

# St. Albans Town Forest Plan- 2022

Priority	Description
<b>1. Master Plan</b>	Baseline 2015 Comprehensive <b>Master Plan</b> - developed by Sinuosity for Town. Multi-user, non-motorized 162 acres, 5 miles of trails. Goal is to improve sustainability and community access. Adaptive phased planning as required.
<b>2. Key Partnerships &amp; Users</b>	<b>Key partners:</b> FCMTBC, Adjacent landowners, Parks & Rec, Foresters, hikers, hunters, XC skiers, birders, snowshoers, nature lovers, school groups, bikeshop (need regular contact with user groups)
<b>3. Annual Assessment &amp; Monitoring</b>	Utilize checklist updating work plans, including signage, parking, trailhead access, trail condition, neighbor interaction/experience. (Trail Steward). Regular ongoing checks to avoid adverse degradation. Annual <b>Condition &amp; Plan Update Report to Town</b>
<b>4. Manage &amp; Maintain Trails &amp; Infrastructure</b>	<b>Ongoing light maintenance</b> with goal of sustainable trails, GPS Mapping current, close trails seasonally. Trail maintenance role of FCMTBC volunteers & Town staff.
<b>5. Community Education &amp; Awareness</b>	<b>Community Outreach</b> to schools and through 2-3 workshops per year. Ie. Naturalist, school programs, Mountain bike group rides, hikes, snowshoeing.
<b>6. Build 1.7 mile trail in NW Corner of Forest</b>	<b>New trail</b> above current upper loops in <b>NW corner</b> of Forest. First Phase of Future Vision. Hybrid machine (30%) and handbuilt (70%), Loop connecting back to Snow Goose Trail.
<b>7. Future Vision</b>	<b>Connect Town Forest</b> via new ridgeline trail to <b>Missiquoi Valley Rail Trail</b> - Sheldon Crossing-4.5 miles. Connect Hard'ack area to Rail Trail (active). Linked trails 12-15 miles. <b>Winter access &amp; parking</b> for XC ski, hike, Fat Tire Biking. Schools Engagement. Youth Area MTB Riding Club

# St. Albans Town Forest Trail: Proposed Projects 2022-24

Trail	Work	Who
Build new NW Corner Forest Trail	Plan, build 1.7 mile NW Corner Town Forest Trail, above upper loops.	Trail Builder & Volunteers. Grants, Town Budget, Sponsors
Signage	Directional signage, trail intersection maps	Andy: \$380
VYCC West (1615 ft)	Wet Spot- draining/ minor reroute, bog bridges	Sinuosity: \$2850. estimate
VYCC East (1865 ft)	Wet Spot- drain/minor reroute	Sinuosity: \$500.estimate
Sugar Run to Bird Patch Trail (1500 ft)	Clearing debris, minor reroute	Sinuosity: \$800 estimate
Bird Patch Trail (4440 ft)	Reroute birding area access trail section away from stream (Avoid nesting season Feb-July)	Sinuosity: \$500 estimate
Road to Beaver Pond West & East	Wet Spots- Drainage	Sinuosity: \$795 estimate
Intro Loop Road (1715 ft)	Old Road bed, partial crushed stone for adaptive/accessible trail use.	Town: \$2200 estimate TOTAL All Trails: \$8025.
Connection to Rail Trail @ Sheldon Crossing	Landowner meetings, trail mapping, fundraising, FCMBTC Lead	FCMBTC, St. Albans Town, Swanton, Rail Trail, Landowners