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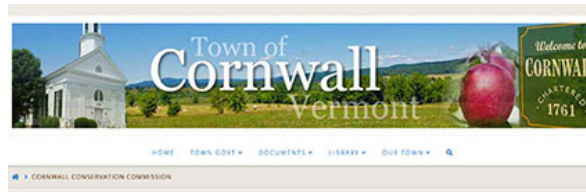
- a great community of 1200 people and 28.5 square miles
- 11 miles of paved and 21 miles of dirt roads
- outstanding natural resources and scenic beauty, including the Lemon Fair River, Beaver Brook, the Limestone Ledges, Dr. Bingham's Woods, and Cornwall Swamp, along with farms, fields, woods and wetlands.
- a town hall built in 1882, recently renovated in 2016 with high energy efficiency.
- a Congregational Church, built in 1803.
- two fire stations, a library, the DAR House, Bingham School, numerous town organizations, music, dancing and Green-Up Day.



**Cornwall residents enjoy** hiking, skiing, walking, kayaking, biking, hunting, snowshoeing, fishing and snowmobiling in and among our beautiful hills, forests, meadows, streams and fields.

We hope that you'll get involved to help our town and its environment remain vibrant and resilient.

The Cornwall Conservation Commission created this brochure for residents interested in enhancing, enjoying and protecting their land and community.



For further information, visit [cornwallvt.com/cornwall-conservation-commission](http://cornwallvt.com/cornwall-conservation-commission)

# CELEBRATING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

— *A Guide for Residents* —



## Cornwall Conservation Commission

Cornwall, VT



# You can help...

**Prevent Forest Fragmentation.** New driveways, homes and roads break up the forest into smaller pieces. This disrupts natural wildlife corridors and creates more “edge” into which invasive species and pests can spread. The impact of a new house can extend for up to 30 acres into the surrounding forest! Locating a new home near existing infrastructure will reduce forest fragmentation.

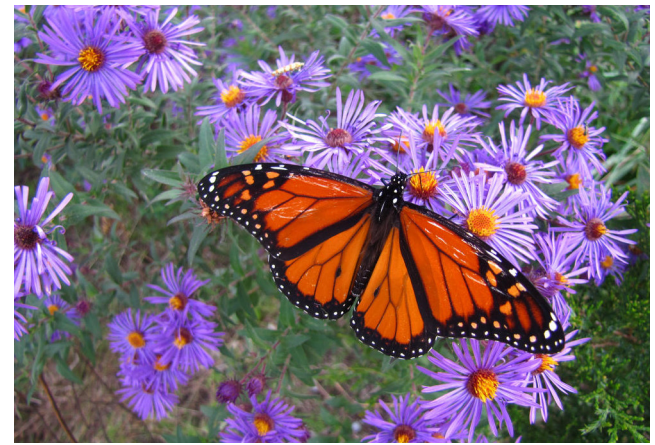
**Use native plants** around your house rather than exotic species. Native plants are part of cooperative communities of plants, animals and insects that rely on one another for survival and to compete against invasive species. Create a pollinator garden and/or enhance wet areas with native plants.

**Find/remove Invasive Species** like wild parsnip, buckthorn, purple loosestrife and shrub honeysuckle. These plants can dominate a habitat and threaten other species that depend on native plants.

**Help prevent flooding and erosion** by keeping trees and shrubs along streams, driveways and roads and using Best Management Practices for forestry and agriculture. This will help protect our land and community from the more severe and frequent storms caused by climate change.

**Don't post your land if possible.** Few Cornwall properties are posted against hunting and walking. Most users are responsible and respectful of houses in the areas they like to cross.

**Enroll your property in Vermont's Use Value Appraisal (Current Use) Program.** Eligible private lands of at least 25 acres with long-term forest or conservation management plans are appraised based on use value rather than on residential or commercial development value.



## And...

- Use “**Leave No Trace**” principles.
- **Be a responsible hunter, angler, hiker** – know whose land you are crossing and ask for permission. Respect Posted signs.
- Participate in **invasive plant species control** opportunities.
- **Take part** in Conservation Commission activities - check our display in the Town Office or on [cornwallvt.com](http://cornwallvt.com).
- **Remove bird feeders** between April 1 and Nov.1; clean grills promptly; don't store trash, food or pet food where it may tempt bears. Don't approach bears; make loud noises to scare them away.
- **Maintain buffers** from sensitive features by limiting clearing or building near sensitive habitats like rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands. Consider a buffer of at least 100'. 300' would be even better.
- **Obtain a permit** prior to any open burning. Call Larry Clarke, Fire Warden at 462-2505.