



The success of VAST for nearly 50 years is attributable to the tireless efforts of its volunteer members who work year round building bridges, fund raising, improving and maintaining trails, all in an effort to enjoy the sport we love. VAST's success can also be attributed to its long standing relationships with its landowners. We are very thankful for the privilege of maintaining snowmobile trails across these private lands, which is something we take very seriously and make every effort to protect.

As you know, Vermont's landscape is changing. Today more and more land is being subdivided into smaller parcels; increasing dramatically the number of Landowners VAST must deal with in order to maintain continuity in our trail system. In some instances this fragmentation causes trail closures which either force expensive re-routing or the loss of entire sections of trail.

In response to this changing environment within Vermont, VAST has formed the *Vermont Snow Trails Conservancy / Charitable Trust*

The Mission of the Conservancy/Trust is:

- Protect and preserve lands for snowmobile trails.
- To develop partnerships with landowners, communities and organizations to protect and preserve snowmobile trails for winter recreation.
- To form partnerships with other Conservancies and Trusts to protect and preserve snowmobile trails.
- To raise awareness of the need to preserve snowmobile trails and to generate support through education, information and fundraising.
- Enhance and promote snowmobiling through trail preservation.

One of the most important functions of the VSTCCT is to secure permanent easements from landowners who want to preserve the sport of snowmobiling. This can be accomplished either by landowners granting easements as a tax deductible donations or thru purchase.

We hope you will take the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the VSTCCT, becoming involved with us in fund raising and helping us identify opportunities that foster our goal of preserving snowmobiling for future generations.

**The Vermont Snow Trails Conservancy (VSTC) is a non-profit charitable trust (501-c-3) organization governed by volunteer trustees.**

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