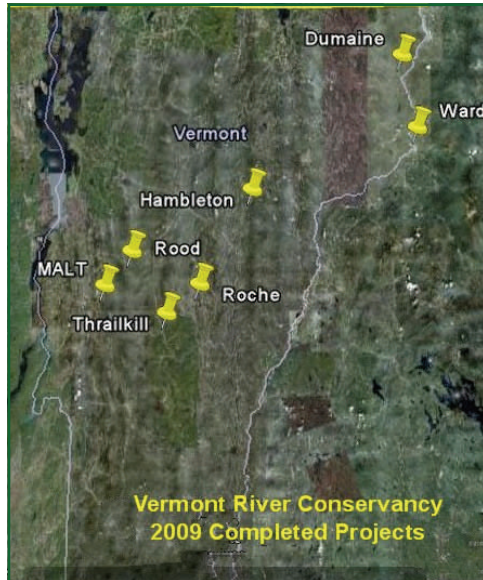




# Vermont River Conservancy Projects Completed in 2009



Peg Rood and Lincoln conservationist Nick Mayer look out over the newly conserved land donated in honor of noted nature writer Ron Rood.

VRC Board members Stephan Syz and Tino O'Brien assemble the picnic table at the campsite on Sam and Anne Ward's land in Guildhall along the Upper Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail.



## Dumaine Property, Nulhegan River—Bloomfield

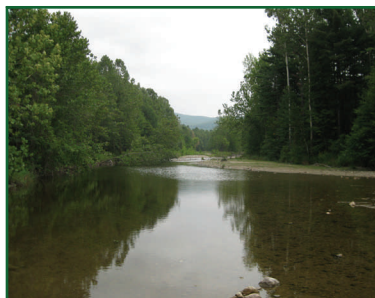
Located at the confluence of the East Branch and the main stem of the Nulhegan River, this seven-acre parcel was purchased to provide public access and protect riparian wildlife habitat. The Dumaine parcel adjoins the previously conserved lands of Sherry and Darlene Belknap. The combination of these two projects provides public access to over one mile of shoreland for fishing, paddling, and riverside camping on one of Vermont's most pristine rivers.

*Funded by the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund.*



## Hambleton River Corridor Easement, Winooski River—Marshfield

The Winooski River meanders through old pasturelands alongside US Route 2 between the villages of Plainfield and Marshfield. Located on the easterly side of Route 2 across from the Marshfield Inn and visible to the public along the highway, this project will protect the channel evolution processes for 2,215 feet of frontage on the Winooski and allow newly planted trees and shrubs along the river to provide shade and riparian habitat enhancement. *Funded by the VTANR River Management Program.*



## Middlebury Area Land Trust/Town of Middlebury River Corridor Easement, Middlebury River—Middlebury

In the village of East Middlebury the Middlebury River transitions from a high-gradient mountain torrent to a gently meandering, low-gradient waterway flowing into the Champlain Valley. A river corridor conservation easement on this parcel protects a critical floodplain area that absorbs high energy flood flows and attenuates sediments, thereby reducing erosion and the instability of downstream reaches and important agricultural lands. The easement also provides permanent public access to the Middlebury River. *Funded by the Middlebury Area Land Trust and the VTANR River Management Program.*



### **Roche River Corridor Easement, Ayers Brook—Randolph**

This river corridor conservation easement provides the volatile Ayers Brook with room to carve new meanders and deposit sediments. This project adjoins a previously conserved corridor to the south, protecting more than two miles of Ayers Brook shoreland. Tree and shrub plantings provided by the CREP program will create needed riparian habitat and shade to lower summertime water temperatures. *Funded by the White River Partnership, the VTANR River Management Program, and the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund.*



### **Rood River Corridor Easement, New Haven River—Lincoln**

The New Haven River is well known for its superb whitewater paddling, excellent fishing, and devastating floods. Located upstream from the village of Lincoln, this 23-acre parcel is part of a larger effort to protect critical resources along the New Haven River. Conservation of this upland meadow and forested slope will protect an important wetland complex that mitigates flooding and provides important habitat. Peg Rood and her family have generously donated this easement in memory of renowned nature writer Ron Rood.



### **Thrailkill River Corridor Easement, White River—Rochester**

The White River flows through the heart of the village of Rochester. The alluvial floodplain deposited by the river over the millennia supports active agriculture, recreation, and open space for village residents. This river corridor conservation easement will prohibit any new permanent structures, provide the White River with space to meander, and continue a long tradition of public access to open space along the river banks. *Funded by the White River Partnership and the VTANR River Management Program.*



### **Ward Paddlers' Campsite, Upper Connecticut River—Guildhall**

Sam and Anne Ward have generously agreed to provide a gorgeous camping site on the banks of the Connecticut River in Guildhall, Vermont. This past fall the Wards, VRC board members, VRC consultant Noah Pollack and volunteers constructed a stairway access to the river, picnic table, privy, and other site improvements to provide weary Connecticut River paddlers with a place to sleep and picnic within a biscuit toss of the river. "I feel so privileged to be on a river like the Connecticut that I have been trying to help in any way I can to make the river accessible," noted landowner Sam Ward.

Volunteers ferry the constructed steps to the campsite.



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