



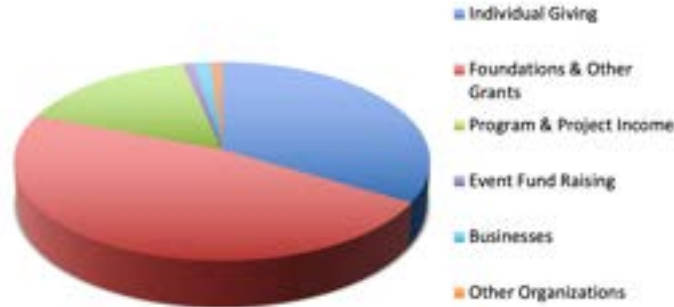
Jenevra Wetmore, they/them
Executive Director of Sustainable Woodstock

Sustainable Woodstock (SW)

Sustainable Woodstock is a nonprofit founded in 2009. We have two full-time staff– our Executive Director and Program Coordinator– as well as a part time Community Garden Coordinator.

Our SWEAT Group (Energy Action and Transportation Group) acts as the town's energy committee. Woodstock Town has no formal energy committee.

Funding:



Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC)

In March 2020, six towns in the TRORC region agreed to share the funding for an energy coordinator to achieve energy efficiency savings and lower greenhouse gas emission. Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission agreed to manage the energy coordinator/IREC.

Sustainable Woodstock is Town of Woodstock's IREC representative on IREC committee

IREC towns: Fairlee, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford, Norwich and Woodstock



Woodstock IREC Accomplishments

- Work on municipal buildings (heat pumps, weatherization) predicted to reduce annual town emissions by 12.5%
- Electric School buses: IREC facilitated grants for the purchase of four all-electric school buses, paid for by a \$1.6 million EPA's Clean School Bus Program grant
- Created a regional climate action plan
- IREC is managing the MERP grant process for Woodstock



Sustainable Woodstock's Low-Income Initiatives

*Achieving a just transition means centering those
most affected by climate change*

Window Dressers

SW completed its first Window Dressers build for the Woodstock area in fall 2022, creating 235 interior window inserts for income-sensitive households. This year we built 245.



All inserts were provided to low-income residents free of charge.



We Provide Energy Grants

We have raised \$98,800 to date, which Sustainable Woodstock is administering to local low-income households in the form of grants for energy audits, weatherization and household energy upgrades, such as heat pumps and heat pump hot water heaters. With Efficiency Vermont Incentives, projects are low or no cost.



Flood Relief

At Riverside Mobile Home Park



**Volunteers
removing mobile
home skirting and
flooded debris at
Riverside Mobile
Home Park after
the flood in July.**





We have raised \$70,195.54 for repairs on 12 flooded mobile homes in the park, replacing damaged skirting with new *insulated* skirting.

Many thanks to our funders:

- Vermont Community Foundation
- The HUB
- UV Strong



Food Security

Sustenance as the root of sustainability





Community Gardens

Over 100 lbs of garden produce has been delivered to the Woodstock Community Food Shelf and Haven this year so far!

Produce is grown at our Billings Community Garden by Community Garden Coordinator Amy Wheeler.





The GROW YOUR OWN GARDEN project has enabled and empowered some 600 people of all ages to establish new gardens and grow their own nutritious vegetables and herbs.

Each free kit includes a complete set of quality seeds, seedlings and a beginner's book on organic gardening.



Education



8 Years of Green Drinks

The pictured events were part of our three-part Gardening for Nature series hosted this summer; attended by over 100 people.



Above: Minimal disturbance no till workshop with Cat Buxton

Left: Wild Gardens workshop with Alicia Houk, hosted at the home of Jeannie and Steve Lindheim

5 Years of Climate Change & Sustainability Film Series

Co-hosted with Pentangle Arts. With attendance of over 7,500 people from the Upper Valley and beyond, including online viewers from Europe to New Zealand! Inspiring viewers to act on critical environmental and social issues, with generous support from underwriters Mascoma Bank & Vermont Community Foundation, and sponsors Mark D. Knott DDS, Ellaway Property Services, Unicorn and Yankee Bookshop.

2024 UPPER VALLEY CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY FILM SERIES



JANUARY- JUNE 2024 —Virtual & Live film screenings

	<p>RADIOACTIVE January 24-26, 2024, virtual screening All the crisscrossing of an environmental professor turned social journalist, the New England "Greenwire" media, a few women, legal trials and a reporter, race all must-see stories and topics. Deepen your grasp of environmental science and social justice through this award-winning, and will most definitely about the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident, the world's largest nuclear reactor meltdown at A.C.S. Station.</p>		<p>RIVER February 13, 2024, live screening An exploration of the intricate relationship between human civilization and Earth's rivers. Spanning six continents, the visual and musical tour-de-force is by former underwriters, teachers, and ultimately hopeful that we are beginning to understand rivers in all their complexity and beauty. Co-hosted with the Middlesex Regional Watershed Conservation District.</p>
	<p>REGENERATING LIFE March 27-29, 2024, virtual screening How to lead the planet, feed the world, and live happily ever after. Regenerating Life takes an ecological approach by unpacking the science and environmental ethics that underpin us, offering the promising climate change story and offering new, alternative solutions.</p>		<p>INUNDATION DISTRICT April 1, 2024, 6:30 PM virtual screening followed by Live Q&A with author/publisher Director David Abel In a time of rising seas and intensifying storms, one of the world's wealthiest, most advanced cities made a fateful decision to spend billions of dollars predicting a new district. The Boston Seaport, being discussed on land, and at sea.</p>
	<p>END OF THE LINE The Women of Standing Rock May 24-26, 2024, virtual screening A group of indigenous women risk their lives to stop the Dakota Access oil pipeline construction that threatens their sacred lands and people, water, and traditional life, land, water, and spirituality. In the process, they must face the personal costs of standing, even as their own lives and identities are transformed by one of the great political and cultural events of the new 21st century.</p>		<p>DEEP RISING June 19-21, 2024, virtual screening Executive produced and narrated by Jason Morone, Deep Rising illuminates the vital relationship between the deep ocean and sustaining life on Earth. The documentary also follows rising starship The Planet Centauri, an innovative funding, public issue, and permission from the International Seabed Authority to mine with respect of the Pacific Ocean floor.</p>

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Help your neighbors stay warm this winter

By Jennifer Matthews
Community Columnist

The University of Vermont's Energy Efficiency Center is offering a free energy audit to help homeowners identify energy-saving opportunities. The audit is a free service provided by trained energy auditors who will assess your home's energy efficiency and provide recommendations for improvements. The audit is available to all Vermont residents, regardless of income level. The audit is a free service provided by trained energy auditors who will assess your home's energy efficiency and provide recommendations for improvements. The audit is available to all Vermont residents, regardless of income level.



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A homeowner installing a Mountain Air Woods smart thermostat to help reduce energy costs.

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Goldenrod: it's a useful wildflower

By Deborah J. Rowell
Community Columnist

Goldenrod is a common wildflower in Vermont. It is a member of the Asteraceae family and is known for its bright yellow flowers. Goldenrod is a useful wildflower because it is a good source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. It is also a good source of food for many insects, including butterflies. Goldenrod is a hardy plant that can grow in a variety of soil conditions. It is a common sight in meadows, fields, and along roadsides.



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Spring Brook Farm

OPEN HOUSE

A free family event!
Saturday, October 7
10-3 | Rain or Shine

Hogwarts Pottery
B&B Pottery
Meet the children
Join in Fun!
EAT-UP! (at 11:30)
Clubhouse (at 12:00)
School House

Local Action



Designing a Net-Zero Energy Woodstock Union High School and Middle School



Serving on the Sustainability Committee, SW is helping to lead the way toward designing and constructing highly efficient energy systems in order to make the new Woodstock Union High School & Middle School the first Net-Zero school in Vermont.

Electric Lawn Care

- Received a grant to publish electric lawn care pamphlets and send mailing to residents
- Brought the Upper Valley's only electric lawn care service to Woodstock
- Hosted two electric lawn care demos with IREC





Annual Recycling Day

SW has collected, shredded and recycled 2.5 tons of paper and collected 5.5 tons of used electrics.

Hosted in partnership with the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District, Good Point Recycling and Woodstock Union High School and Middle School.





Thank you!