



2023

Since 2017, Richmond Mountain Trails (RMT) has maintained a clear mission to build and maintain sustainable recreational trails and promote wellness, provide access to the outdoors, and strengthen a sense of community.

ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report

2023

AT-A-GLANCE

it took a village



The 2023 season will be one we'll never forget. Rain and flooding dominated the narrative of the summer and changed the landscape we help steward, but a swift community action brought those trails back online and helped us reach our goals to open the Driving Range and make upgrades at Chamberlain Hill. Community response, in both funding and volunteering for our projects, has been outstanding, and we're pleased to outline some of what we've accomplished together in this report.

PROJECT DETAILS

0.6 miles of new terrain

CHAMBERLAIN UPGRADES

We built "Shimmy-Cocoa-Pop" to give you a sweet new downhill option and we dedicated hundreds of hours of volunteer resources to maintenance at Chamberlin Hill.

5,000 hours of volunteer work over two years

THE DRIVING RANGE NETWORK OPENING

Following two years of development, we opened Vermont's first fully adaptive trail network with 3.5 miles of new trails and more in store for 2024. We had an incredible grand opening in August with six of our local partners on the project and we're working to release a film on the community development effort.

328ft of lumber added or replaced

FLOOD RECOVERY

After July's storms, we replaced two bridges on Sip of Sunshine, performed drainage upgrades at Chamberlain Hill, trimmed and rehabbed the Preston Loop, cleaned up Skully's and Merrit Parkway, and completed lots of other small projects.

We also collaborated with the Richmond Trails Committee to promote their trail nights and offer our support in rebuilding the River Trail.

FUNDING SUMMARY

\$24,393

\$46,900

\$53,600

MEMBERSHIP FEES

SPONSORS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

GRANTS

DONOR ENGAGEMENT

Interested in supporting RMT's work? Become a member or contact our director to learn more about sponsorship packages.

Bec Wojtecki - director@richmondmountaintrails.org

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This section highlights a few of the 2023 Season accomplishments Richmond Mountain Trails is most proud of:



2,900+ VOLUNTEER HOURS

At least 154 unique individuals contributed the equivalent of 362 8-hour work days, with an average contribution of 19h per person. This statistic is up 81% from 2022!

FIVE TRAIL NETWORKS SUPPORTED

We helped facilitate communication, sustainable maintenance and capital support for five networks in the 05477 zip code and built .6 mi of new multi-use trails and 3.5 mi of adaptive trails.



500 HOT DOGS SERVED

We continued to serve hearty meals to fuel our volunteers this season. It's part of our trail work value proposition, a great way we build community and one of our larger investments for the year.

MULTI-USE COMMITTEE FORMED

in 2023 we formed a committee of a half-dozen users of different backgrounds, both in their demographics and trail-use-types to get their feedback on our work.



SIX NATIONAL AND LOCAL GRANTS WON

Thanks to our dedicated director and board president, we were awarded half a dozen grants this year to support our efforts. Our total revenue for the year is broken down on page 5.

310 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL TRAIL WORK

Professional services from a handful of regional contractors allowed us to realize the potential of an adaptive trail network at the Driving Range. This statistic is up 16% year-over-year.



CHAMPIONING AN ADAPTIVE APPROACH

Partnering with the Kelly Brush Foundation and VMBA, we want to expand resources to support adaptive trail building. In the works are a film, adaptive assessments of existing trails that could be converted, and a continuous mindset of knowledge sharing.



MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERS

To Our Members, Our Supporters, and Our Community,

Reflecting on 2023, I am inspired by the generous spirit of the Richmond community, which I felt in nearly every moment of the season, both on the trails and off.

When massive July rainstorms struck, leaving homes damaged and spirits dampened, the people of Richmond put aside whatever they were doing and came together with steadfast determination to support each other. Neighbors helped each other clean out flooded basements, Richmond businesses donated supplies, and community members organized support networks.

In August, RMT celebrated the opening of The Driving Range, the first purpose-built adaptive-ready network in Vermont. To witness firsthand the remarkable impact of individuals coming together to champion a common cause has been incredibly powerful. In every interaction, whether it's a volunteer showing up for a trail night or a donor investing in our mission, I am moved by our community's unwavering dedication and generosity. Weekly trail nights were not simply about digging new trails. There was laughter, food, friendship, and camaraderie from working towards a mutual goal - to make space for and lift up all riders.

Behind the scenes, the 'trail fairies' repaired storm damage across several networks, built new trails at Chamberlain, replaced bridges, and scouted new trails. With lots of anonymity and little fanfare, these individuals give all of us better trails to ride. I am inspired by their committed love of the trails and grateful for all the ways they show up.



MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERS CONTINUED

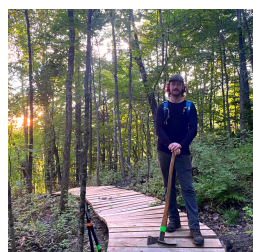
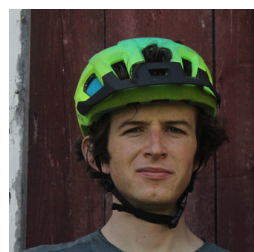
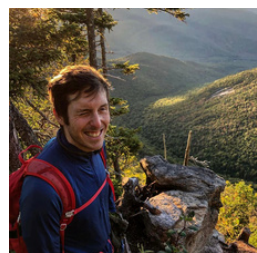
Thank you to the landowners, who give us the gift of trail access. Many networks in our area and across Vermont exist on private land and the generosity of the landowners is the foundation for our community’s recreational landscape.

I would like to extend gratitude to the Richmond Mountain Trails board of directors for another great season. These individuals dedicate an incredible number of volunteer hours to this organization and the trails. Their time, energy, and passion keep Richmond Mountain Trails moving forward.

As always, the ambitions and successes of Richmond Mountain Trails are only possible with the support of our membership. Members of RMT support the trails through volunteer hours, membership funds, and fundraising campaigns. You make it happen!

Thanks for being along for the ride,
Bec Wojtecki

OUR TEAM



Read clockwise, starting at noon: Volunteer, 2023 board members Berne Broudy, Lars Whitman, Max Krieger, Kate Aiken, Rob Galloway, Merrick Gillies, Mike Donohue and Director Bec Wojtecki.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

When we reflect on the hours spent on the trail, hot dogs served up and smiles shared, it makes us proud, and we're glad our community feels the same way.

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It takes a special group to not just to have an idea, but to execute it, and the velocity at which RMT makes their goals happen is incredible. I've never seen a group as passionate as the RMT board.

Kate Aiken, RMT

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I love volunteering with RMT because I love mountain biking and it feels really good to contribute to the trails that I ride!

Spencer Lutsky, age 13, RMT Volunteer

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CRAG-VT is psyched to support the Driving Range parking lot. Access to the climbing resources in that area is a reality thanks to the parking lot!

Gene O Desideraggio, CRAG VT

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The volunteer energy was amazing to see! Thanks for having me build the upper climb trail for The Driving Range. I'm looking forward to watching the network grow and evolve.

Adam Churchill, Trail Builder

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CRAG-VT is grateful for the opportunity to partner with RMT in support of broad recreation access in the Bolton area. Collaboration on the Driving Range parking lot was a key step in improving infrastructure and protecting access for all trail users!

Lauren Greco, CRAG VT





FINANCIALS

For transparency, included below is a portion of our income statement to show our organization's top line items. Because of the community's generous support, we've been able to accomplish a great deal. This page outlines the bulk of our revenue and expenses for the year.

REVENUE*

State Grants	\$16,100
Grants	\$37,500
Sponsorships	\$23,900
Membership	\$24,393
Parking Lot Partners	\$23,000
Events	\$3,367

EXPENSES*

Paid Trail Work	\$57,700
Administrative Expenses	\$20,057
Parking Lot Construction	\$65,000
Tools and Materials	\$3,200
Trail Day Provisions	\$3,000

*This is an snapshot of each category's top line items and should not be considered as a comprehensive income statement.

*For reference, \$21,000 of 2022 grants were earmarked and spent in 2023.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



The trail networks we steward would not be possible without the guidance, support and advocacy of the Kelly Brush Foundation, Vermont Adaptive, and Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA). Your membership in VMBA not only makes RMT trails possible, but it supports trail-based recreation throughout Vermont.

We are thankful to have a collaborative relationship with Richmond Trails Committee, and to work closely with neighboring VMBA chapters Fellowship of the Wheel and Waterbury Trails Alliance.

A special thank you to the following organizations for their financial support this season:

VT State Facilities	Birdseye	OnX
Burlington Beer Co	Royal Group	Lawson's
BIVO	Union Bank	Zero Gravity
Price Chopper	Ben and Jerry's	Fox
Yeti	Spark Grant	Velocio

We thank all of our volunteers, landowners, donors, and members for their contributions and for your continued support in 2024.

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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Photos from RMT Members