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Thanks to your support, Charlotte's trails continue to provide access to our town's beautiful landscapes, while providing a safe alternative to busy roads. The all-volunteer Trails Committee has been busy this year. Due to this summer's catastrophic flooding, most of our efforts have been concentrated on repairing our existing trails, some of which sustained severe flooding damage. In addition:

- We rebuilt an existing bridge on the Ferry Road mowed trail that had been damaged by heavy rains, and reset it on concrete blocks to anchor above any future flooding. Trails Committee volunteers did much of the work of designing and building the new bridge, and were able to reuse some of the old bridge.
- On the Village Loop Trail, we used leftover material from the Ferry Road bridge to construct a bridge over an often-muddy ditch in the Burns Meadow. In addition, we placed a new bench near the summit of Barber Hill, where walkers can now relax and catch their breath while admiring the view.
- On Pease Mountain, we placed tree identification tags on 22 trees of different species.
- As always, ongoing trail maintenance is a big part of the Trails Committee's work each year. Support from town residents through donations, new easements, and votes for ballot initiatives is necessary and greatly appreciated.

Please consider a donation in any amount to help us continue our progress. In 2025, we will continue our efforts to build a trail that connects Mt. Philo, the village centers, and the town beach, while working to maintain and improve our existing trails. **We thank you and wish you a wonderful, safe, and healthy holiday season!**

**Please mail your donation to:
Charlotte Trails Fund
PO Box 119
Charlotte, VT 05445**