

Richmond Conservation Reserve Fund Application

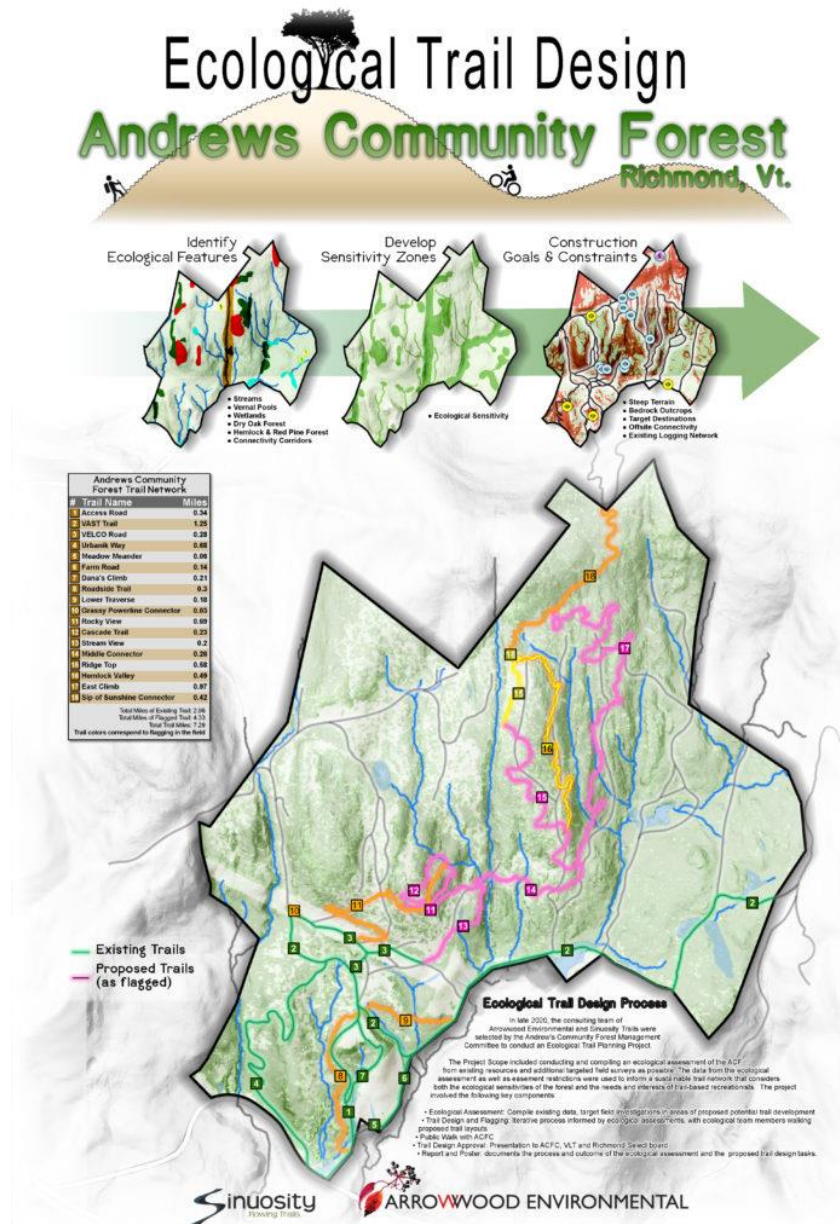
Applicant: Andrews Town Forest Committee

Date Submitted: July 13th, 2022

Project Name: Ecological Trail Review - Summer Season

Project Description: The Andrews Forest Committee would like to have Arrowwood ecological designs perform a fine scale review of the proposed trail network for the town forest. This review would satisfy some community concerns around completing an ecological study in a different season (summer). This trail review would be performed this August/Septemeber. The fine scale review would include looking at a 50 ft. buffer on both sides of the proposed trail. The AFC is asking for an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for this analysis.

Table 1. Map of proposed trails (please note that due to public input, the Ridgetop trail #15 has been eliminated)



Project Significance/Relation to Criteria: This particular proposed trail in Richmond will be used by many community members. This ecological review is an important part of the process to have sustainable recreational trails in town forest. The Andrews Forest Committee has had input from some of the public about having a review during multiple seasons to make sure that we capture any rare species or protected plants. As the committee moves forward with getting multi-use trails in the town forest, we want to make sure that these trails will be sustainable for many years and having this 2nd review of the trails during the summer season is an important part of this process.

In accordance with the Richmond Conservation Reserve Fund Policy, we feel this project meets the following specific Purposes in accordance with Section II that all within the allowance for use of such funds:

ξ Establish and maintain recreational trails

ξ Provide settings where children can learn directly about the environment and local history ξ

Maintain Richmonds quality of life and beautiful scenery

We also feel that this project meets the following specific Criteria in Section III, A and B, and Section IV:

II, A. General Criteria:

T Will yield a clear, sustainable benefit to Richmond residents in the form of improving recreation

T Will protect, enhance and provide public access to a natural resource or recreation area **II,**

B. Natural Resources Protection Criteria:

T Preserves stream quality

T Supports low or no cost outdoor recreational activities, such as hiking, skiing, swimming, canoeing

IV. Other Uses:

T Recreation trail development and maintenance on conserved lands and Town-owned lands or right-of-ways

Project Schedule: Arrowwood Environmental will perform this finescale review in late August/early September.

Project Partners: Arrowwood Environmental

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Financial Information: The cost of this trail review will not exceed \$3,500. The AFC is asking for an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for this analysis.