



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.

VISION

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

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 the 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

- Build peer-to-peer networks of land stewards throughout the CHC region
- Host regular convenings on sustainable stewardship practices
- Connect community members with funding sources for forest management
- Connect community members with CHC partner resources that enhance forest resilience
- Develop a toolkit to share the Woodlots Program with other communities
- Share lessons from our Carbon Aggregation Project with communities beyond the CHC region



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 by 2030.

OUR PLANS

- Further identify key connecting landscapes that allow for species movement
- Engage with landowners to build interest in permanent conservation
- Launch a capital campaign to fortify the Cold Hollow Land Conservation Fund
- Partner with conservation organizations to leverage funds and hold easements for the permanent protection of forestland



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Equipping local communities with tools to advance forest resiliency, community well-being, and environmental justice, in partnership with local, regional, and international 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

- Host land-based visioning exercises with Belvidere and Waterville communities
- Support CHC communities in future land use planning and conservation activities
- Host regular community gatherings around conservation topics
- Share stories and news with the greater community
- Build a database for Keeping Track