



# 2014 - YEAR IN REVIEW

## Our Mission

*Sustainable Woodstock seeks to inspire, organize and empower community members to integrate environmentally, economically and socially responsible practices in all aspects of their lives. The organization's volunteer-based action groups encourage a vibrant community, promote a thriving local economy, and educate community members about how to conserve and protect natural resources.*

## Act Now: Community Outreach for Sustainability

*Act Now! is a new Sustainable Woodstock initiative that is designed to enhance our community outreach and education efforts. With funding and a challenge grant from the Canaday Family Charitable Trust, we are working on: (1) understanding the specific needs of different constituencies; (2) designing and executing outreach interventions that have greater impact; and (3) creating a more effective partnership with all residents, especially seasonal homeowners. In 2014 we hired Program Coordinators in Recycling and Energy to do more individual outreach in the Woodstock area.*



## Updates on ACTION GROUPS:

**East End:** More significant milestones achieved in the restoration and beautification of Woodstock's East End: In September 2014, the Village of Woodstock was awarded a \$175,000 Community Development Block to build a new state of the art, environmentally-friendly snow dump on land away from the East End. The same team was also active in facilitating the site work enabled by a 2014 State of Vermont Ecosystems Restoration grant. Our "Farewell to the Jungle" event in late September was attended by 100+ people.

**Energy:** The Sustainable Woodstock Energy Group continues to work with residents, businesses and the municipality to decrease the use of fossil fuels. Our Spring 2014 RFP for development of municipal solar in Woodstock discovered that no Town-owned properties were appropriate, so we are currently exploring other options for municipal solar and a locally-owned community solar project. Our *Act Now!* Energy Project Assistant coordinated the Solarize Upper Valley program, a 15-week campaign in Woodstock and Pomfret structured to help residents go solar with a result of 26 households signing up to build almost 170kw of renewable energy in our communities. Our 2015 effort will focus on weatherization.

**Recycling:** Using *Act Now!* funds, we hired a project coordinator to lead local efforts in complying with Vermont's new Universal Recycling Law. Our project coordinator produced resource sheets and contacted more than 40 local businesses to identify current practices, propose improved practices and work with business owners, waste haulers and landlords to facilitate these changes.

**Gardens:** In Summer 2014 the Sustainable Woodstock Community Gardens had more than 30 families and three organizations gardening at three locations in the Woodstock area – King Farm, Billings Farm and Chippers in Pomfret. Our allotment gardens are open to community members and maintained individually by each gardener. We support and annually rejuvenate raised beds at the Riverside Mobile Home Park.

**Partnerships:** Sustainable Woodstock continues to build partnerships with other local and regional groups to create working coalitions. We are a partnering organization of the Woodstock Area Nonprofit Network, Woodstock Accessibility Team, East Central Vermont Sustainability Coalition, the Naked Table Project, Trek to Taste, and the New England Transition Network.

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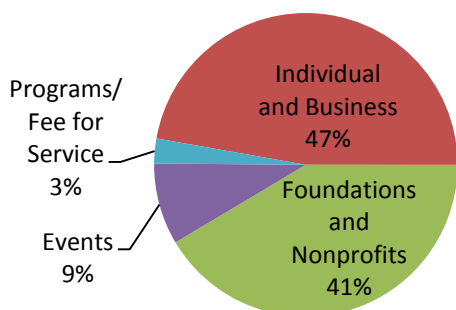
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### Income

Total Income 2014 = \$89,733



### Expenses

Total Expenses 2014 = \$71,444

