

# 2021/22 ANNUAL MEETING

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Welcome & Thank you for joining!



# AGENDA

- 6:00 – 6:05 Welcome, Agenda, & Housekeeping
- 6:05 – 6:30 Summary of Major 2021/2 Initiatives
- 6:30 – 6:35 Membership Recap
- 6:35 – 6:45 Financial Summary
- 6:45 – 7:15 Chapter Updates : Naming & Trail Grants
- 7:15 – 7:30 Board Election Results
- 7:30 – 7:50 Looking Ahead
- 7:50 – 8:00 Wrap Up

## HOUSEKEEPING

- Please keep your microphone on mute
- Use the Chat box to ask your questions, which we'll be monitoring throughout the night and pausing to address
- If we don't answer your question(s) tonight, please stay tuned for a summary of the meeting in which we'll seek to address those in the Chat that weren't covered

## 2021 IN NUMBERS

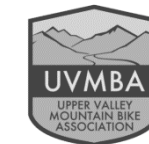
**850+ miles** of public-access singletrack

**55+ miles** of new trails

**28 Chapters**

**15,000+** volunteer hours

**9,400+** Members, up 22% over 2021





# SUMMARY OF MAJOR INITIATIVES



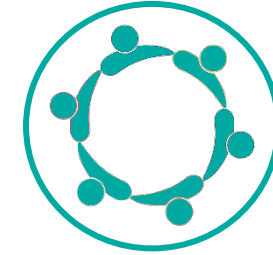
## ADVOCACY

- » Act 250 Update
- » Vermont Trails & Greenways Council
- » Trails and the working landscape
- » Landowners
- » Velomont
- » eMTBs



## EDUCATION

- » Campaigns: Trails are Common Ground, Ride with Gratitude
- » Channel Growth: Newsletter, SM
- » Content: Videos, Blogs



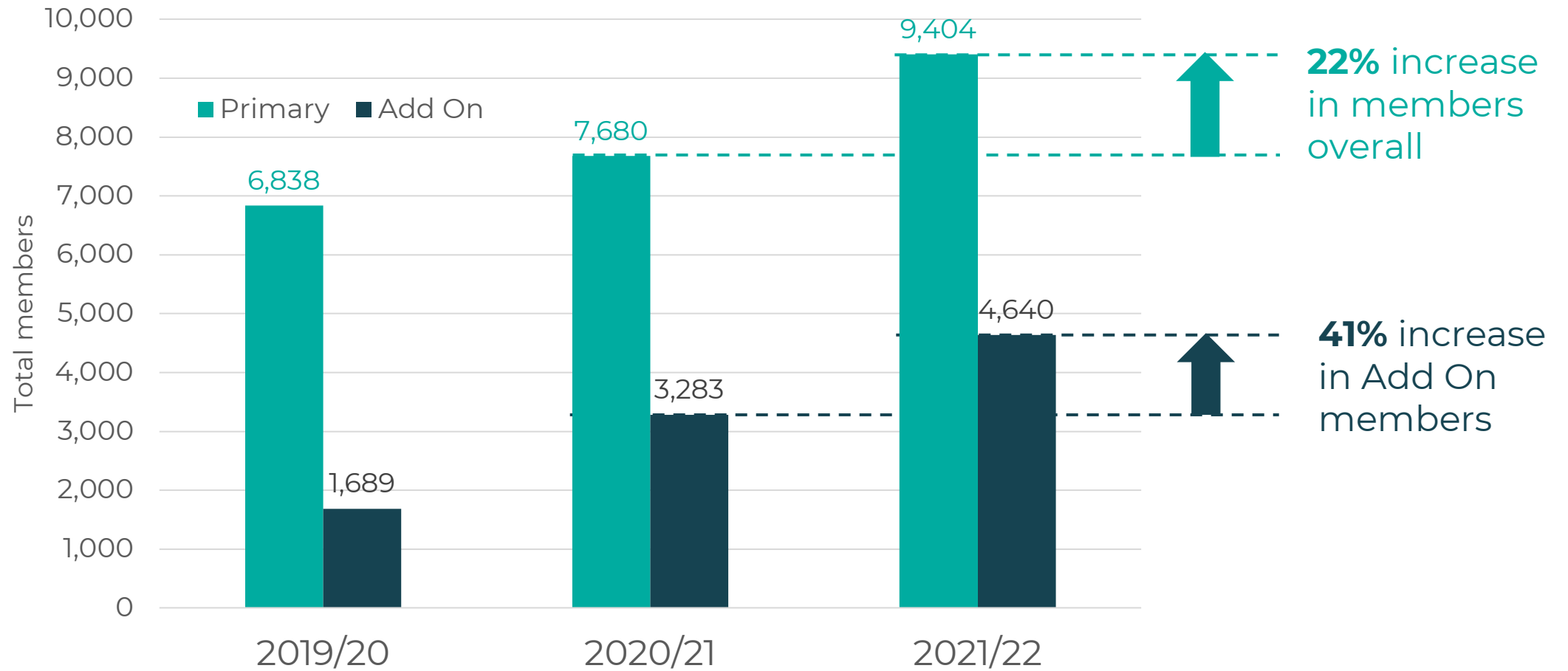
## DIVERSITY

- » 2021 VMBA Stickers
- » Committee 2.0
- » Community Builders program: Pride Rides & Vermont Adaptive
- » Photography Projects
- » Sponsorships

*Please add any questions to the Chat*



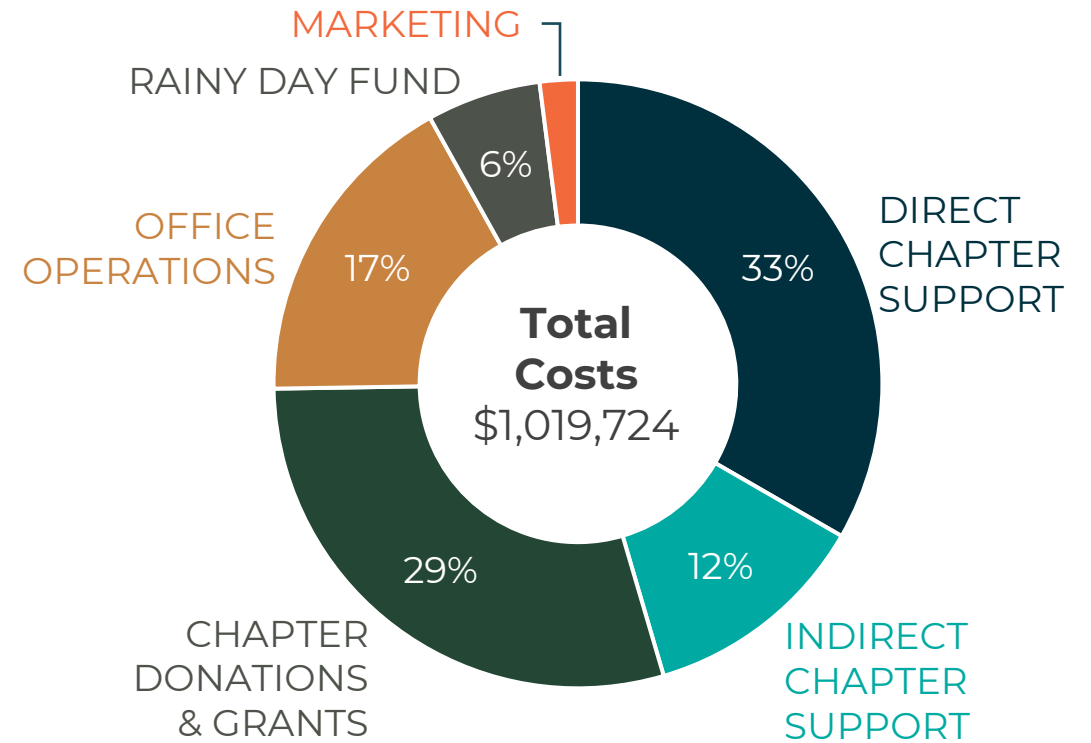
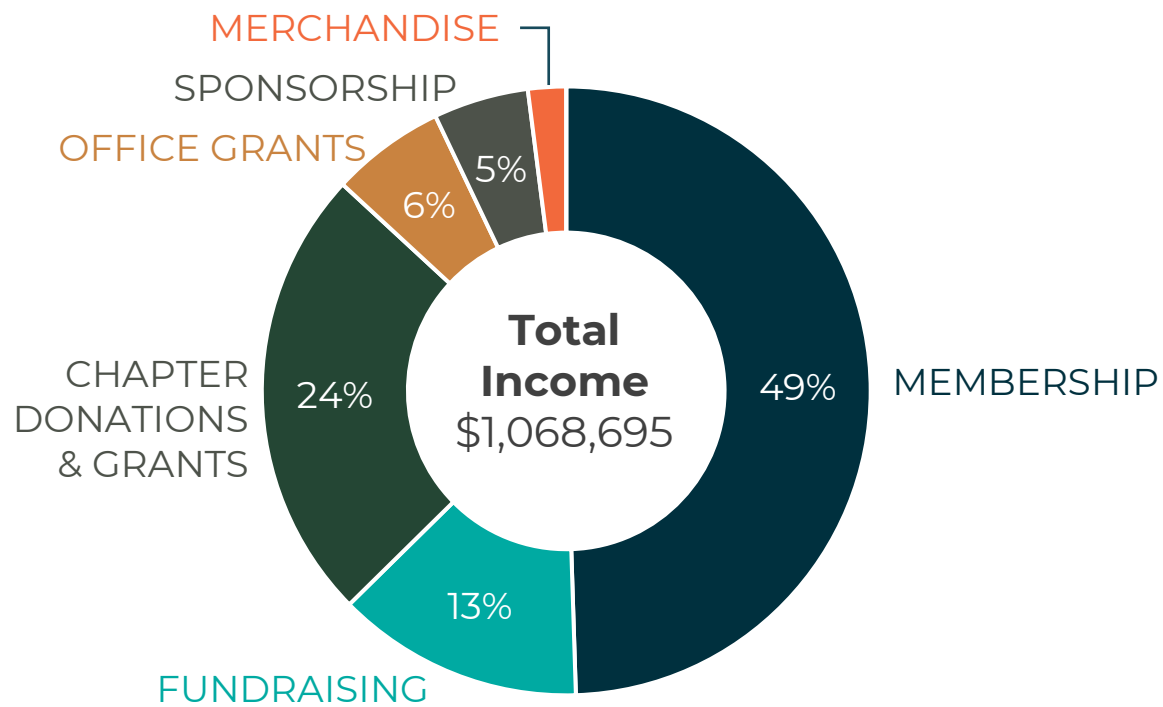
## MEMBERSHIP RECAP



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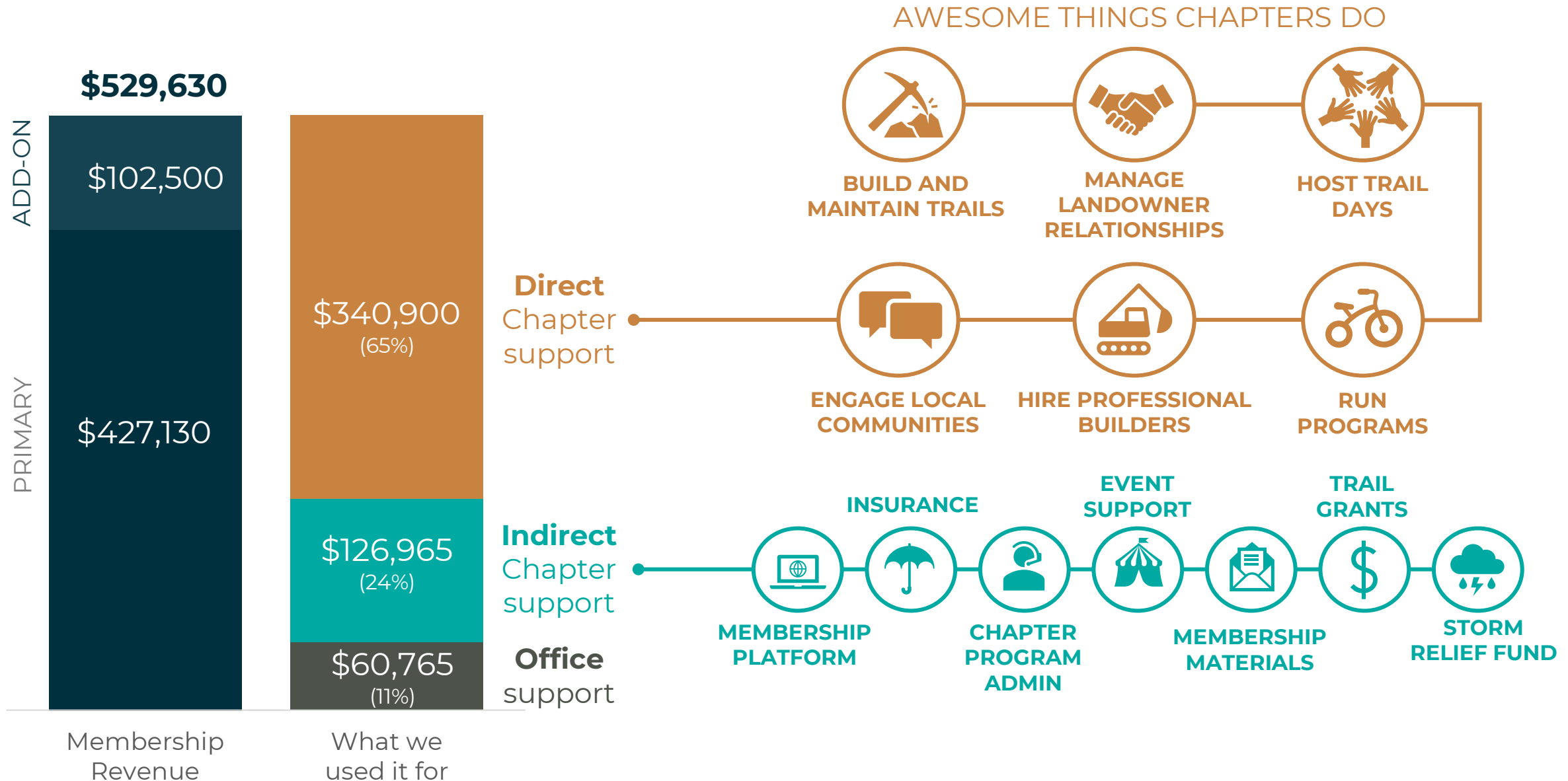
## FINANCIAL SUMMARY



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## HOW MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS WERE SPENT





# CHAPTER UPDATES – NAMING AND TRAIL GRANTS

## 2020 NAMING GRANTS

**BURTON** —● MRR » Blueberry Lake



● FOTW » Hinesburg TF

● BATS » SVMC Trail System

● WAMBA » Aqueduct



● Ridgeline » Velomont



● RMT » Andrews C.F.

● ATA » Ascutney Mountain



● JAMBA » Ball Mountain

## 2020 TRAIL GRANTS

FCMBC » Hard'ack/Aldis Hill

FOTW » Trail Crew

Grateful Treads » Montgomery Rec Center

WAMBA » Mt. Peg-Village Connector

SVT » Delaney Woods

RMT » Andrews Community Forest

STP » Serenity & Adrenaline

JAMBA » Ken Query Trail



# Franklin County Mountain Bike Club 2021 Highlights



- Built new ½ mile Admiral's Passage trail downhill from radio tower (improvements coming in 2022)
- VMBA Trail grant helped fund Sinuosity Inc. & club volunteers rebuild eroded trails with new flow trails, including single track from Outlook to Boulder.
- Great improvements & fun factor, closed badly eroded legacy 50+ year old “fall line” trails. A trails “Restoration Model” for Vermont.
- Hosted #40 Youth at "Intro to MTB" Workshop (more in '22)





# FELLOWSHIP OF THE WHEEL

## Cabot VMBA Naming Grant 2020

- Upgrades, re-shaping and re-routing in the Hinesburg Town Forest to the trails Firebreather, Dragon's Tail, and Lost Trail
- These trio of trails are commonly linked together for some of the Hinesburg Town Forest's most technical riding
- Firebreather received the most work with some more modern re-routes and some major feature repairs and additions
- Dragon's Tail and Lost Trail received some tread work to repair eroded soil around some large tree roots





# FELLOWSHIP OF THE WHEEL

## VMBA Trail Grant 2020

- 2020 saw an increase of 53% across FOTW's networks according to Trailforks data with a loss of 1000+ hours of volunteer trail work
- The funds from the VMBA Trail Grant helped bolster recovery maintenance efforts across the most popular trails in FOTW networks
- Additional efforts went into more sustainable rock armoring in seasonal wet areas at Saxon Hill as well as recovery of a lost trail in Sunny Hollow



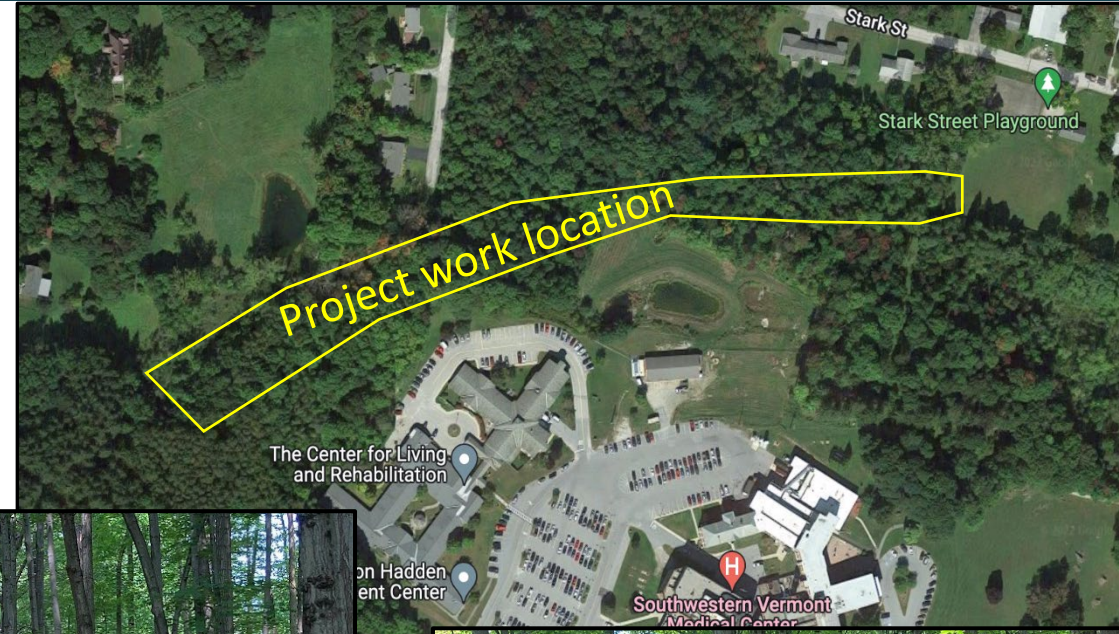


# 2020 BATS Cabot Naming Grant Trail Work

- Improved a heavily used trail corridor adjacent to Southwest VT Medical Center
- Land partnership with Southern VT Healthcare

## Project Work Included:

- Built beginner-level flow trail
- Created trail separation between bikers & walkers in a tight corridor
- Water control for perennially wet trail stretches
- Installing signage this season.

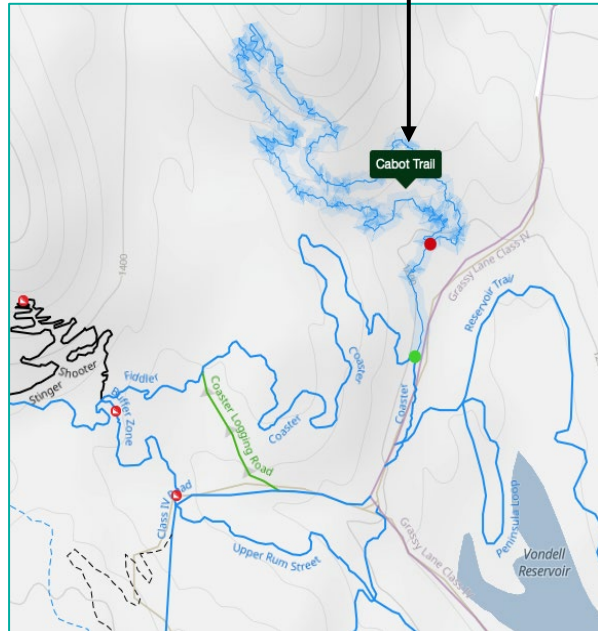




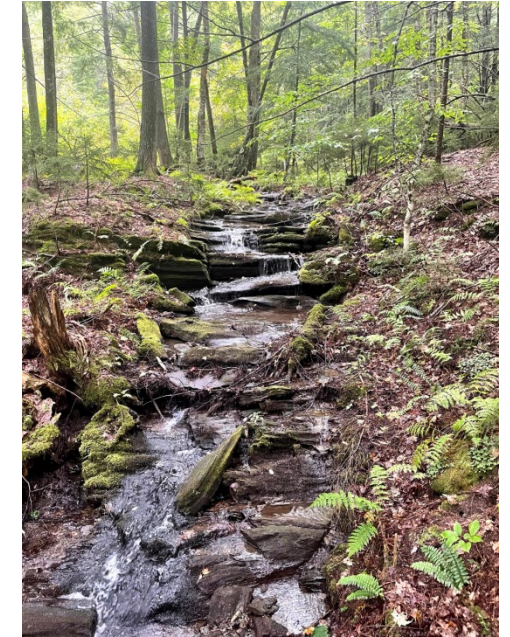
# WAMBA – CABOT NAMING GRANT



Cabot Trail



- 1.5 miles, 324' vert
- Hand built
- Trail Crew
- \$8K Budget
- \$5K Naming Grant
- Aqueduct Trails
- 100+ volunteer hours
- Construction in progress





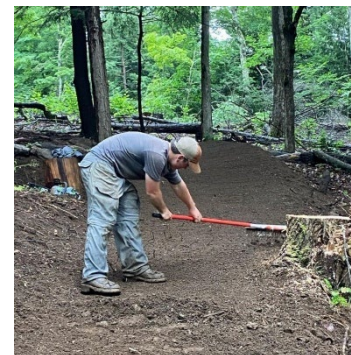
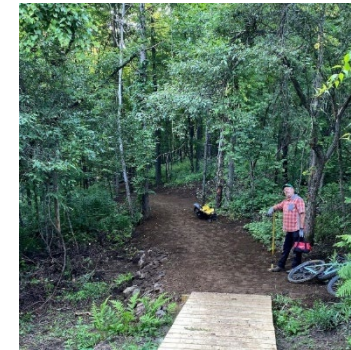
## WAMBA – TRAIL GRANT



Village Trail



- 1 mile 363' vert
- Wide multi-use
- Machine built
- In-house Trail Crew
- \$25K Budget
- \$8K Trail Grant
- Mt. Peg Park
- 500+ volunteer hours
- 16 weeks to build
- 6 public meetings
- 10 years stakeholder engagement!





## MAD RIVER RIDERS - HIGHLIGHTS

**BURTON**

- Grew membership by 30% from 2020 to 800 in 2021
- Contributed 3500 hours of volunteer time
- Opened a new skills park and Nature Trail at the Moretown School
- Accomplished major maintenance on the gateway Blueberry Lake trails
- Built Goodnight Irene and Featherbed Connector trails
- Rerouted Eurich Pond Trail
- Developed plans for 8-10 miles of new trails at Blueberry Lake with potential Velomont links thanks to a Burton Naming Grant
- Earned 25-year easements from 2 key landowners
- Applied for a successful \$409,000 VOREC grant with the
- MRV Recreation District to fund a bridge across the Mill Brook
- Spent 12 Saturdays at busy trailheads promoting responsible use of the trails and helping neighbor relations

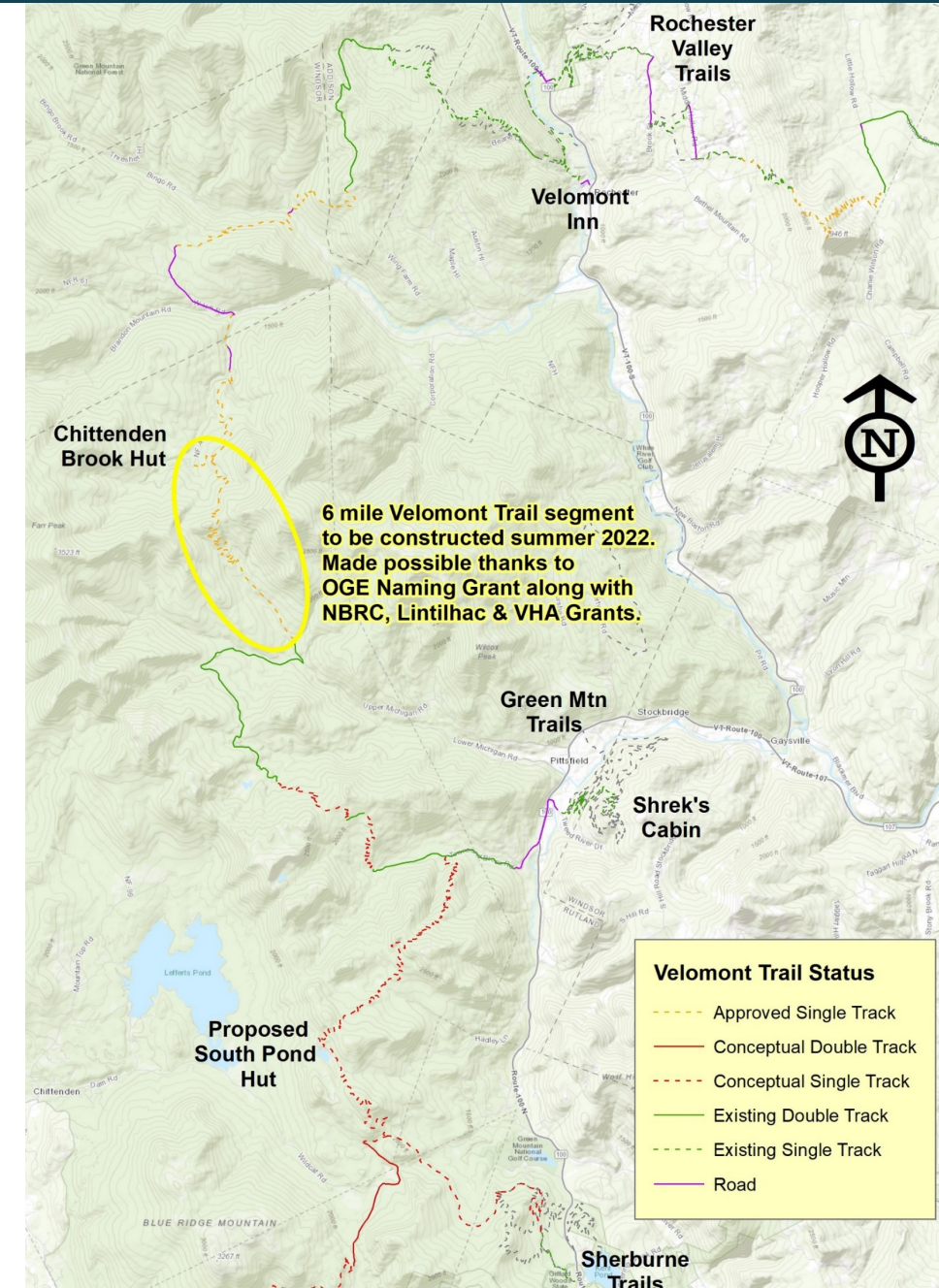


# RIDGELINE // OGE NAMING GRANT

- Outdoor Gear Exchange's contribution will go towards 6 miles Velomont Trail construction between Chittenden Brook and Morrill Brook within the Green Mountain National Forest in Chittenden, VT.
- OGE funds (along with a grant funds from Lintilhac Foundation and Vermont Huts Association) will be used as match towards a Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) grant.
- This key Velomont Trail segment will be constructed by Titus Trails LLC this summer.



A portion of the Chittenden Brook Hut being lifted into place (opened fall 2018).





# VELOMONT TRAIL COLLECTIVE

## We are building the largest hut supported trail network in the US

Photo: Vermont Huts Association

A **unique workforce development program** will construct **30 new huts** and connect an expansive **485-mile trail network** of new and existing mountain biking trails across Vermont to create a continuous trail from Massachusetts to Canada across National Forest, State, and private lands, **conserving up to 214,000 acres** of land for generations through sustainable recreation.



A

**Total Huts: 3**  
(3 new, 0 existing)  
**Total Trail: 41 miles**  
(0 new, 0 improved, 41 existing)

B

**Total Huts: 7**  
(6 new, 1 existing)  
**Total Trail: 113 miles**  
(82 new, 3 improved, 28 existing)

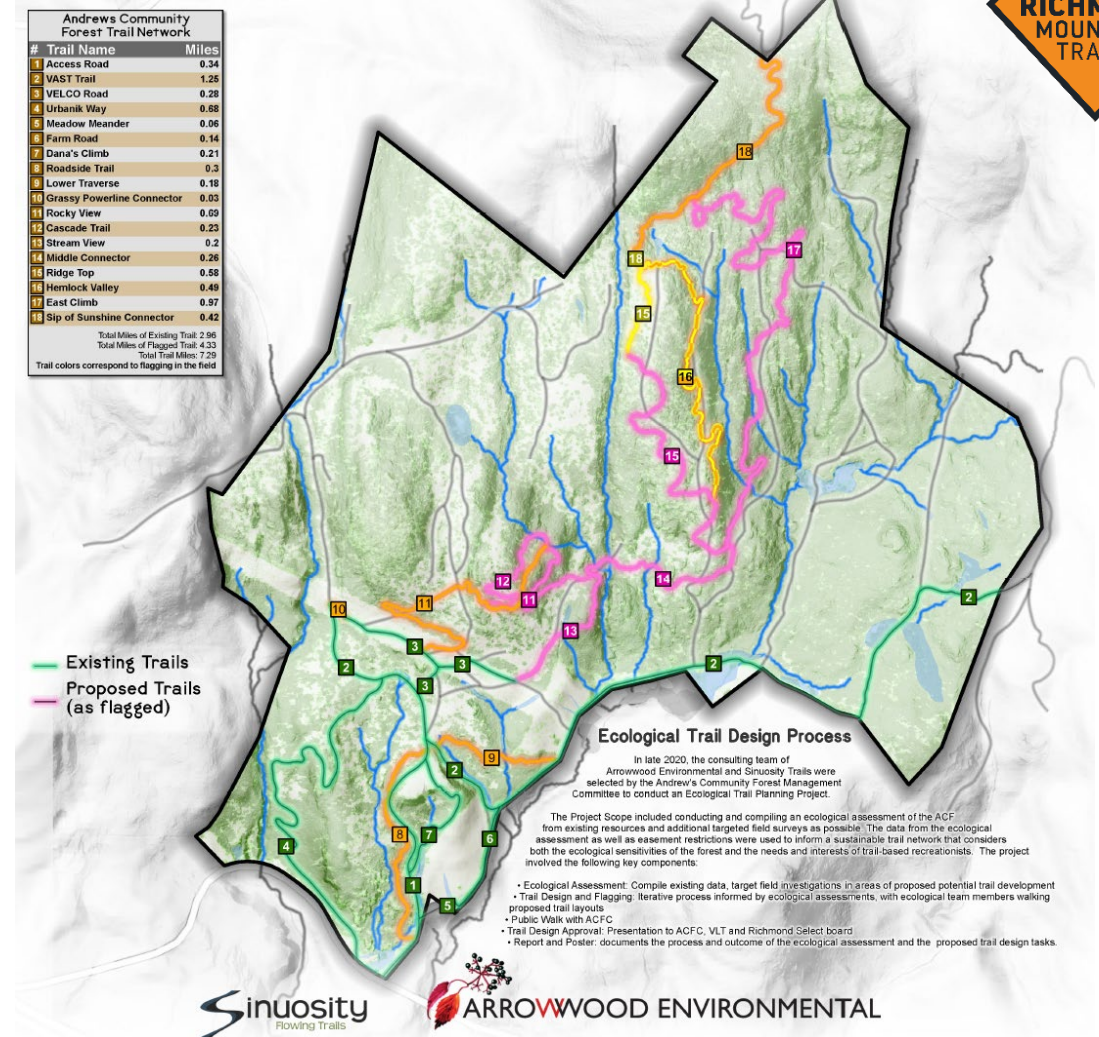
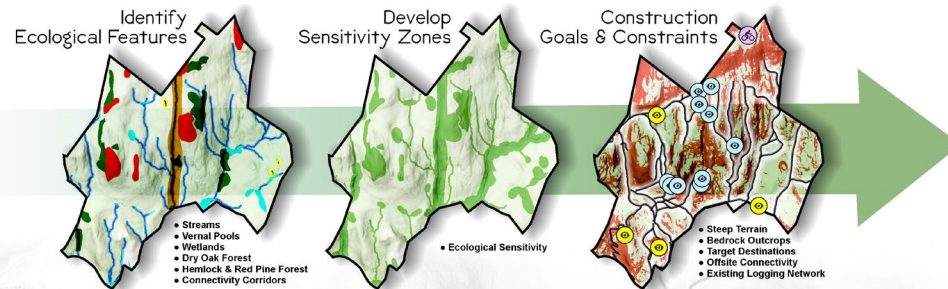
C

**Total Huts: 3**  
(3 new, 0 existing)  
**Total Trail: 50 miles**  
(0 new, 37 improved, 13 existing)



# CHAPTER UPDATES – RICHMOND MOUNTAIN TRAILS

## Ecological Trail Design Andrews Community Forest Richmond, Vt.

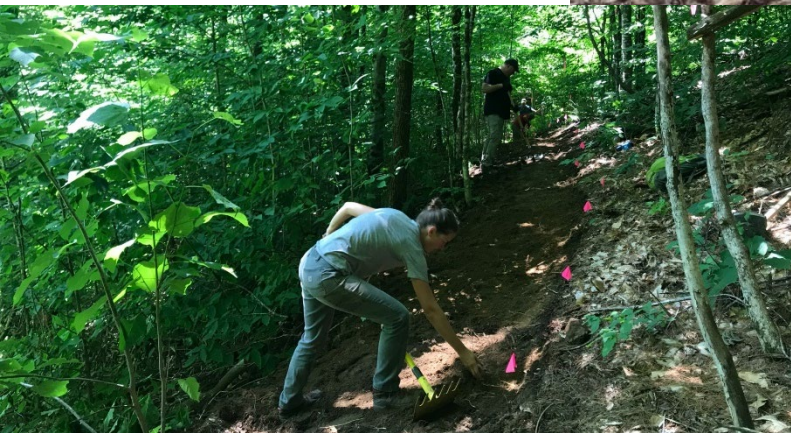
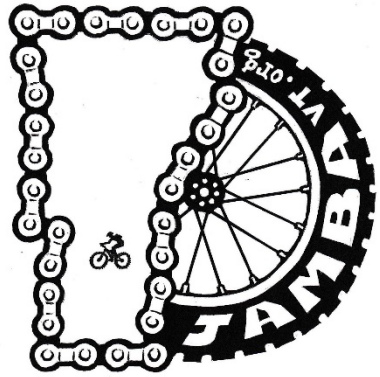


Richmond residents: please submit comments to the Andrews Town Forest Committee (link in Chat)





# Trail Grant: Ken Query Trail Reroute







# Grateful Treads

## Montgomery Jay Westfield

### 2020 VMBA Trail Grant Recipient



Contracted with Pete Wakeling, OTB Trail Builders to complete Phase 3 of our three-phase plan.

- Re-shaped an uphill trail into a downhill trail for novice riders
- Created a more suitable uphill trail
- Added a third downhill with multiple features.

Additionally, OTB Trail Builders shifted an access trail to remove traffic off of our cemetery road and entrance.





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## VMBA Trail Grant

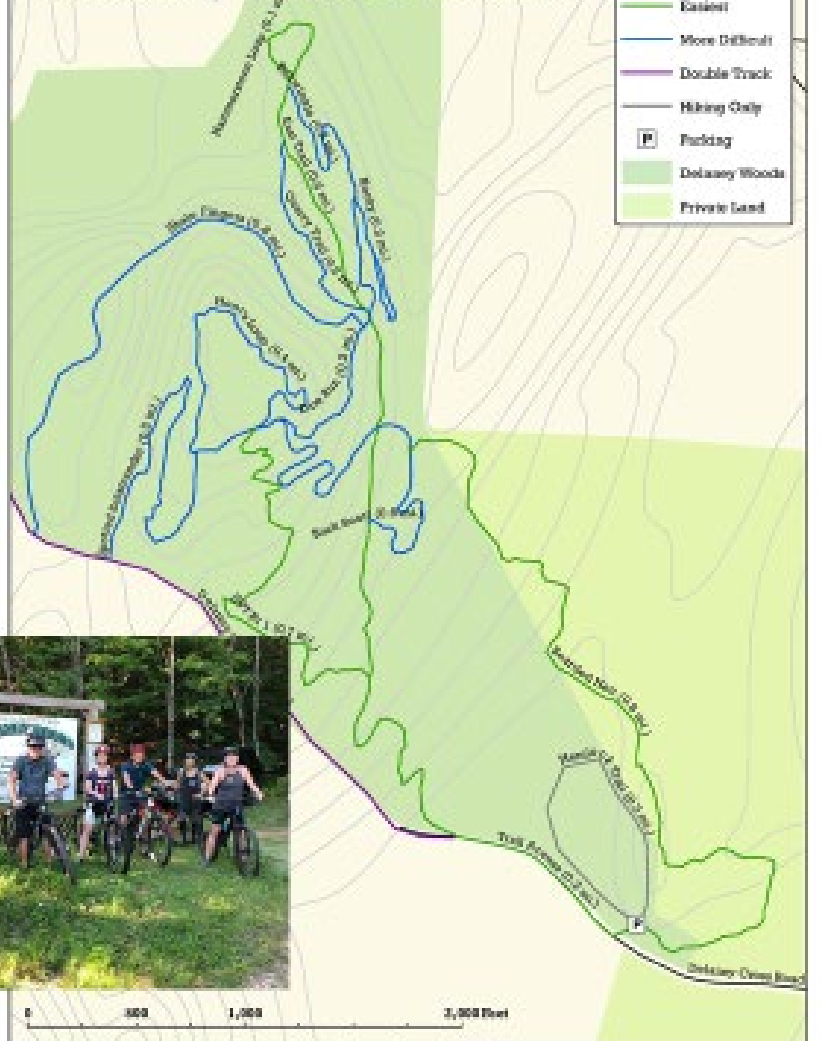
### Completion of system build out at Delaney Woods



## Delaney Woods Trails

### Legend

- Easier
- More Difficult
- Double Track
- Hiking Only
- [P] Parking
- Delaney Woods
- Private Land





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## SVT 2021

*A bit of something for everyone*

Slate Valley Epic MTB Race & Meeting of the Grinds

Dogleg connects to Country Club

1<sup>st</sup> purposeful built adaptive trail

Kid strider loop at Fairgrounds TH

1<sup>st</sup> jump trail built off Carnie

Advanced and intermediate builds

**~7 miles of singletrack built this year**



## SVT 2022

*Another year of trail expansion*

Three major events planned

Beginner & adaptive friendly loop

1-2 advanced directional trails

Machine built trail off Big Top/Scrambler with optional jumps

Trail connecting Hardy's Hill to Country Club sector

Working to connect Town to Trails

**Additional 6-7 miles of singletrack**





## 2021 Year in Review

**1,437**  
**members**  
across **16** states

## STP's Trail Plans in 2022

**1,592**  
**volunteer hours**

of **trail maintenance** equating to \$39,227 in  
economic value for our community

Phase 2  
**Adaptive  
Loops**

in CHF updated for adaptive use

## Serenity & Adrenaline

1.2 miles of Double Black Diamond fun  
Top half opening spring 2022

Hire of a **full-time**  
**Trails  
manager**

**1,028**  
**hours**

of **trail maintenance** completed  
by STP's Trail Crew

## Skills Park

continued progress towards long  
awaited skills park near Rec Path

Phase 1  
**Adaptive  
Loops**

finished in CHF

**\$92,208**

spent on **trail maintenance and  
building** in 2021





# CHAPTER UPDATES – Addison County Bike Club (ACBC)

## 2021 Achievements

- Establishment of the Moosalamoo Grand Tour (14 miles) - trail work, signage and tree tags.
- Exploration and identification of a connector trail to link Moosalamoo and Silver Lake Campgrounds.
- Completed the rework and repairs of the Oak Ridge from Campground Trail to FR 92A.
- Build/Rebuild of three bridges on the Trail Around Middlebury (TAM).
- Continued work on trail system in Vergennes.
- Expansion of New Leaf Organics trail system in Bristol .

## 2022 Projects/Goals

- Connector trail planning - Campground to Silver Lake allowing connection to the Chandler Ridge and Leicester Hollow Trails. Construction likely FY2023.
- Potential pump track in Middlebury.
- Hire dedicated administrative support (DONE!)
- Club membership of more than 200 members.
- Better engagement with members via communication and events.



ACBC  
offers over  
40 miles of  
trails.



# BOARD ELECTIONS

## FIRST OFF ... THANKS TO OUR DEPARTING DIRECTORS

- » Danielle Poirier
- » Nancy Luke
- » Karly Moore

## THE ELECTION

- » Berne Broudy named Chapter Rep. with the support of the Advisory Council
- » John Ringer running to retain his seat
- » Board put forth 7 candidates for 3 open seats to the membership
- » 374 members voted during the two-week window



# BOARD ELECTION RESULTS



Berne Broudy  
Richmond



John Ringer  
Waterbury



Tara Mirakian  
Morrisville



Quinn Keating  
Jericho



Tim Maher  
Essex Junction



## LOOKING AHEAD



» Mission & Vision update (*check out [vmba.org/who-we-are/](https://vmba.org/who-we-are/)*)

» 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign

» New Hires: DEI Coordinator & Membership Associate

» Reward Volunteers Re-vamp

» Community Builder Partnerships

» Fundraising: Storm Relief, Bike & Trip raffles!

» Events: Kick-offs, dig days, DH in VT, summer festivals

» Velomont & New Chapters

» More and Better Trails – 2021 Naming and Trail Grants...





## 2021 NAMING GRANTS

Cabot Creamery » \$5K  
Caledonia Trail Collaborative

Outdoor Gear Exchange » \$5K  
Slate Valley Trails

Suncommon » \$5K  
Richmond Mountain Trails

Fuse Marketing » \$5K  
Waterbury Area Trails Alliance

Vermont Country Store » \$5K  
Ridgeline Outdoor Collective

Mascoma Bank » \$5K  
Fellowship of the Wheel

Ranch Camp » \$2.5K x 2  
Southern VT Trails Association  
Woodstock Area MTB Association

[Learn more](https://vmba.org/2021-naming-grant-projects) at [vmba.org/2021-naming-grant-projects](https://vmba.org/2021-naming-grant-projects)

Is your outdoor-minded company interested in participating? [Contact](mailto:nick@vmba.org) [nick@vmba.org](mailto:nick@vmba.org)





# 2021 TRAIL GRANTS

**FOTW** » \$4,500

Backdoor rehab (Hinesburg)

**BRMBC** » \$5,000

Cricket Hill DH

**RMT** » \$7,000

Bone Mountain (cont.)

**Mendon Mountain Club** » \$3,500

New Adaptive Loop (Trail #1!)

**Mad River Riders** » \$5,000

Moretown School & Town Forest

**Ridgeline** » \$7,000

Rube's Run DH

**SoVTA** » \$3,500

Crosstown Kiosks (cont.)

**STP** » \$4,500

Rec Path Skills Park

**WAMBA** » \$6,000

Walk-behind track carrier

**WATA** » \$4,500

Rastaman Rehabilitation





THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING...  
...AND TO OUR SUPPORTERS:

## » SUMMIT



Lintilhac  
FOUNDATION

CONINE FAMILY  
FOUNDATION

## » RIDGLELINE



## » SWITCHBACK



» and **9,400+ MEMBERS!**



## » OFFICE STAFF

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Don't forget to sign up for your "22/23 Membership... season starts next week!

Any questions??? Feel free to follow up with Nick (nick@vmba.org) if yours wasn't addressed.