



# Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership



## 2016 CVNHP Conservation & Community Grant

Connecting Communities to Conserved Land Along the Gihon and Lamoille Rivers

### Project Summary

The Vermont River Conservancy (VRC) received a \$5,000 2016 Conservation & Community Grant +to improve access to conserved lands along the Gihon and Lamoille Rivers in Lamoille County, Vermont. Work included the construction of a stone staircase to provide access to a swimming hole on the Gihon River in Johnson, rebuilding a flood-ravaged access to the Lamoille River in Morrisville, and establishing a new river access on public land in Wolcott. In addition, river maps and etiquette guidelines were created and installed at these access points.

The VRC worked with professional trail builders, community volunteers, and other community partners to successfully complete these projects during the summer and fall field season. The Gihon access trail was completed in May 2016. The Wolcott and Elmore River access projects were completed in September 2016. Maps were installed at the sites in December 2016. Seven volunteers contributed a total of 57 hours to this project.

This project highlights a unique set of conserved riparian lands along the Upper Lamoille and provides new opportunities for residents and visitors to visit and appreciate the interconnected waterways of the CVNHP.

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