

# Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*

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## NH Grant Supports Smith Pond Conservation



The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has approved a \$363,000 grant through its Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund to assist our purchase of 995 acres at Smith Pond in Enfield -- about 25% of the \$1.5M purchase price! We're working hard to secure the remaining funding. Our acquisition will bridge the gap between two state-owned properties to create an unbroken 5000-acre forest; it will protect the undeveloped shoreline of a spectacularly scenic pond and provide public access to this special place; it will safeguard streams and wetlands draining into the Mascoma River. Would you like to visit Smith Pond? UVLT staff have planned field trips: December 3rd, 4th, and 7th. More information [here](#) and contact Anne Janeway (603) 643-6626 ext 102 to RSVP.

## After 20 Years, Greenway Still Growing



Two Norwich landowners have donated conservation easements that expand conserved land in the Bragg Hill/Jericho area. These gifts build on an initiative that dates back more than 20 years, beginning with a Happy Hill conservation easement donated by Genevieve Williamson in 1993. Residents of Norwich and Hartford organized the Norwich-Hartford Neighborhood Greenway to connect and extend conservation outward from the Appalachian Trail corridor. To date more than 20 properties and 1000 acres have been conserved in the area. Learn more [here](#).

## Easement Donor, Former UVLT Trustee Doug Wise Receives Chamber Honor



Longtime friend, former UVLT Trustee and conservation easement donor Doug Wise was honored by the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce earlier this month. At the Chamber's annual Leadership Awards banquet, UVLT President Jeanie McIntyre presented Doug with the Chamber's Achievement Award, which celebrates an area resident who has made outstanding contributions to the community through an active leadership or individual efforts in civic and charitable activities.



Tuesday, December 1 is  
**#Giving Tuesday.**

**It is A Day TUE Give Green.**

**Renew your membership,  
make a year-end gift,  
or support UVLT through  
a gift on behalf of others.  
It's the best investment for  
your money.  
Beauty and sustainability  
delivered!**



**Upcoming  
Events**

Visit our [calendar](#) for details

**Smith Pond Field Trips**  
December 3rd, 4th and 7th

**Lyme Hill Solstice**  
Saturday, December 19

**Leavitt Hill Wetland**  
Saturday, January 23

**Snowshoe at My Walden**  
Saturday, January 30

## Hike Celebrates Connected Landscape



Earlier this month, UVLT's Doug Brown and landowner Bill Lipfert led a hike from the conserved Balloch's Crossing property to the Cornish Town Forest, sharing stories about the land and its history along the way. About two dozen people turned out to enjoy a marvelous day in a connected landscape. Get outside with UVLT! Join us for field trips to

marvelous Smith Pond in Enfield this week and a Solstice Hike at Lyme Hill December 19. Full calendar [here](#).

## Farmland Conservation Applications Due



The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced annual application deadlines for its Agricultural Conservation Easement Program which provides funding to purchase conservation easements on farmland and wetlands that meet federal and state criteria. NH applications are due January 15; Vermont applications are due March 1.

UVLT's Megan Chapman is currently preparing applications for farms in Haverhill, Bath and Unity. Learn more about the NRCS program and requirements [here](#) or contact Megan.Chapman(at)UVLT.org.

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**Masthead photo:** Thanksgiving Day snow clouds through the sumac at the summit of Pinnacle in Lyme, a popular hiking destination for at least a century. UVLT helped landowners Hellen Darion and Peter and Janice Treadwell conserve trail access to the site. More about UVLT trails and conservation areas [here](#).

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