**UVLT’s Mission….**

...to help the Upper Valley remain a place with plentiful and diverse open space, vibrant natural areas, a healthy rural character; and a place where residents feel a personal connection to and sense of stewardship for the land as an essential aspect of community life; a place they can call home...

**5 Strategic Focus Areas….**

- Farmland that feeds us
- Clean water and resilient floodplains
- Forests for habitat, connectivity, & a resilient working landscape
- Places for people to learn and play
- Community landmarks & open space
My Connection to Climate Change ....

A noticeable decrease in snow available for Nordic skiing in the Upper Valley

11 of the past 15 Dartmouth Winter Carnivals have been relocated to northern VT

In the last 25 years, most of the Carnival sculptures have required manmade snow Feb - 2014

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Adaptation and Land Conservation . . .

**Agricultural lands -**
- Actively protecting farms and farm soils
- Conserving farmland along waterways
- Requiring the use of riparian buffers in conservation easements
- *What we see on the ground* — changes in technology to account for erratic temperatures and precipitation -- irrigation, cover crops, no-till equipment, rotational grazing, high tunnels

**Forest Habitat -**
- Incorporating climate science into land and conservation easement acquisition
- Pursuing new funding opportunities to protect resilient lands
- *What we see on the ground* — forest management for more diverse and resilient ecosystems with multi-aged forests and intensive invasive species management
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