Sustainable Woodstock

ANNUAL REPORT
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Building Local Solutions

Dear Friend,

This annual report will reach you right around the same time as our 2026 Window Dressers Community Build. This marks the 5th year that we have built insulating interior window inserts for our community! **Thank you for helping us warm homes in Woodstock and surrounding towns.**

One of my favorite parts of our Window Dressers builds is the meals shared between shifts. Every day of the build, volunteers from all walks of life sit down together over a home-cooked meal. It is in these moments that we can see our community coming together to build connections and create meaningful change.

Window Dressers is just one way that **we are building grassroots, local solutions to climate change and food insecurity in our community**. Our community gardens and Grow Your Own Garden program, flood resilience efforts at Riverside Mobile Home Park, and work with the town to lower emissions are central to this work. This community-centered work is driven by you, our volunteers and supporters. Thank you.

Jenevra Wetmore, Executive Director

Program Spotlight

Warming Homes with Window Dressers

Sustainable Woodstock has run an annual Window Dressers build since 2022. All inserts are provided free of charge to low- and moderate-income families in Barnard, Bridgewater, Brownsville, Hartland, Pomfret, Reading, Weathersfield, and Woodstock. Inserts reduce cold drafts, save energy, lower heating costs, and decrease carbon emissions.

Thank you, Woodstock Rotary volunteers!

Testimonials

*"The 10 window inserts we installed in October have **made an enormous difference this cold winter.** We're sorry we didn't know about them sooner."*

*"Thanks to Sustainable Woodstock for making our home so comfortable during the cold weather. It was a noticeable difference with our window inserts, and **we could keep our home at a nice temperature without any drafts**."*

*"Before the inserts, my home often felt drafty and struggled to retain heat during the colder months, leading to higher heating costs. Since their installation, I've noticed a remarkable improvement; **my apartment now feels much cozier and consistently warmer.**"*

*"I swear, an hour after I put in the inserts, I can feel it get warmer. **They are awesome!"***

Window Dressers by the Numbers

5 years

that Sustainable Woodstock has hosted a Window Dressers build for Woodstock and surrounding towns!

100 families

with low and moderate incomes that have received inserts for their homes

10,200 gallons

of heating fuel saved this winter by residents who have participated in our five annual Window Dressers builds

1,185 interior window inserts

built at no-cost for low- and moderate-income community members

30 meals

prepared by volunteers and shared by community build volunteers over the years

100 volunteers

every year, including local CRAFT students, teachers, Woodstock Pride, and Woodstock Rotary members

DID YOU KNOW?

Putting 10 interior storm windows in your home will reduce your annual fossil fuel use (propane or heating oil) by *85 gallons each winter*.

Inserts fit snugly into the windowsill, blending in seamlessly. They are a great option for older windows that are expensive to replace!

Food Security

Volunteers plant onions for the food shelf

Tomatoes donated to the food shelf

Produce donated to the food shelf

- We run two community gardens at Billings Farm and King Farm in partnership with Billings Farm and the Vermont Land Trust. Plots are open to the community for a small sliding-scale donation. This year 25 families had plots in our gardens, where they grew fresh produce for their homes.
- Our Community Garden Coordinator, Amy Wheeler, manages the gardens. She also grows food for the Woodstock Community Food Shelf, The Haven, and the Bethel Area Food Shelf.
- Our Grow Your Own Garden project distributes seeds and seedlings to low-income families free of charge—feeding nearly 290 people this year.

Thank You Volunteers!

Top left: WUHSMS CRAFT students help plant a riparian buffer of native shrubs and trees at Riverside Mobile Home Park
Top right: Volunteers pose with sunflower heads at our annual 'putting the community garden to bed' day
Bottom left: Dr Blakeley Murrell-Liland helps a Repair Cafe guest mend her stuffed unicorn
Bottom Right: volunteers frame a Window Dressers insert

Riverside Mobile Home Park

Emergency Preparedness

Riverside Mobile Home Park sits on a bend in the Ottauquechee River just upstream from Woodstock Union High School & Middle School. The park flooded in 2011 during Tropical Storm Irene, and again in the summer of 2023.

This August, Sustainable Woodstock hosted an **emergency preparedness class at Riverside Mobile Home Park**. Each resident received a free emergency "go bag" with an emergency blanket, flashlight, dry bag, NOAA weather radio, and more.

Over the past year, we have worked with residents to create a safety plan specific to Riverside. With help from Misha McNabb from the Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps., we completed and distributed the plan to residents this summer.

Riverside residents Ashley Putnam, Ethel Davis, and Nelson Gilman are among the residents featured in the film discussing their experiences living at the park.

Hear Residents Tell Their Stories

What makes Riverside so special? Local climate journalist Kate Niemczyk–with the help of two WUHS students– has worked with us over the past year to capture and share some of the **powerful stories about what living at Riverside is like, including the floods.** The final version of this short film will also highlight grant work happening right now to identify projects that could make the park safer. This state of VT grant is funding studies looking at options like restoring floodplains around the park, which would create space for floodwater. It will also identify possible sites in Woodstock where some mobile homes could be relocated if needed.

Thank you partners!

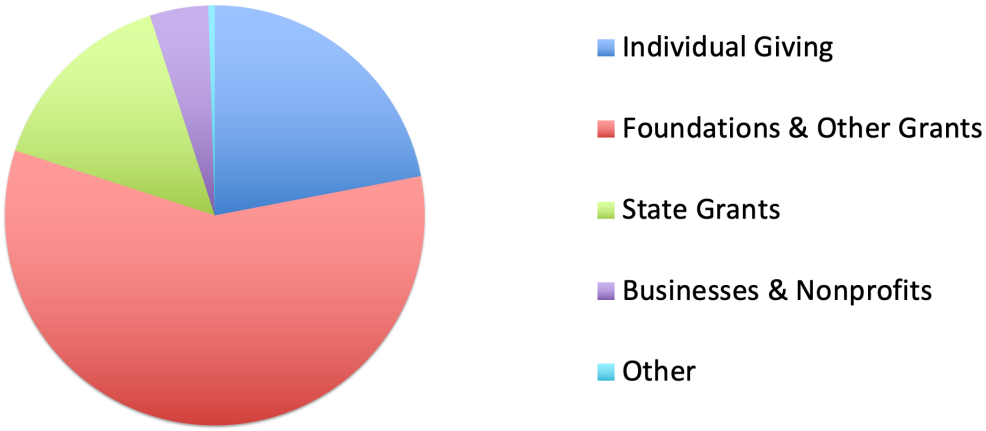
- Residents of Riverside
- Town of Woodstock
- TRORC
- The HUB
- Carla Kamel, Regional Care Coordinator
- Marie Caduto, Department of Conservation's Watershed Planner

Follow this QR Code or visit: sustainablewoodstock.org/water-quality to watch the first draft of the short film.

2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

Sources of Annual Income

Fiscal Year 2026 income: $337,483



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Mission: We exist to lead our communities through the climate emergency, empowering Woodstock and the rest of the Upper Valley to meet climate commitments and live sustainably through advocacy, education and collaboration.

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Two Level 3 electric vehicle fast charging stations were installed on the Woodstock side of the Bridgewater Mills complex this past winter, thanks to a grant written by Woodstock's Shared Energy Coordinator (SEC). Sustainable Woodstock helped create the SEC role in 2020, and our Executive Director sits on the steering committee that guides their work.