

## We Have an Exciting Year Ahead!

2024 is off to a smooth start at Friends of the Winooski with new staff on board and exciting projects in the works. We look forward to spring planting at 7 sites with several enhancement projects, improving avian habitat, continuing water quality monitoring efforts with our dedicated volunteers, beginning new dam removal projects, and so much more.

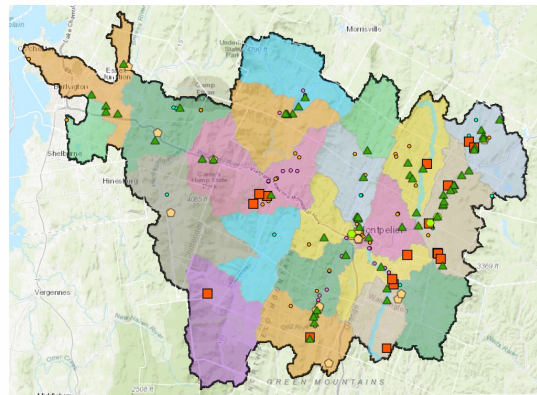


As we come out of winter hibernation, we are excited to share that Zero Gravity Beer has chosen Friends of the Winooski as their featured environmental nonprofit for the month of March! Please consider stopping by their taproom on Pine Street in Burlington, where a portion of sales of their Green State Lager will benefit FWR to support our projects and growth. Cheers!

## New! FWR Project Map

Thanks to new staff Sam Puddicombe, Friends now has an easier way to access and visualize the range of important projects that have been completed.

Check out our culvert replacements and retrofits, dam removals, tree plantings, storm water assessments, river access projects, water quality monitoring sites, and more! We look forward to many more projects to come.



[Click here to Check Out our Projects and Assessments](#)

## The Annual Tree Sale is Open

The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District (WNRCD) hosts an annual tree sale to help residents access affordable native tree and shrub species. Proceeds from the sale are used to support WNRCD's work developing and implementing on-the-ground projects that

protect natural resources.

Order Deadline: April 26th, 2024

Pick-up Date: May 11th, 2024 from 9am-12pm

All orders must be placed [online, here](#). For help placing your order online, contact [info@winooskinrcd.org](mailto:info@winooskinrcd.org)



WINOOSKI  
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40th

Annual  
Tree Sale



Fruit and Nut  
Varieties!



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## Live Talk this Sunday: *Living with Beavers in Vermont*



Join the Cabot Conservation Committee for a presentation on “Beaver Management and Living with Beavers in Vermont,” presented by Tyler Brown, Wildlife Specialist at Vermont Fish & Wildlife. The value of beavers in creating exceptional wildlife habitat, while reducing the impact of flooding has received more attention since the July flood. Conflicts with humans and human development are inevitable but manageable. Learn about the ecology of beavers and how we can do a better job at living with them while they are helping us in many ways.

Refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome.

February 11th, 3 pm. Willey Building, 3084 Main Street, Cabot, VT.

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## Next Weekend: Make Art for Our Rivers

Vermont River Conservancy is hosting a

community event to construct an entry-way arch for the trailhead at Rotary Park using recycled bottle caps. Other activities include:

- Storytelling by Ian Gauthier from the Aldrich Public Library
- Snowshoe walk in search of winter wildlife co-led by FWR's own Taylor Litwin
- Refreshments and food
- Enjoy fire pits or heaters to stay warm!

Volunteers needed! Indicate interest on registration form and you will be contacted.



**Art for Our Rivers:  
Wildlife Snowshoe**

**When:** Saturday February 17th 1:15 - 2 p.m.  
**Where:** 45. Parkside Terrace, Barre

Strap on snowshoes and look for winter clues of wildlife along the river trail at Rotary Park!

Event supported by AARP Vermont

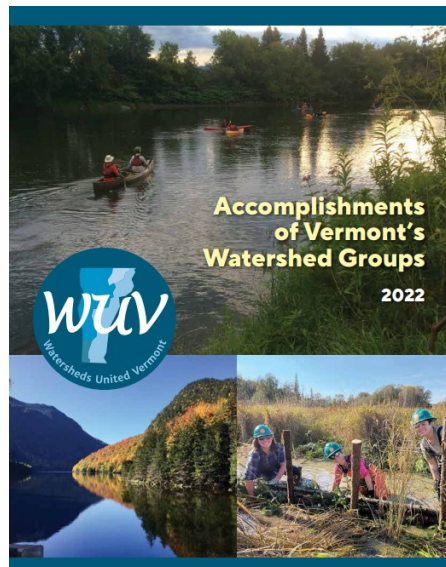
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[Click Here to Register](#)

## 2022 was a year for the books!

Check out the accomplishments of [Vermont's Watershed Groups](#) across the state:

- Over 24,000 trees were planted
- Over 340 volunteers monitored water quality
- More than 20,000 pounds of trash was removed from Vermont rivers
- Over 6,500 students, from over 80 schools engaged in educational activities
- 97 culverts were assessed for retrofitting or replacement
- 10 dams were assessed for removal



## A Note on Donations in the Mail

As many know, the Montpelier Post Office was destroyed in the flood and has not reopened. Because of this, our mail is being forwarded to Michele's home address. This has caused some problems for donors trying to give through Fidelity, in particular, and perhaps other financial institutions that we have not heard about yet. If your donation check was returned, or your financial institution notified you of a problem, this is likely the reason. Please contact us for help if you're affected by this situation and we apologize for any inconvenience.



As always, we are incredibly appreciative of your support in allowing us to continue our work for another great year ahead. To make a secure online donation, one-time or monthly, at our [website](#). Everyone who sets up a monthly donation will receive their choice of a [hat or tote](#).

Thank you so much!! Your support has helped us grow, surely and steadily, for 25 years.

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