



**Hubbard Park Expansion Campaign Successful, Fundraising Continues!**  
Montpelier poised to add nearly 80 acres to the Central VT treasure!

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The City of Montpelier is pleased to announce a donation of \$10k from Union Mutual Insurance Company. This donation, along with several other recent donations from individuals, means that the City of Montpelier has achieved their goal to raise the funds needed to grow Hubbard Park by almost 80 acres! They want to thank Union Mutual, as well as the over 200 individual donors who helped them raise the final funds needed. They also want to thank the USFS Community Forest Program for their \$258k grant, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) for their grant of \$147.5k, and the Montpelier Conservation Fund for their grant of \$20k.

Fundraising will continue in order to make improvements to the land. The new goal is to raise \$60k for the following projects:

- Trail Work: \$30k will fund a 9-week summer crew for the Montpelier Youth Conservation Crew to improve/build trails on the new properties.
- Benches: \$500 funds a locally made cedar bench. The new parkland can use lots of these as there are many beautiful overlooks on these properties.
- Kiosks: 3 needed at \$1.5k each.

In order to support the post-purchase aspects of bringing the new parcels into Park management, tax-deductible donations are still requested and appreciated. Aside from donations by check, credit card or stock, the Community Services team presents the following opportunities to support the project:

- DIY Walk/Run Route on the land (a collaboration with Onion River Outdoors, or ORO), for which each participating person triggers a \$100 donation from an anonymous donor (details on [website](#) and [social media](#)).
- Purchase of raffle tickets at ORO now through December 17<sup>th</sup>. Prizes from Patagonia, Marmot, Darn Tough, and Batch Bikes.
- Benefit event at ORO December 17<sup>th</sup>, when the store will donate 5% of their sales to the project.

To learn more about the project and remaining events, or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the project, visit [www.montpelier-vt.org/parkexpansion](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/parkexpansion) or contact Parks Director, Alec Ellsworth at (802) 585-7673 or [aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org).