

# NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

*Connecting human and natural communities through education and action.*

*Below are examples of the positive impacts that your support helps to make possible.*

## 2009 Achievements:

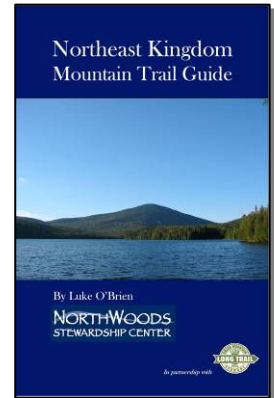
- Completed our largest Conservation Corps program ever- hiring nearly 80 seasonal employees in a region with the highest unemployment in the state. Completed over 20,000 hours of priority conservation work including planting 10,000 saplings as riparian buffers and building and repairing miles of trails.
- Removed over 2 tons of invasive water chestnut from the Connecticut River watershed and purple loosestrife from the upper Clyde River watershed, protecting extensive rare wetland natural communities downstream.
- Engaged nearly 2,000 students from 26 area schools in hands-on learning about alternative energy solutions, our region's valuable ecosystems, and how to work better as team members.
- Assisted 14 landowners in better understanding and managing their properties – through site visits, the creation of forest management plans, invasive plant removal, and low-impact timber harvest management.
- Provided 89 adult workshops ranging from micro-hydro power to moonlight paddles to moose shed meets.
- Inventoried 52 miles of the Black and Nulhegan River corridors to help prioritize future water quality improvement projects.
- Surveyed small mammal and bat populations throughout Vermont, increasing understanding of the status and habitat needs of 21 species of greatest conservation need.
- Coordinated or provided support to several regional projects focusing on the long-term conservation of at-risk bird and amphibian populations.
- Began drafting long-term management plan for recently donated 1,350 acre parcel to support ecological, public recreation, educational, research, and sustainable timber management goals.



**See our 2010 Goals on the back...**

## A Sample of NorthWoods Plans for 2010:

- ◆ Continue to offer our most successful trademark programs including; the NorthWoods Conservation Corps with over 80 seasonal jobs, a range of summer camp and school program offerings, and diverse adult workshops.
- ◆ ***NEW*** - Publish *Northeast Kingdom Mountain Trail Guide*, which includes many trails created and maintained over the past two decades by our own NorthWoods Conservation Corps.
- ◆ ***NEW*** - Continue statewide small mammal project, producing on-line resources with maps and natural history information about these species of highest conservation need.
- ◆ Complete additional stream corridor assessments along tributaries of the Black River and Leach Stream in Canaan.
- ◆ ***NEW*** - Publish 200-page *Power for Change – Energy Curriculum*, packed with hands-on activities and information for learning about energy conservation and alternative energy sources.
- ◆ Continue the conversion to renewable energy sources at our education facility through permitting for a micro-hydropower installation and heat storage tanks for our wood heating system.
- ◆ ***NEW*** - Complete long term management plan for 1,500 acre NorthWoods demonstration forest and create several interpretive trails and trail access areas on the site.
- ◆ ***NEW*** - Collaborate with the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District to implement Trees for Streams – a riparian buffer restoration program for landowners.
- ◆ Complete improvements to our popular ropes course and group initiative events.



*Many hands make light work – thanks for lending yours!*