Fiscal Year 2011

Assets

- Cash ................................................................. $69,676
- Other .............................................................. $74,673
- Total Current Assets ........................................ $144,349
- Investments ....................................................... $1,537,384
- Property and Equipment ..................................... $326,065
- Total Non-Current Assets .................................... $1,863,449
- TOTAL ASSETS .................................................. $2,007,798

Liabilities & Net Assets

- Current Liabilities .............................................. $57,071
- Non-Current Liabilities ........................................ $0
- Total Liabilities .................................................. $57,071
- Net Assets, Unrestricted ...................................... $1,320,201
- Net Assets, Temporarily Restricted ..................... $633,789
- Total Net Assets ................................................ $1,953,990
- TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS ..................... $2,011,061

Excerpted from the reviewed financial report for the period ending June 30, 2011. The full reviewed financial report for the Vermont Natural Resources Council is available upon request.
2011 Highlights

VNRC Leadership Transition
After 14 years of service as VNRC’s Executive Director, Elizabeth Courtney changed her status in the organization in September 2011. She is now the director of the Legacy Project, which will culminate with VNRC’s 50th anniversary on September 22, 2012. Brian Shupe, VNRC’s former Deputy Director and Sustainable Communities Program Director is now VNRC’s Executive Director, leading the organization into the next 50 years.

VNRC Merges with Smart Growth Vermont
VNRC and Smart Growth Vermont (SGV) announced the merger of the two closely-aligned organizations. VNRC’s Sustainable Communities Program now houses SGV and works to promote development patterns that reinforce Vermont’s tradition of compact villages surrounded by open countryside and working farms and forests.

Energy Planning Guidebook and Case Studies Published
VNRC released the Energy Planning & Implementation Guidebook for Vermont Communities – and a companion publication with case studies describing dozens of innovative local energy projects – to help communities comprehensively and systematically create a clean energy future.

Keeping Forests for the Future: Planning a Legacy for Your Woodlands Summit
VNRC and Vermont Coverts brought together over 100 Vermont landowners to learn about the tools available for keeping woodlands intact over multiple generations.

Two Informative Wildlife and Land Use Reports Published
VNRC published two reports containing extensive research to guide development in Vermont. Informing Land Use Planning and Forestland Conservation Through Subdivision and Parcelization Trend Information documents fragmentation trends statewide. It creates an online data base for tracking fragmentation at the municipal level, and includes case studies that examine subdivision trends in eight communities relative to local land use and zoning policies. A Decade of Progress: Wildlife Considerations in Local Planning, evaluates how municipal plans are addressing a range of wildlife conservation issues and whether those plans are being implemented through local land use regulations.

Working at the Community Level
VNRC worked with over a dozen communities on a range of energy, land use and resource protection issues. This included helping: the Williston Conservation Commission draft a Wildlife Habitat Overlay District; the Ludlow Planning Commission on energy planning; communities in the “Cold Hollow to Canada” region of the northern Green Mountains on a range of conservation tools; citizens and local officials in the Mad River Watershed on the Forests, Wildlife & Communities program; and dozens of local energy committees on developing strategies for improving energy efficiency and promoting community-scale renewable energy generation.

VNRC Sees Success in Vermont Legislature, Including:

- **Complete Streets**: VNRC and AARPVT led the effort to make better and more extensive sidewalks, bike lanes, and public transit options increasingly available to Vermonter.

- **Wildlife as a Public Trust Legislation**: Gov. Shumlin signed H.91, a bill that clarifies that Vermont's wildlife is a “public trust” resource.

- **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)**: In partnership with VEIC and others, VNRC pushed for technical changes to overcome barriers to the PACE program erected by federal mortgage insurance agencies, and to authorize VEIC to serve as a statewide aggregator to help communities pool together to implement this important tool.

- **Protection for Vermont’s Waterways**: A victory for VNRC’s Water Program and the clean up of Lake Champlain, the “Fertilizer Law” restricts the use of phosphorous-containing fertilizer on lawns.
VNRC Gives Thanks to Departing Board Members

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VNRC Awards Environmental Leaders

Bill Bartlett has dedicated his entire professional life to protecting Vermont’s natural resources. Bill tirelessly worked for decades to protect Vermont’s precious streams, rivers, lakes and ponds as the long time Executive Officer of the Vermont Water Resources Board. Bill can be found in the halls and committee rooms of the Legislature and meetings of Vermont policy boards continuing the never ending fight for clean water.

Susan Bartlett has consistently used her considerable talents as the Senator from Lamoille County to advocate for environmental protection. She has ensured that Vermont’s landmark environmental laws, such as Act 250, are not weakened and has championed new environmental protection laws, like Vermont’s growth center program and groundwater public trust legislation.

Bill Bartlett, Elizabeth Courtney and Susan Bartlett
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