

2014
UPDATE ON
PROJECTS
AT THE
CHARLOTTE PARK
AND WILDLIFE REFUGE

Raising the Bridge near Turkey Lane



Flooding and
Debris

Bridge Raised

Lewis Excavating
Spring 2014



Bridge Repair
on the Lower Walking Trail

Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary

During two work days, Rotary and community volunteers replaced decks, rails and some posts on the two bridges on Roberts Way. The Rotary paid half the cost of materials and delivered wood to the park, cut and ready to use.





Thank you Rotary!

Photo by Nancy Wood

Overlook



Overlook - December 2010

- Work started in 2010 with volunteer firewood cutters, volunteers, and one person hired with a chainsaw.
- In 2011, James Bell/Envirotrac used his Bobcat with a front mounted brush-hog to cut pure, dense stands of honeysuckle.
- In winter of 2011-12, volunteers continued to work at the site. Church Hill Landscapes was hired to cut trees, and pile and burn brush using a mini-excavator. Cut stumps of honeysuckle and buckthorn were treated with herbicide.
- Later in 2012 more trees were cut to open the view.
- In November of 2012, James Bell cut poplars and other trees on the edge of Turkey Lane Woods to widen the scenic view from Route 7. Volunteer firewood cutters later removed the large pile of wood left from clearing.
- In December 2013 Church Hill Landscapes, volunteers, and work crews from the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility cleared shrubs and trees at the southern edge of the property.
- In October 2014, James Bell brush-hogged all open areas. Volunteers will continue to work to open the view and make the area easy to maintain in the future.



Overlook - October 2014

Agricultural Fields

Four years into the five-year lease with Nordic Holsteins, LLC, all agricultural fields have been converted to hay crop. This use reduces erosion and is more compatible with trail use and maintenance.



This photo shows erosion that occurred eight years ago when a field was used for corn.

Other Work



Fall Work with Corrections Crew



Clearing and Trail Work at Top of Roberts Way



Volunteers!



UVM Students and Community Volunteers at 2013 Work Day

In the past year (November 1, 2013 to November 1, 2014) there were over 314 volunteer hours donated to the Park.

