

## 2017 Wellborn Ecology Fund Grants

**Center for Northern Woodlands Education** of Corinth, VT was awarded \$25,000 to provide continued support for The Outside Story, a weekly essay series on natural-history topics.

**Albert Bridge School** of Brownsville, VT received \$3,000 to support the Mountain Exploration project to introduce teachers to the surrounding landscape for curriculum connections.

**Chosen Vale/Enfield Shaker Museum** was awarded \$4,900 to support a summer field-ecology program for middle and high school students.

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

**Forest Kinder** of Randolph Center, VT was awarded \$2,500 to continue a professional learning community for educators seeking to improve and expand outdoor play for young students.

Four Winds Nature Institute of Chittenden, VT was awarded two grants:

- \$22,500 to continue Upper Valley Linkages in Environmental Literacy, a professional-development program for area teachers and educators; and
- \$5,000 to continue several professional learning communities that help earlychildhood educators use nature and the outdoors as a learning environment.

**Linking Lands Alliance** received \$4,443 to create and provide place-focused landscape maps for use in schools to enhance curriculum and help meet Next Generation Science Standards.

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

- \$50,248 to support the Wellborn Institute, a year-long professionaldevelopment program for Upper Valley teachers in New Hampshire schools to help them learn how to incorporate natural and community resources into school curriculum; and
- \$5,000 to continue the Forest for Every Classroom professional-development program in the Upper Valley.

**Mount Lebanon Elementary School** in Lebanon received \$2,899 to expand the existing Forest Kindergarten to include a First Grant Forest Program. (The Forest Kindergarten was featured in the Spring edition of "Here in Hanover" magazine.

**Richards Elementary School** in Newport was awarded \$5,000 to support planning and curriculum connections for a 'family science night' in April 2018.

**SAU #75/Grantham School District** received \$5,000 to support integration of a new outdoor classroom into school curriculum.

**Soil Carbon Coalition** of Enterprise, Oregon and Thetford, VT received \$4,000 to support teaching and curriculum focused on soil ecology.

**Sullivan County** was awarded a grant of \$25,000 to support the Natural Resources Education and Outreach Specialist, who provides support and coordination to area schools on place-based ecology education.

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

**The Newton School** in South Strafford, VT was awarded a \$2,500 grant to support the kindergarten Forest Day curriculum.

**Vermont Institute of Natural Science** of Quechee, VT received \$20,000 for continued delivery of VINS School Programs in the Upper Valley through its Center for Environmental Education.

**Vital Communities** of White River Junction, VT, was awarded \$20,000 to continue farm-to-school programming in the Upper Valley region.

White River Partnership of South Royalton, VT received \$5,000 to continue the Monitoring the White River program in schools in the White River watershed.

The **Wellborn Place-based Ecology Education Hub,** through its fiscal sponsor, Vital Communities, received grants totaling \$80,000 for place-based ecology education coordination in the Upper Valley, including staffing, network analysis, web and communications resources, and the annual Wellborn Leadership Conference.