



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

## 2016 Wellborn Ecology Fund Grants

**Antioch University New England** of Keene received \$5,000 to support a comprehensive evaluation of the impact of “Forest Kindergarten” programs in the Upper Valley.

**Center for Northern Woodlands Education** of Corinth, VT received two grants:

\$25,000 for The Outside Story weekly natural-history essay series; and

\$15,000 to support publication of ‘The Outside Story, Volume II’, a second book compilation of the best essays from the weekly series.

**D Acres Permaculture Farm and Educational Homestead** of Dorchester received \$5,000 to support ecology education at Canaan Elementary School through gardening and composting.

**Forest Kinder** of Randolph Center, VT was awarded \$3,313 to support a professional learning community for educators seeking to improve and expand outdoor play for young students.

**Four Winds Nature Institute** of Chittenden, VT received two grants:

\$4,960 to provide The Nature Program at Maple Ave. School in Claremont through a service-learning initiative with Stevens High School students; and

\$25,000 to continue the Upper Valley Linkages in Environmental Literacy professional-development program for teachers.

**Friends of Mascoma Foundation** received \$3,475 to establish a summer gardening education program in the Mascoma Valley Regional School District.

**Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Site** in Woodstock, VT was awarded two grants:

\$60,300 support the Wellborn Institute, a year-long professional-development program for teachers in NH school districts in the Upper Valley; and

\$7,499 to continue the Forest for Every Classroom ‘Council’ program.

**Saint-Gaudens National Historical Site** in Cornish was granted \$5,000 to create new nature-oriented summer camp for teens, modeled on the successful Mountains & Rivers Forever camp at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park.

**SAU #6 (Claremont/Cornish/Unity School District)** received \$3,000 to continue and expand authentic student environmental research at Stevens High School through projects focused on mercury and invasive species.

**SAU #43 (Newport School District)** was granted \$6,280 to help rebuild a board walk to provide access to the Sugar River for ecology education.

**SAU #60 (Fall Mountain Regional School District)** was awarded \$5,000 to embed place-based ecology education in a ladder curriculum for grades six through eight at Charlestown Middle School.

**SAU #62 (Mascoma Valley Regional School District)** received two separate grants:

- \$3,345 to support field-study days in Canaan Town Forest for grades one through eight; and
- \$2,500 challenge grant to support creation of a plan for development of physical space for hands-on, nature-focused, outdoor learning on the Indian River School campus.

**SAU #88 (Lebanon School District)** was granted \$4,685 to start a new Forest Kindergarten program at Mount Lebanon Elementary School.

**Sharon Elementary School** in Sharon, VT was awarded \$4,000 to develop, build and support a sustainable composting system at the school.

**Soil Carbon Coalition** received \$5,000 to engage Upper Valley teachers and schools in exploring the role of soil in carbon and water cycling through materials and trainings.

**Springfield School District** in Springfield, VT was awarded \$2,320 to provide transportation for students at Union Street School to implement stewardship projects at the new Muckcross State Park.

**Sullivan County** was awarded \$25,000 to match County funds to support a full-time staff person to support placed-based ecology education and natural-resource management.

**The Fells** received \$5,000 to support ecology-education programming at its site in Newbury, NH.

**The Newton School** in South Strafford, VT was awarded a \$2,500 challenge grant to support connecting school curriculum to nearby natural areas and providing professional development for teachers.

**Vermont Institute of Natural Science** in Quechee, VT received \$20,000 to support the Center for Environmental Education's professional-development work in UV schools.

**Vital Communities** of White River Junction, VT was granted \$20,000 to support the Upper Valley Farm to School Network.

**White River Partnership** of South Royalton, VT received \$4,000 to continue the successful Monitoring the White River programs in 10 schools in the White River watershed.