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Dear RCC,

Many thanks for organizing an educational forum about trails that meet our community conservation goals. Many Richmond residents greatly appreciate addressing considerations to ensure model sustainable trails in the ACF, a key link within the Chittenden County Uplands Conservation Project and as part of The Vermont Conservation Design. Because Vermont Fish and Wildlife has identified the ACF as part of a highest priority forest block in the state to protect biodiversity, climate resiliency and a functional landscape for the future, your efforts are applauded.

As you put together a panel of experts to spotlight building minimum impact trails, please consider a title or theme to highlight conservation such as,
* "Trail Planning to Protect Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity"
* "Conservation Guidelines for Building Minimum Impact Trails in Community Forests."

A few experts who come to mind to speak to this challenge and opportunity include the following:

1) Someone from the UVM research project team of Gynn, Hagen, and Naughton. They have deep knowledge about the ACF. See this link:
<https://infoacf.files.wordpress.com/2022/11/andrews-community-forest-field-naturalist-report-jan.-2019.pdf>

2) Another highly regarded wildlife expert guiding trail development in New Hampshire from NH Fish & Wildlife is Jim Oehler
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PX3old8LRPM>

3) Arrowood Consultants - Allow the public to ask Arrowood questions directly.

One last suggestion is to invite 3 conservation experts to give them adequate time to present for 15- 20 minutes each, followed by 30-45 minutes after their presentations for Q&A and discussion.

Thank you, RCC, for taking my input into account and please share it during your next meeting on 1/10/23.

Gratefully,
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(Richmond Resident)