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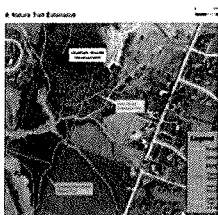
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New trail

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The recently completed Allen Brook Extension Trail runs from the Allen Brook Nature Trail to the Chatham Woods development.

Williston walkers have a new trail to enjoy.

The half-mile Allen Brook Extension Trail was completed last month by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, which used funding from the Vermont Agency of Transportation and Williston for the work.

The primitive walking path connects the Chatham Woods development to the existing Allen Brook Nature Trail located behind Williston Central School.

“This small yet critical link will connect numerous existing and proposed residential developments (Pleasant Acres, Chatham Woods, etc.) to the Williston Central School and existing Bike Path,” reads an application for the project, filled out by Town Planner Jessica Andreoletti.

The application further describes the land as “relatively flat terrain ... mostly wooded with wetlands surrounding several small tributaries.”

Andreoletti said the path took about a week to complete, and includes two 16-foot-long pedestrian bridges.

Most of the funding for the project came through the Vermont Agency of Transportation’s Transportation Enhancement grant program. Kevin Russell, Transportation Enhancements coordinator, told the Observer that the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps accepts applications from municipalities and nonprofit organizations; the Transportation Enhancements coordinator then reviews those applications for eligibility. If approved, the VYCC oversees the project.

“The projects funded by the (Transportation Enhancements) program are important investments in Vermont’s communities that pay back financial dividends as well as improving the quality of life for Vermonters,” Russell wrote in an e-mail to the Observer.

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