A Nexus for People, Environment & Community

In 2022 Sustainable Woodstock (SW) celebrated thirteen years of partnering with the Town of Woodstock, local and regional organizations, businesses, residents and municipalities to foster Woodstock’s legacy as birthplace of the modern conservation movement, and to grow a vibrant, inclusive, resilient community and region where we live sustainably—now and for future generations.

THANK YOU!

A SELECT LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU—OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS!

- **Sustainable Woodstock—The Whole Environment**: Working in the community to foster Woodstock’s unique legacy of stewardship, sustainability and resilience—yesterday, today and tomorrow.
- **Climate Change Leadership**: Producing and partnering on numerous public programs, student and community actions, films, articles, solar energy projects, energy conservation and transportation initiatives and programs, including a Regional Climate Action Plan to curb carbon emissions and mitigate global warming.
- **Energy & Transportation Action Group**: Partnering with the Town and Village of Woodstock and the Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IERC/Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission) to design and retrofit buildings to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions at considerable savings to Woodstock residents.
  - Equal Energy Opportunities for All: Raising $100,000 to implement energy-efficiency improvements & upgraded systems for income sensitive households—from weatherization to heat pumps. WORKING TO FILL THIS CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY GAP.
  - Renewable Energy for All: Promoting mechanisms to make renewable energy affordable for all. Partnering with Norwich Solar Technologies, Twin Pines Housing, SEVCA and IREC to plan a solar array for low- to moderate-income households.
  - Window Dressers: Implementing a 2-year project for income-sensitive households in Woodstock & the surrounding towns, making some 450 interior storm window inserts to reduce cold drafts, save energy, lower heating costs and reduce carbon emissions: [https://windowdressers.org/](https://windowdressers.org/)
  - eBike Trials: Provided 67 free public eBike trials (to date) promoting low-impact transportation, in partnership with Vital Communities, Local Motion, Norman Williams Public Library and St. James Church.
- **Natural Resources Projects & Funding**: On behalf of the Town and Village of Woodstock, Sustainable Woodstock applied for $280,000 in state funding to cover the cost of implementing natural resource projects. Initial plans include preserving riparian habitat in the East End and several projects to improve water quality in the Ottauquechee River and its tributaries. Procured an $11,714 project design grant from VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and Watershed United Vermont to mitigate erosion along Barnard Brook (in partnership with the Woodstock Resort Corporation & Billings Farm). Initiated an ongoing project—in partnership with the Connecticut River Conservancy, Woodstock Resort and ANR—to remove the three remaining dams restricting fish passage along Kedron Brook.
- **Community Gardens & Food Security**: Helping to meet the crucial need for sustenance as the root of sustainability for individuals and families. SW expanded our Billings Farm and King Farm community gardens by 30%, doubled our Community Garden Coordinator’s hours and planted 800 square feet of food security plots. Our GROW YOUR OWN GARDEN project has raised $25,000 (to date) to create 225 beginner GROW YOUR OWN GARDEN kits that were distributed free to low-income households—feeding 600 people. In 2022 we funded raised beds at Woodstock’s Riverside Mobile Home Park.

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SW celebrated Earth Day 2022 with an inspirational speech by Winona LaDuke that drew an online audience of some 300. Ms. LaDuke is a rural development economist and author working on issues of indigenous economies, food and energy policy.

Community Center into a resilient, sustainable hub. SW spearheaded a successful $100,000 grant from the State of Vermont and National Park Service to restore and weatherize historic windows and install new storm windows throughout, and we co-authored a successful $75,000 grant from the Canaday Family Charitable Trust to install energy-efficient systems throughout.

Celebrating the 4th year of partnering with Pentangle Arts on monthly screenings of our UPPER VALLEY CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY FILM SERIES—with attendance of over 4,500 people (to date) from the Upper Valley and beyond, including online viewers from Europe to New Zealand! Inspiring viewers to act on critical environmental and social issues, with generous support from underwriters Mascoma Bank & Vermont Community Foundation, and sponsors Mark D. Knott DDS, Ellaway Property Services, Unicorn and Yankee Bookshop.

Completed 7 years of monthly Green Drinks discussions, reaching a growing audience with presentations and discussions on sustainability initiatives in Woodstock, the Upper Valley and beyond—a dynamic venue for networking, public education and collaboration between sustainability and resiliency organizations.

Weekly Columns: 12+ years of writing weekly columns for the Vermont Standard. (A special thanks to the Vermont Standard staff!)

Community Recycling & Celebrations: At SW’s Annual Recycling Day, on October 21-25, 2022, participants dropped off nearly 11,000 pounds of used electronics to recycle and 5,000 pounds of documents to shred/recycle. We also celebrated Woodstock Rotary’s Taste of Woodstock with a display on Elm Street.

Forest Carbon Action Group: Marking 4 years of leadership in educating foresters and landowners about managing forest carbon to mitigate climate change. Marking publication of the 24x36 Family Forest Carbon Poster with Northam Forest Carbon.

LEGACY PROJECTS of Sustainable Woodstock:
- East End Park: Led by the East End Action Group, Sustainable Woodstock’s decade-long effort transformed Woodstock’s East End from a brownfield into a vibrant public park, due to the tireless efforts of dedicated community volunteers, generous donations from supporters and assistance from Woodstock and many other partners. (Long-term oversight of the park now rests with the Town and Village of Woodstock and Woodstock Community Trust.)
- Community Solar: Worked with Rainbow Playschool and Sundaeavor to plan and construct Woodstock’s first community Solar Array at Rainbow Playschool—a 150kW solar array providing power for 15 households and the Norman Williams Public Library.
- Sustainable Emergency Services Building: Partnered with Woodstock’s EMS personnel, Town of Woodstock, Efficiency Vermont and IREC to make the new Philip B. Swanson Public Safety Facility net-zero ready.

SUSWOO GLOBAL: Collaborating with Sustainable Woodstock UK, Sea Shepherd, Small Planet Institute and others to educate and engage the global community: www.sustainablewoodstock.co.uk • seashepherd.org • www.smallplanet.org

Advocacy: SW advocates on the local, regional and statewide level for sustainability and community benefits, ranging from climate change mitigation and community resiliency to quiet alternatives to leaf blowers.

Upper Valley Partners & Leadership: No town is an island. Sustainable Woodstock has partnered with some 60 Upper Valley organizations and municipalities to enhance synergistic impacts of regional sustainability initiatives, educational programs and events. As a result of SW’s successes, residents in Lebanon, Brownsville and Plymouth asked SW for help with forming and assisting organizations to address sustainability and resiliency in their own communities.

Bridgewater Community Center: SW is in the 4th year of helping to transform the Bridgewater
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Organizational Growth & Activity Reflected in Annual Budget Increases


FY 2022 REVENUE

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