



VISION

A resilient and connected ecosystem across the entire Northern Forest that is supported through permanent protection, sustainable stewardship, and engaged local communities.

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Our mission is to maintain ecosystem integrity, biological diversity, and forest resiliency throughout the Cold Hollow to Canada region, with a focus on community-led stewardship and the conservation of our working landscape in the face of a changing climate.

PILLARS

The three pillars to the right exemplify our core work – they are the main methods we employ to achieve our mission of ecosystem integrity and forest resiliency.



SUSTAINABLE STEWARDSHIP

Stewarding forests at a landscape-scale based on ecosystem integrity, biological diversity, and climate resiliency, while supporting a strong and sustainable rural economy

OUR GOAL: Through the replication of CHC's Woodlots Program across the Northern Forest, individual landowners manage their forestland for the benefit of the broader forest community and with a focus on climate resiliency

OUR PLANS

- Share Woodlots toolkit to grow peer-to-peer networks across the Northern Forest and beyond
- Organize seasonal Woodlot gatherings on stewardship and management topics
- Collaborate with partners and Woodlot members to achieve shared goals
- Engage Woodlot members through virtual training and webinars
- Connect forest owners to assistance for implementing best stewardship practices
- Highlight exemplary forestry demonstration sites
- Promote partnerships for workforce development in the forestry sector



FORESTLAND CONSERVATION

Permanently protecting contiguous forests to mitigate the climate crisis and maintain connectivity for wildlife habitat and movement

OUR GOAL: A connected landscape that allows for species movement between core habitat blocks, with an additional 23,000 acres of forestland conserved from the time CHC started in 2008 through the end of 2030 (44% complete as of February 2026).

OUR PLANS

- Launch a targeted capital campaign to grow the CHC Conservation Fund
- Engage with landowners annually that are interested in conservation
- Partner with conservation groups to accelerate forestland protection
- Leverage grant funds with partners to complete projects
- Build new partnerships that support community resilience and equitable access to land and nature
- Expand CHC's ability to lead and support community conservation projects
- Keep landscape-scale maps of conservation priorities current
- Complete our 2030 land protection goal



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Equipping local communities with tools to advance forest resiliency and community well-being, in partnership with local and regional conservation organizations

OUR GOAL: Community members work together through a self-directed, grassroots approach to collectively protect the forests of the Cold Hollow to Canada region.

OUR PLANS

- Grow and sustain relationships based on trust, respect, and reciprocity with Indigenous communities throughout the Northern Forest
- Conduct annual outreach to town boards and staff to support conservation efforts
- Help establish conservation commissions in Belvidere, Fletcher, and Waterville
- Organize or co-host community events on conservation topics each year
- Expand and update CHC's wildlife monitoring program
- Recruit, train, and retain volunteers for wildlife monitoring
- Offer workshops annually on wildlife sign and track identification, and effective use of trail cameras