



Annual Meeting 2023





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Agenda

Year in Review

727 Volunteer Hours

Resulting in two miles of adaptive/family friendly trail at the Stratton Town Forest.

Received Grant and Donations Totaling \$32,524

3 New Trail Community Projects

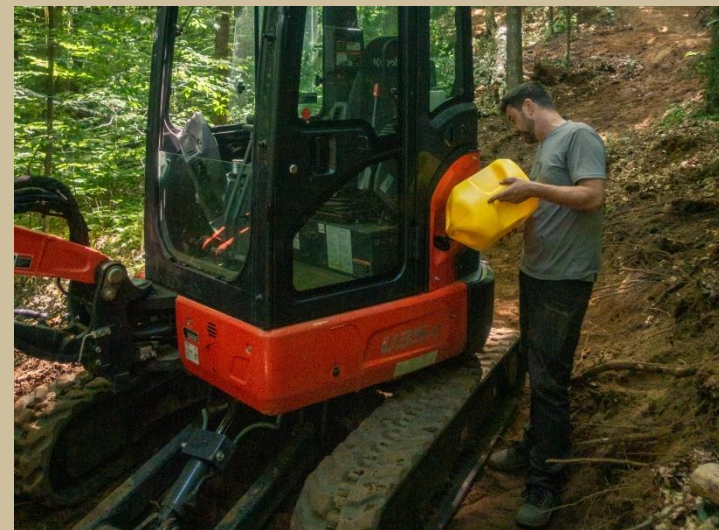
Stratton Recreation Area

The Trails at Crosstown Revitalization

Wardsboro Village Connector Trail

Growth of the The Winter Adventure Program.

Creation of our in house Trail Crew



PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS



Stratton Town Forest

Stratton Town Forest Project was originally slated to open to the public in the summer of 2023. We were able to open to the public in the fall of 2022, two full seasons ahead of schedule.

2022:

\$15,000 Spent Resulting in:

2 miles of Adaptive/Family Friendly Trail on three trails.

2 new backcountry zones

1 new driveway and parking lot

Improving the overall health of the forest.

Removing 30 bag of trash from the property and improving habitat.

45 pound of wildflower/pollinator mix planted.

More Roots than anyone should have to cut.

4 Benches Built for the bench naming campaign.

2023: 7k from VMBA and 10k from Great River Hydro

Completion of the Access Trail to Sweet Tooth.

The New Sweet Wood Loop above Sweet Tooth bring us to the Bottom of the Hollywood Bowl.

Building 3 new Bridges

Addition of a BBQ Gathering area below the parking lot.

A new permanent kiosk with community information.

Surfacing of the parking lot with cerpak to make the lot more usable in mud season.



Trails at Crosstown

Last year with the help of VMBA,s Executive Director and a VMBA grant we were able to invest roughly 200 hours in doing a deep dive on what was permissible under the Mount Snow original Act250 permit from the 1990's. What was found is that the trails had always been permitted for full bunch cut construction to make the historical trails better suited for mountain biking. With that knowledge we have partnered with Vail/Mount Snow to improve access to our communities oldest and most used trail pod

2023:

VMBA trail grant awarded for \$7,000 to: Improve user access on the Sherwood Forest/Friar Tuck Loop by bring the trail up to an aMTB green square standard.

Work begins this Monday June 12th and will take roughly 30 days to complete.

Mount Snow is printing all of the intersection signage and we are providing signage posts. The same as the ones at the Stratton Town Forest.

Invited to re-apply for the fall 2023 NFC trail improvement grant for \$10,000 which will be used for the 2024 season to finish the King Author/robing hood section.

We are currently working with our wetland specialist at ANR to come up with and execution plan for the replacement of the wetland gap bridge. Which we hope to build in 2025.



Stratton Recreation Area

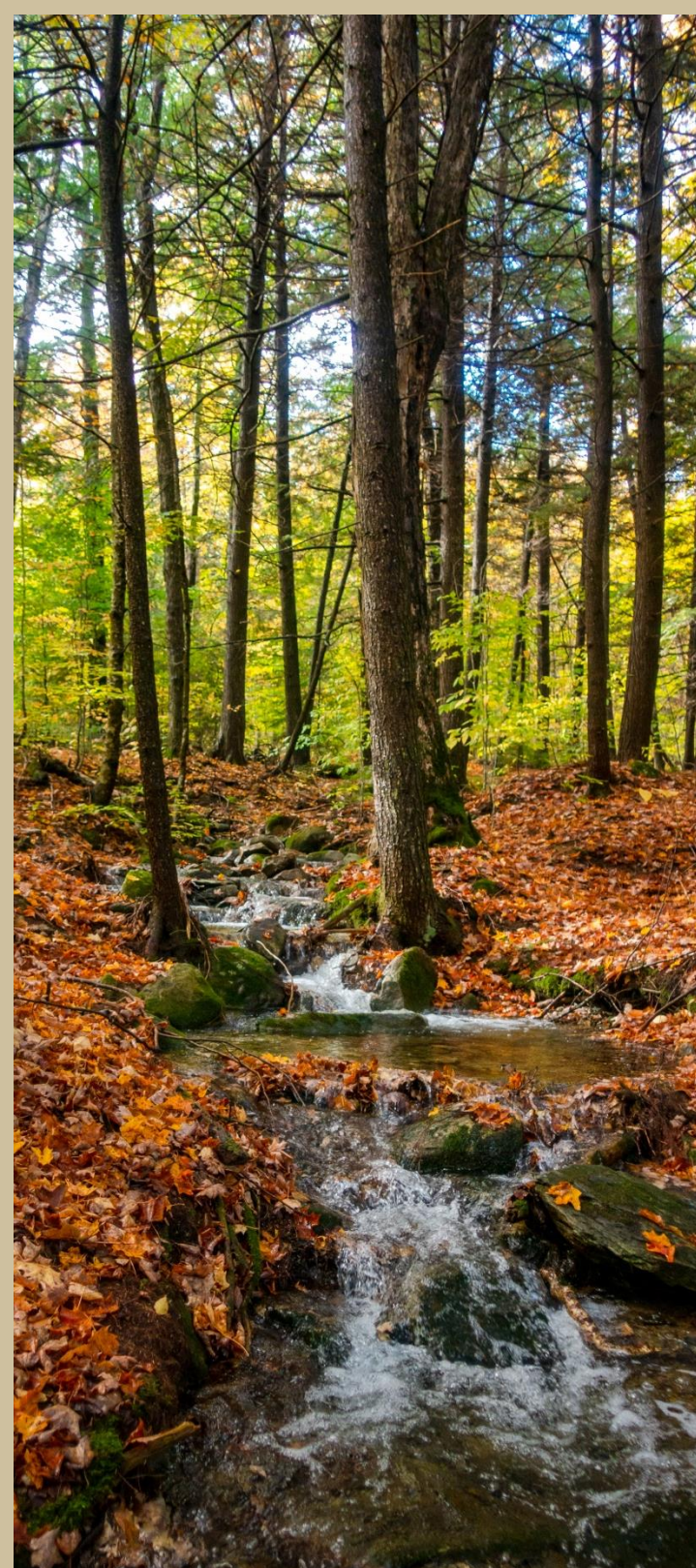
The Stratton Recreation area is an amazing resource where the town of Town of Stratton has built and amazing infrastructure to support recreational activities. There is currently several picnic areas, a ice skating rink, tubing hill, play ground, ball fields, cross country ski trails and adaptive friendly facilities. Our goal is to further improve the access to the property for all users and increase user traffic the high unutilized resource. There is an existing Act250 permit on property which we are in the process of amending.

2023:

\$15,000 RFP Grant submitted to build a 2 mile, green circle aMTB/Family friendly multi use loop to the top of the property which will take 2 months to build. Unfortunately it looks like the awards have been pushed back till the end of august so we will hopefully be able to begin work 2024 fully funded

So far we have invested 325 hours in the applications and preparation of all the supporting materials necessary for the Act250 permit and its accompanying Storm water permit.

Successful site visit with the Wetlands Dept. of ANR to review the flagged proposed trail and are currently awaiting their report to add as an exhibit to the act250 permit/amendment and Storm water permit.



Wardsboro Village Trail

We are currently working with The Wardsboro School, several community members and a State youth enrichment program to develop a plan for loop connecting the School to the Skate park.

This trail can then be used as part of the expanded youth programming we are working on with the school district.

There are several landowners that we need to obtain permission from the project to move forward

We project that the trail will take roughly two month to build and the total project cost to be \$20,000.

We are currently also working with the Vermont Better Places Program on 2:1 non competitive match grant. We raise \$5000 the will match with \$10,000. This Grant very specific to only being used for village centers.



Winter Youth Adventure Program

In the winter of 2022 we began winter adventure program for those youth from the Dover School that did not participate in the school ski program exposing them to basic outdoor basic skills with goal of sparking their interest in the outdoors and inspiring the next generation out door stewards. This program was funded from a grant from the Lintilhac Foundation.

Our first year we had a total of 10 participants.

We hired our first staff member

This past year that grew to 22 total children.

We are now working to expand that program to both Wardsboro and Dover. Which would bring the program size to roughly 40 participants for the 2024 season,

We are also working towards assisting the Dover School with their summer program and expanding it a two full months.



Financials



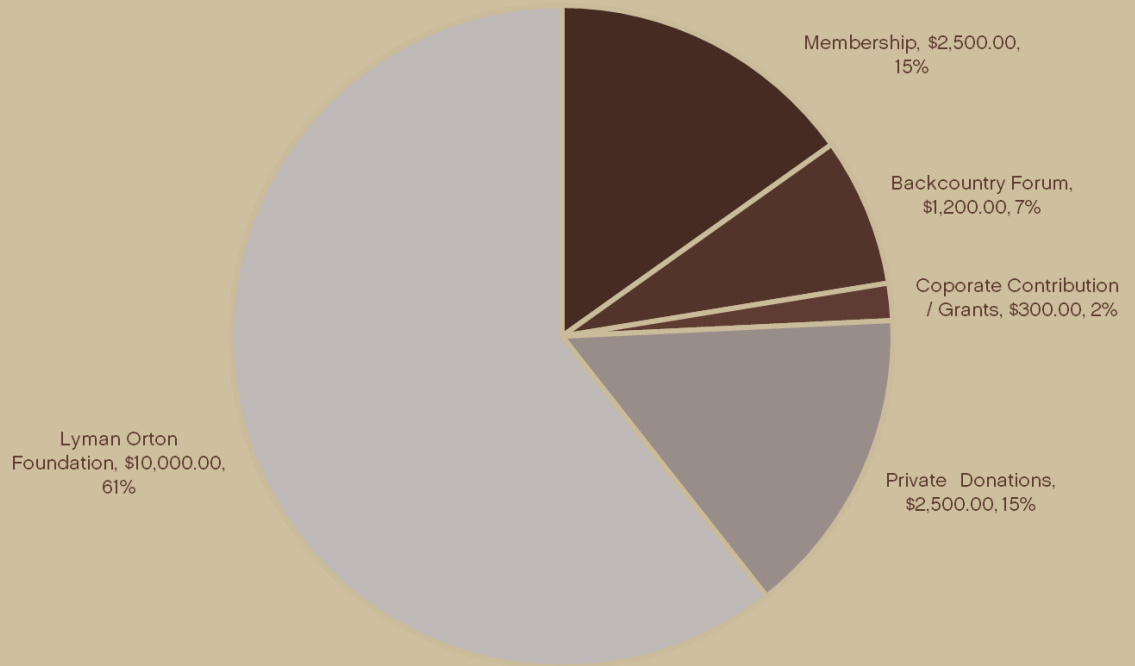
Revenue Over Expenses

SoVTA 2023 Revenue and Expense

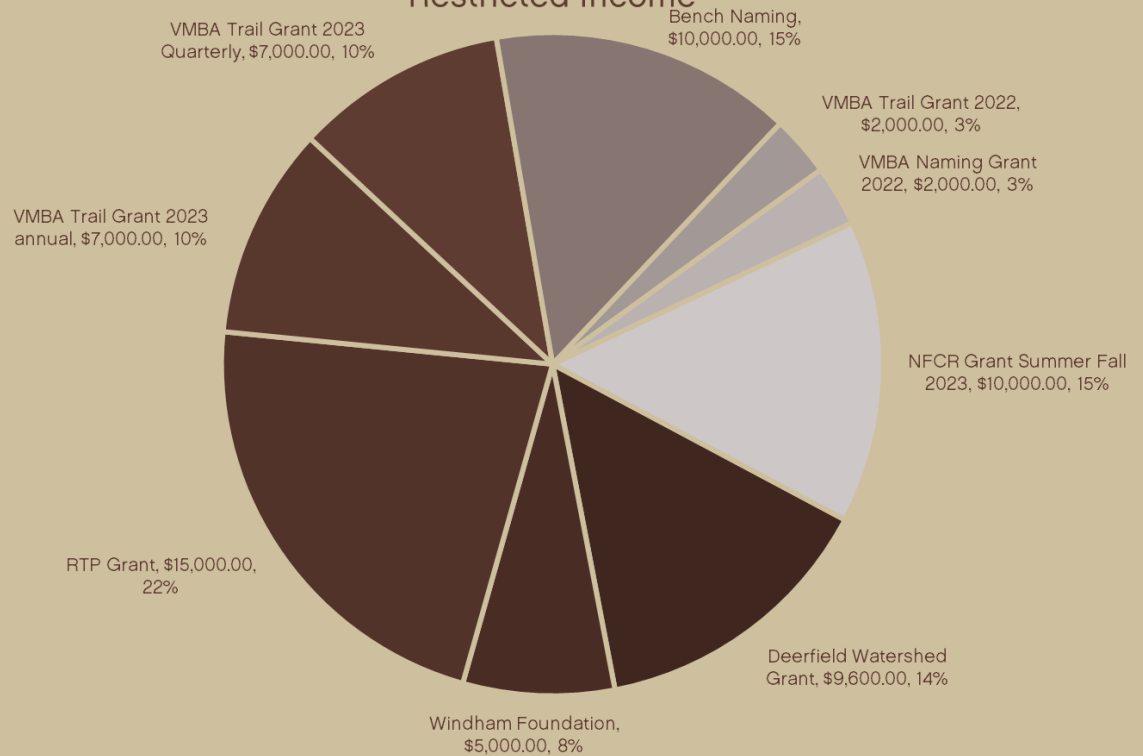
Category	Qty/Hours	Cost	Subtotal	Status	Notes
Revenue					
Unrestricted					
Membership	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	Received	
Backcountry Forum	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	Received	
Coporate Contributions / Grants	1	\$300.00	\$300.00	Received	
Private Donations	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	Received	
Lyman Orton Foundation	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Received	Carried over from 2022 donation of 25K
Unrestricted Total			\$16,500.00		
Restricted					
Deerfield Watershed Grant	1	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	App Pending	Stratton Town Forest Phase 1 pt 2
Windham Foundation	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Received	Operational Grant for ED salary
RTP Grant	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	App Pending	Stratton Rec Area
VMBA Trail Grant 2023 annual	1	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Received	Crosstown Trails Project
VMBA Trail Grant 2023 Quarterly	1	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	On-Going	
Bench Naming	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	On-Going	Program Starting in June
VMBA Trail Grant 2022	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Received	Youth Kiosk Service Project
VMBA Naming Grant 2022	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Received	Youth Kiosk Service Project
NFCR Grant Summer Fall 2023	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	App Pending	For Crosstown 2024 season
Restricted Total			\$67,600.00		
Revenue Total			\$84,100.00		
Expenses					
Programs					
Winter Youth Program Staffing	6	\$175.00	\$1,050.00		Paid from 2022 Lintihac grant and general fund
Winter Hosted BC Tours	8	\$100.00	\$800.00		Paid from 2022 Lintihac grant and general fund
Youth Kiosk Service Project	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00		Paid from 2022 VMBA grant
Summer Group Rides	1	\$500.00	\$500.00		
Backcountry Forum	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		Paid from Membership and C&S memo grant
Programs Total			\$7,550.00		
Administrative					
Bookkeeping Software	12	\$35.00	\$420.00		Paid from Membership
Advertising	1	\$250.00	\$250.00		Paid from Membership
Printed Materials	1	\$250.00	\$250.00		Paid from Membership
Executive Director Salary	1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00		Paid from Windham and Lyman Foundation
Administrative Total			\$12,920.00		
Projects					
Dover Town Forest Maintenance	1	\$500.00	\$500.00		Paid from General fund
Stratton Forest Project Phase 1 pt 2	1	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00		Paid from Grant and Bench Naming
Trails at Crosstown Construction	1	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00		Paid from VMBA grant and Private donation
Stratton Rec Area Trail Construction	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		Paid from RTP Grant
Projects Total			\$42,200.00		
Expense Total			\$62,670.00		
Net Income			\$21,430.00		

Revenue Over Expenses

Unrestricted Income

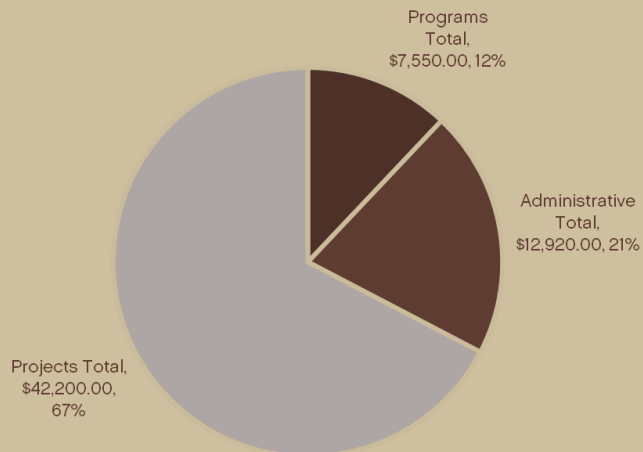


Restricted Income

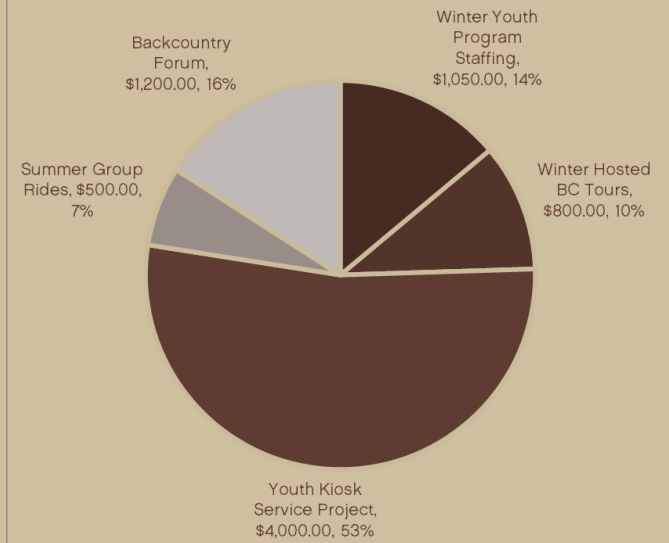


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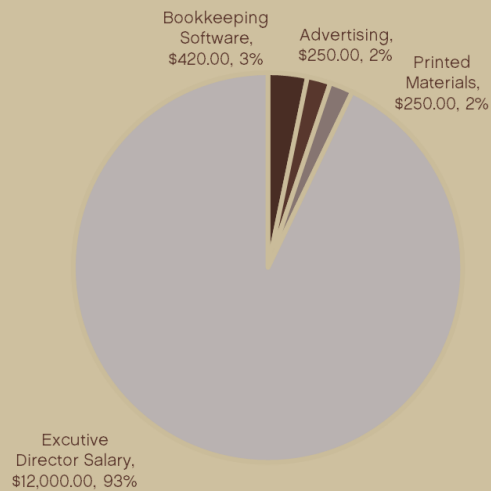
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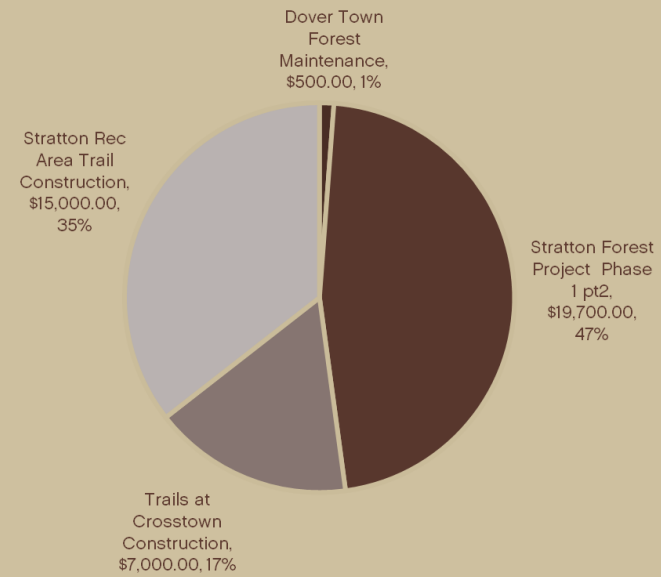
Program Expenses



Administration Expenses



Project Expenses



**Current
Operating
Balance**

May 2021 \$6,439.59

May 2022 \$13,374.89

May 2023 \$26,241.84

Our Goals Going Forward



Goals

As we move forward with our projects and program these are our goals for our community.

To improve access for all user groups regardless of physical ability's or socioeconomic background through multi-use trails.

Make sure our projects have as low of an operational foot print in our communities so that we are improving the quality of life not degrading it.

Provide programing that helps to cultivate the next generation of outdoor stewards.

Continue to work with our local partners it increase the economic viability of our communities through sustainable four season recreation.



New Board Members



Shannon Rucker

Mike McCoskey

Mike Henaghan

New Executive Board Members



Shannon Rucker

Secretary

Tom Oakley

President

Thank You

