

NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

Fostering stewardship of human and natural communities.

2007 Annual Report

In 2007 NorthWoods completed its 17th year of providing educational, recreational, science, land management and conservation services to Northeast Kingdom communities. In reality our organizational footprint extends much farther. Our programs take place on site but they also take place in five New England states. Our portfolio of programs covers **education, recreation, conservation science, conservation service and land management**. A sampling of 2007 accomplishments within the five areas follows:

Conservation Service Program:

- 40 local youth provided hands on education and employment
- Paid a total of \$54,486 in direct wages to local youth
- Vegetated 20.7 acres of Riparian Buffer planting over 5,000 trees and shrubs
- Completed 47 distinct conservation and trail projects in 5 states.
- Completed 1512 hours of conservation and employment training and 9696 hours of conservation work in 2007
- NorthWoods Conservation Corps Crews working “on the ground and in the field” 8 months of 2007

Conservation Science Program:

- Continued ecological monitoring on 3,000 acre study site. Installed new web-tied weather station and web cam and served as winter weather severity data collection site for VT Dept of Fish & Wildlife.
- Completed Stream Geomorphic Assessment field work on 21 miles of the Barton River and 5 miles of the Clyde River
- Studied and mapped Glossy Buckthorn infestations in the St. Johnsbury Town Forest
- Continued stream temperature monitoring in the Nulhegan Basin and Upper Clyde Watershed
- Mentored and taught field biology students during a 10-day Teen Research Camp; led several field days with Sterling College and Lyndon State College
- Presented results of water quality and exotic plant work at Sterling College, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Memphremagog Watershed Council meetings.

- Held a 3-part series of programs addressing climate change and one program addressing the impacts of noise on wildlife
- Led 10 naturalist hikes were led with topics including mammal tracking, a stream walk, and tree, bird, wildflower, and salamander identification

Land Management Program:

- Assisted 9 landowners with forest management planning, including Current Use plans and maps
- Helped to enroll a 400-acre Charleston/Westmore dairy farm protecting the scenic and productive landscape from fragmentation and development
- Presented at regional town forest and Forest Guild conferences, served on Current Use revision working group
- Conducted a variety of forest management workshops for landowners, including 3-day Positive Impact Forestry course with professor, author, and UVM Extension forester Thom McEvoy
- Continued demonstration forestry work in NorthWoods' pine plantation – enhancing ecological values while thinning forest

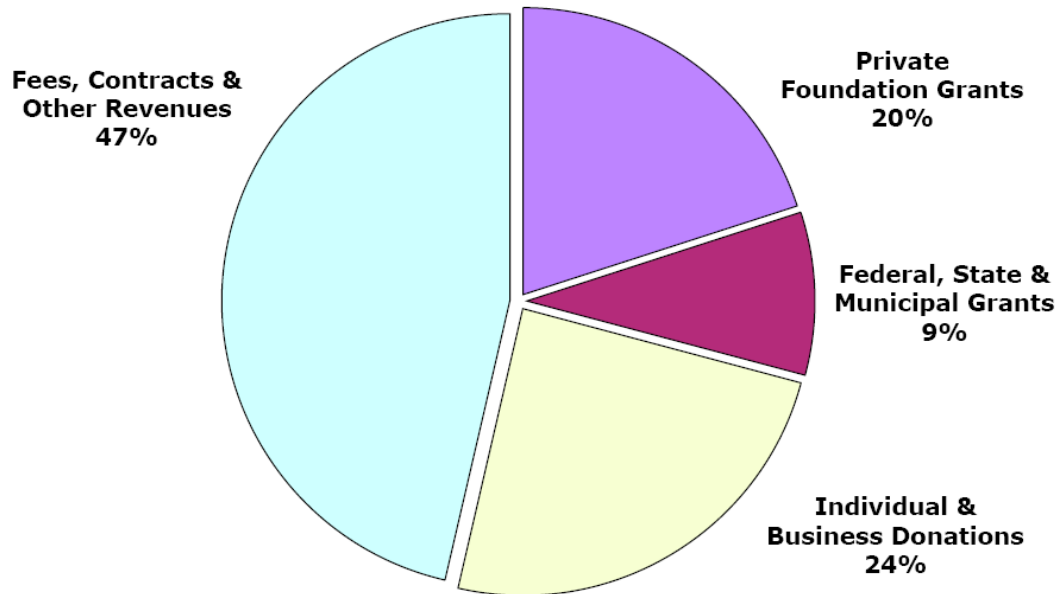
Education Programs:

- Nearly 3,000 students participated in NorthWoods school programs on-site as well as in dozens of schools throughout the region
- Outreach programs covering topics ranging from global warming to winter tracking provided unique learning opportunities
- We kicked off the Power for Change initiative by beginning a facility-wide energy audit and offering several sustainable living public workshops with themes including straw bale building, and energy efficiency in the home through the support of the Canaday Foundation.

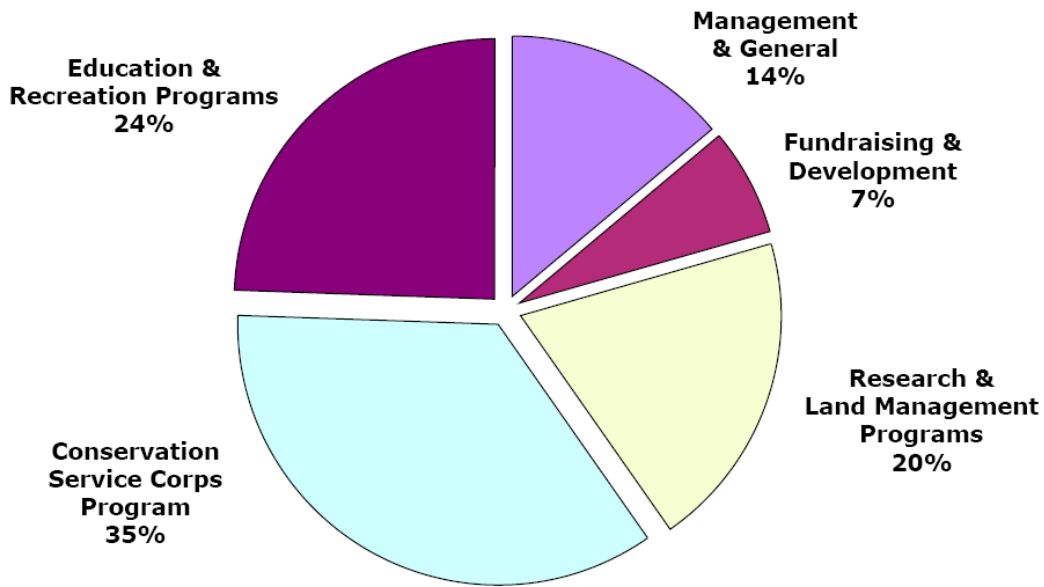
Recreation Programs:

- NorthWoods publishes *Clyde River Paddling and Fishing Guide* in partnership with Great Bay Hydro.
- Received partial funding towards development of a trails guide to the Northeast Kingdom.
- Collaborated with Green Mountain Club on their trail map covering the Northeast Kingdom

2007 Operating Income: \$610,000



2007 Operating Expenses: \$635,897



Programs=79% of Expenses; Development=7%; Administration and General=14%

Other Accomplishments:

The long NorthWoods tradition of providing diverse conservation and education services for communities of the Northeast Kingdom (and beyond) continued in full force in 2007. These ongoing accomplishments are in part a direct measure of the passion and dedication of our staff and board, but they also reflect the invaluable support of many individuals, businesses, and foundations. To all who helped to make our work possible in 2007, we give our deepest thanks. We look forward to continuing this work hope that you will be a part of it.

To learn more about the NorthWoods Stewardship Center or to provide feedback on our programs, please contact our Executive Director Walter Medwid (723-6551 x116 or wmedwid@northwoodscenter.org).