

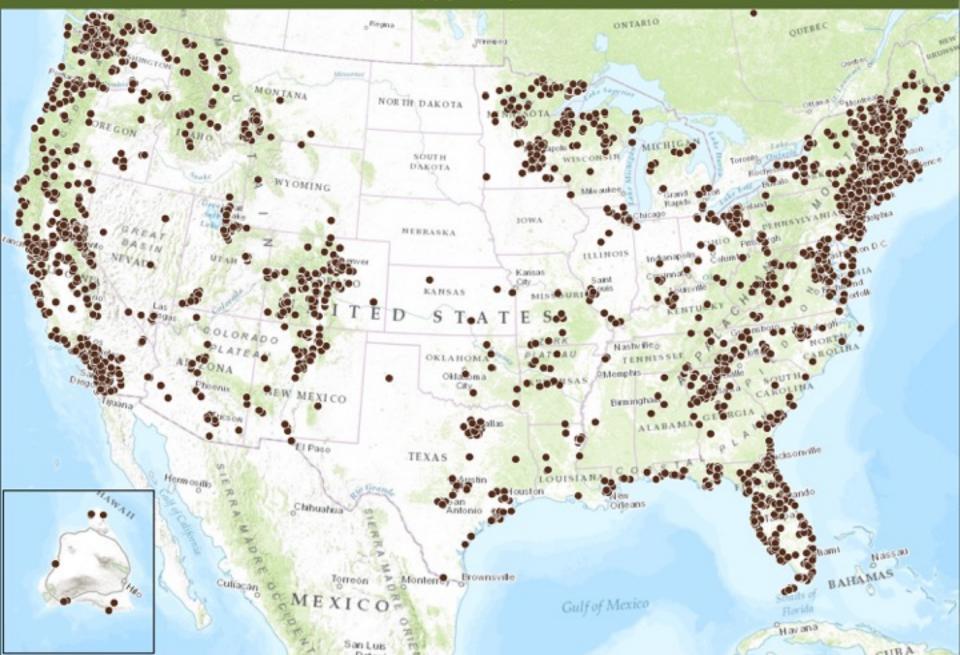
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Case Study: Appalachian Trail Corridor, Stamford, VT

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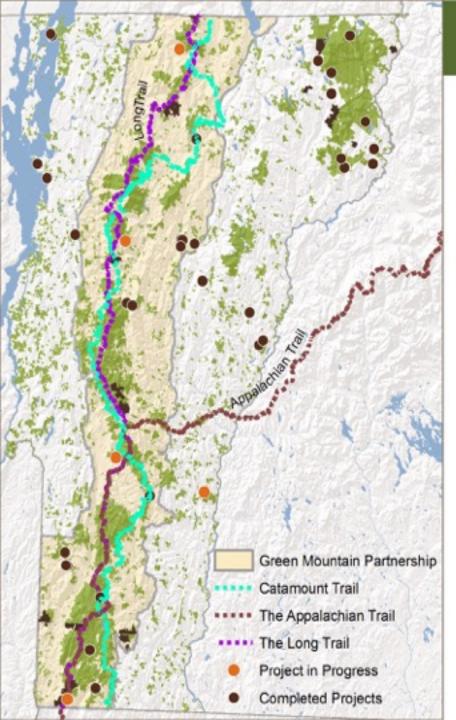
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## 323 Projects within a 1/2 mile of a National Trail

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### Green Mountain Partnership

















# Appalachian Trail Corridor Stamford, Pownal, VT

**The Threat**: 383 acres owned by the City of North Adams to be sold at public auction in 6 weeks

#### The Resource:

- 1 mile of the Appalachian Trail
- Seth Warner Shelter
- Broad Brook: water source for Seth Warner Shelter
- inholdings in Green Mountain National Forest
- State-endangered American marten
- Red Spruce-Cinnamon Fern Swamp
- Improves access to existing National Forest land





# Appalachian Trail Corridor Stamford, Pownal, VT

**Existing Easement**: National Forest holds a conservation easement along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail through this section.

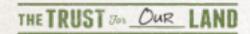
#### But...

- Easement only 100 feet on either side of trail (current rec: 1/2 mile)
- Allows unlimited crossings by roads and driveways
- Allows commercial logging within easement area (anything over 10 inch dbh)
- Development upstream from Seth Warner shelter could severely impact quality of the drinking water source at the shelter
- = One of the most threatened sections of the A.T. in the country

## Appalachian Trail Corridor ~ Stamford & Pownal, VT



Green Mountain Club, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Trust for Public Land and Green Mountain National Forest consider this acquisition one of the highest priorities along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in the State of Vermont.





## Up for Auction in 6 weeks!



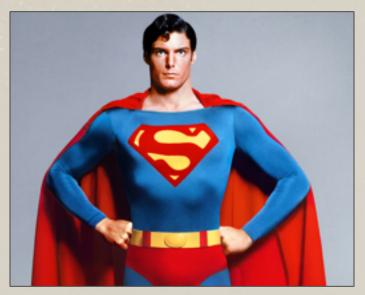
How do we have time to find acquisition funds and handle due diligence?

- Title
- Environmental Phase I
- Appraisal
- Survey issues
- Minerals
  Determination

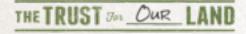




## Conservation Buyer ~ Our Hero!



- Quick estimate of value
- Quick title search and site visit
- Cons Buyer takes on some risk
- Public Land can work through all the details necessary for adding this to Green Mountain National Forest





### Almost there!



- Secured leftover LWCF funding for GMNF from FY2010.
- Uh, oh! These funds borrowed by another National Forest to close a project ready to close.
- Applied for LWCF FY16 funds through National Trails Collaborative, no luck.
- High priority for Region 9, so LWCF funds were borrowed back from another NF
- Expect to close by September!



