



Bull Creek Common Lands is Looking for a Few New Board Members!

Founded in 2021, Bull Creek Common Lands' first project was the Raymond Bemis Community Forest in Athens, which opened to the public in August 2023. In November of 2025, we completed the conservation of 340 acres in the headwaters of the Bull Creek in Athens and Townshend.

We are now hoping to expand our board and are looking for people of diverse backgrounds who would like to work with us to protect our local lands for public use, healthy ecosystems, climate resilience, and their innate, undeveloped value.

With a mission to conserve land in and adjacent to the Bull Creek and Grassy Brook watersheds, we cover the towns of Athens, Brookline, Townshend, Grafton, Newfane, Rockingham, and Westminster. We have several focuses to our work: new conservation projects, community outreach and fundraising, education and programs, trails and land management, and governance and core organizational functions.

BCCL is also collaborating with three other southern Vermont conservation organizations to build capacity across the region.

We are currently an all-volunteer organization with a working board. New board members might possess many of the following interests, abilities and capacity:

- Community and environment focused
- A proactive, entrepreneurial mindset
- Interest to actively learn and work to grow an impactful organization
- Experience with business start ups, nonprofit boards, strategic planning, budgeting, admin, fundraising, grant writing, community outreach, etc., etc...
- Personal connection with the land (e.g. hiking, hunting, naturalist activities, land management or other in-the-woods experience)
- Desire to engage in conversations around conservation, land use, community needs, climate resilience and ecology
- Social and professional connections that can help grow our fundraising base
- Professional communication skills and digital literacy
- Availability for 2-5 hour time investment a month, including one virtual or in person board meeting, and additional work as needed for projects and training opportunities

We'd love to hear what you'd like to contribute and what you'd like to learn. If this opportunity sounds like something you'd like to discuss further, please email Hannah at hello@bullcreekcommonlands.org to introduce yourself and make a plan to meet with current board members for a walk or cup of tea.