



Winooski Valley Park District

Ethan Allen Homestead
Burlington, Vermont 05408



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Visit the WVPD's Parks:

*Colchester Pond
Natural Area*

Delta Park

*Derway Island
Nature Preserve*

Donohue Sea Caves

Essex Overlook Park

Ethan Allen Homestead

Heineberg Wetlands

Macrae Farm Park

Mayes Landing

Muddy Brook Park

*Muddy Brook
Wetland Reserve*

Old Mill Park

Riverwalk Trail

Salmon Hole Park

Winooski Gorge

*Wolcott Family
Natural Area*

Woodside Park

Valley Ridge

Rick McGuire, Town Manager
Williston Town Offices
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Williston, VT 054095

10/26/18

Dear Mr. McGuire,

Thank you very much for the town's support of the Winooski Valley Park District's operations this year. Williston's contribution helps to support 18 natural areas and over 25 miles of trails. As you may know, most of the WVPD's operating budget comes from its seven municipal members in the form of dues, based on each member community's relative population and the equalized property tax grand list.

WVPD is requesting a total of \$34,243 for FY 2020 from Williston. After two years of identical requests, we have increased our overall budget by 6.5% and our municipal requests by 4.8%. We continue to grow income streams from leasing, programs, and fee-for-service work.

WVPD will continue to seek and increase new revenues that reduce the reliance on municipal shares for operations. We work as hard as possible to multiply the dollars that Williston provides by motivating volunteers to help steward the parks, soliciting donations, and by writing grants. WVPD also expands its services to the community through partnerships with community organizations including the Vermont Community Garden Network, the Association of Africans Living in Vermont, the Visiting Nurses Association, and the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum.

Our proposed operating budget (attached) includes notes to explain the rationale and assumptions behind different line items. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support. The WVPD would not exist without its member municipalities!

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Warner
Executive Director
Cc: John Nittler