

UVLT's Mission....

...to help the Upper Valley remain a place with plentiful and diverse open space, vibrant natural areas, a healthy rural character; and a place where residents feel a personal connection to and sense of stewardship for the land as an essential aspect of community life; a place they can call home...



5 Strategic Focus Areas....

- Farmland that feeds us
- Clean water and resilient floodplains
- Forests for habitat, connectivity,
& a resilient working landscape
- Places for people to learn and play
- Community landmarks & open space



My Connection to Climate Change

A noticeable decrease in snow available for Nordic skiing in the Upper Valley



11 of the past 15 Dartmouth Winter Carnivals have been relocated to northern VT



SOURCE: WMUR/Paula Tracy

In the last 25 years, most of the Carnival sculptures have required manmade snow Feb - 2014



Lyme - Mid-January 2016

Adaptation and Land Conservation....

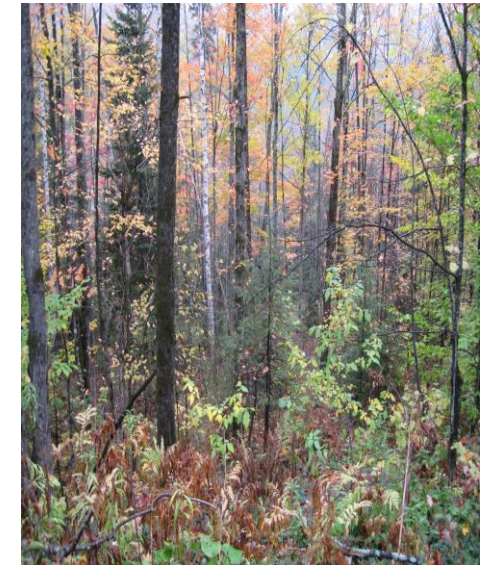
Agricultural lands -

- Actively protecting farms and farm soils
- Conserving farmland along waterways
- Requiring the use of riparian buffers in conservation easements
- *What we see on the ground* --- changes in technology to account for erratic temperatures and precipitation -- irrigation, cover crops, no-till equipment, rotational grazing, high tunnels



Forest Habitat -

- Incorporating climate science into land and conservation easement acquisition
- Pursuing new funding opportunities to protect resilient lands
- *What we see on the ground* – forest management for more diverse and resilient ecosystems with multi-aged forests and intensive invasive species management





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