modest financial return but gaining a huge return in terms of community benefit,” said Connie. “It’s an easy decision to move money from Goldman Sachs to the Northern Forest Fund.”

Northern Forest Fund Invests in Communities

The Center is pioneering the use of integrated capital – a combination of impact investments and philanthropic gifts – to address the most significant issue facing the region – the lack of young families and workers.

We use capital from the Northern Forest Fund – now totaling more than $21 million – to tackle the underlying issues. We redevelop quality in-town housing and mixed-use properties, enhance community recreation, create Community Forests, build stronger businesses, and help communities address near- and long-term challenges.

More than 100 individuals, foundations, community organizations, agencies, and businesses are making this catalytic work possible through their impact investments and philanthropic gifts.

The Northern Forest Fund is a unique model, delivering patient capital to help revitalize rural places, benefit residents, and steward the natural landscape of the Northern Forest.
Evolving to Meet the Region’s Needs

“Millions of acres of forestland were conserved in the years after the Northern Forest Lands Council study,” said Steve Blackmer, the Center’s founding president (above, left), “but very little was being done to revamp the economy nor to address the needs of the region’s communities.”

The Center launched in 1997 to fill that void, working with a commitment to forest stewardship and regional leadership from the beginning.

“Our programs continue to evolve and serve the people and communities of the region,” said Rob Riley, the Center’s president since 2008. “We’re building toward achieving our vision of a thriving and welcoming region sustained by innovation and environmental stewardship.”

April 2023

Three Eras of Achievement Stand Out in Center’s first 25 years

The Center’s ability to serve the region is based on the relationships and partnerships we’ve nurtured since 1997. Each era of our work has built on the one before, collectively enabling us to help position the region for economic prosperity and ecological resilience.

1997

Building Regional Identity & Strategy

Early Center programs focused people on common goals and shared values rather than divisions.

1997

- Completed the Sustainable Economy Initiative, creating a shared economic strategy for the region
- Advocated for establishment of the Northern Border Regional Commission, generating new federal funding for the region
- Synthesized regional identity through Ways of the Woods, a traveling museum that served 150,000 visitors
- Launched new framework for valuing regional assets through the Northern Forest Wealth Index
- Held first of dozens of regional gatherings to build relationships and collaboration
- Pioneered use of federal tax credits to support forest economy projects, now totaling more than $90 million
- Secured Forest Investment Zone status, leveraging $64 million to support forest economy and stewardship
- Launched wood heat program which has reduced greenhouse gas impact by 10,800 tons and generated $10.2 million in economic impact for the region
- Tested community investment strategy in Millinocket, ME, creating housing and amenities for residents
- Redveloped Lancaster, NH, building to create downtown apartments, help businesses expand
- Recommitted to strategy based on community investment, forest economy, and forest stewardship
- Created the Northern Forest Fund to provide $30 million for housing and community investment
- Initiated the bike borderslands collaboration to support community-based recreation
- Completed Future Forest Economy Initiative launching 13 product innovations to help meet demand for sustainable, healthy products made from wood

By the 1990s, there was tension and anger about the use of the region’s forest and the future of the economy. The Center’s early work helped build relationships and cool this friction, making it possible for the groundbreaking work that followed, such as the Sustainable Economy Initiative, which created an economic strategy with strong support from all four states.

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Ross Whaley, Tupper Lake, NY

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Gaye Symington, Jericho, Vermont

Investing Integrated Capital in Communities

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Catalyzing Innovation in Forest-Based Business and Outdoor Recreation

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Margot & Roger Milliken, Portland, Maine

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The Center is a regional innovation and investment partner creating rural vibrancy by connecting people, economy, and the forested landscape across the 30-million-acre Northern Forest of northern Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York.

We bring collaborative leadership, new ideas, program delivery, investment, and public policy expertise to renew the vitality of the region’s communities.

We focus much of our programming in specific geographic areas to create the conditions that attract and retain young people and entrepreneurs. Our programs strengthen communities, drive regional innovation in key sectors of the forest-based economy, deepen forest stewardship, and provide regional leadership.

KEY

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
- Community Revitalization Projects
- Community Forests
- New Markets Tax Credit (NMTF) Financing

FOREST ECONOMY
- Wood Heat Initiatives & Partners
- Wood Products Assistance & Market Development
- Outdoor Recreation Economy Projects
- Bike Borderlands Initiative

LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY
- Projects
- Networks & Engagement
**Community Revitalization**

- **Deepened Forest Stewardship**
  Engaged more than 1,200 people through webinars on forest stewardship to broaden understanding of the roles and benefits of forests.

- **Helped Communities Attract Residents**
  Worked with 230 Adirondackers to assess community strengths and improve assets.

- **Maine West**
  Engaged 2,800 western Maine residents in outdoor activities with a focus on health, wellness, and raising aspirations.

- **Built Local Forest Ownership**
  Helped create a 646-acre Community Forest in Woodstock and began working with partners in Rumford on a similar project to help these Maine towns benefit from owning local forests.

- **Set the Example**
  Engaged more than 1,100 mountain bikers to take the Ride With Gratitude pledge, committing to be grateful for the gift of trail riding, respect others, and protect nature.

**Stewardship**

- **Supported 7,900 jobs.**
- **Helped conserve 258,773 acres.**
- **Secured & leveraged $243 million to benefit communities, the economy, and forest stewardship.**

**Leadership**

- **Impact since 2005**
- **Served 135 Communities**
  Through programs, investment, fundraising assistance, and project implementation.
- **Invested in Community Recreation**
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- **Strengthened Markets for Wood**
  Leveraged $14 million in private investment to develop new forest products with potential to create market demand for 6 million tons of Northern Forest wood.

**Forest Economy**

- **Supported 7,900 jobs.**
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- **Increased Use of Wood Heat**
  Wood Heat program has reduced greenhouse gas impact by 10,800 tons and generated $10.2 million in positive economic impact for the region since its inception.
The Center is grateful to the many supporters who have enabled our increased program delivery to people and communities across the Northern Forest. In FY23, donations to the Annual Fund totaled $3.6 million to cover current expenses, and donations to the Northern Forest Fund totaled $1.6 million. The Northern Forest Fund is an integrated capital investment vehicle we created in FY21 that will support community revitalization programs for the next decade.

## Statement of Activities (As of April 30, 2023)

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## Statement of Financial Position (As of April 30, 2023)

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## Total Asset Growth, 2017 – 2023

Impact investments and real estate purchases have increased Center assets significantly since 2017.
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- Elizabeth Baum & William Berman
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- MCF - Maine Community Foundation
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- RFC - Renaissance Charitable Foundation
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- TCIW - Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing
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