

Annual Report



The Jericho Underhill Land Trust (JULT) is pleased to present its second annual report to our members, friends and neighbors. 2009 marked ten years since JULT purchased the Mills property for a community park. Mills Riverside Park has since become an important natural asset for year round recreation, important wildlife habitat and scenic beauty. JULT celebrated the park's 10th birthday with cake for all during a popular summer concert on August 4th. A small tabletop display nestled among cedar trees helped to give visibility to the Jericho Underhill Land Trust and the importance of land conservation. Our extremely committed board members stood ready to answer

any questions and enjoy the beautiful evening. Children danced to the music, families picnicked on blankets; the community celebrated the best of summer on land that is permanently conserved and will always offer this beautiful natural setting for enjoyment and appreciation. Without strong community support back in 1999, the story of the Mills property would have been different. The magnificent view of Mt. Mansfield from Rt. 15, which we all treasure, would have become a sea of roof tops with private backyards. Every year, JULT is working hard to preserve the special natural places that identify Jericho and Underhill as home. We could not be successful without your generous membership support and project donations.

In 2009, JULT focused our fundraising efforts on securing the \$66,000 necessary to purchase the "Gateway" property. This wild and diverse land of 123 acres was essential for providing an added buffer from development to the 279 acre Wolfrun Natural Area. Owning the Gateway land also allows us to improve public access to Wolfrun and links over 2000 acres of publicly and privately owned conserved land in Bolton, Richmond and Jericho. This purchase would not have been possible without dedicated membership support, private donations and a grant of \$369,000 from the Forest Legacy program for the Chittenden County Uplands. Our expenses this year have been high because this new land required a forest management plan, since it was not enrolled in state current use, so taxes have been high as well. Now that we are the proud owners of this parcel, we hope to be enrolled in current use before the next round of taxes are due.

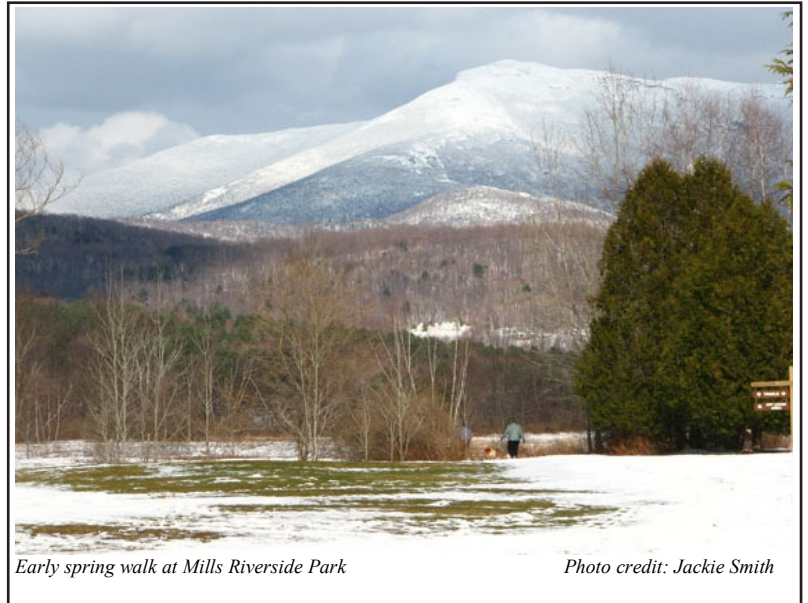
Following the purchase of the Gateway land in August, JULT joined the Vermont Land Trust in a local effort to conserve 148 agricultural acres of the historic Barber Farm in Jericho. We received important letters of support from the Jericho Conservation Commission, Planning Commission and Selectboard to supplement the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board grant application. JULT sought \$13,000 from the town's Open Space reserve fund which ultimately was approved at Town Meeting Day. Successful local fundraising soon followed and we look forward to celebrating Barber Farm's conservation in 2010.

Jericho Underhill Land Trust is an all-volunteer organization that is run by a board of directors. We are very fortunate to have an extremely committed group who put in numerous hours to accomplish our land conservation mission. I would like to thank all of our board members for their invaluable efforts. I would also like to invite interested citizens to join us by helping with the many tasks that constitute our conservation work...from mailings to trail maintenance. You are also invited to attend our board meetings at the Community Center in Jericho the first Monday of every month. We meet in the back room at 7 p.m. Together; we can help protect our future landscape today.

Thank you,

Livy Strong

Livy Strong



Early spring walk at Mills Riverside Park

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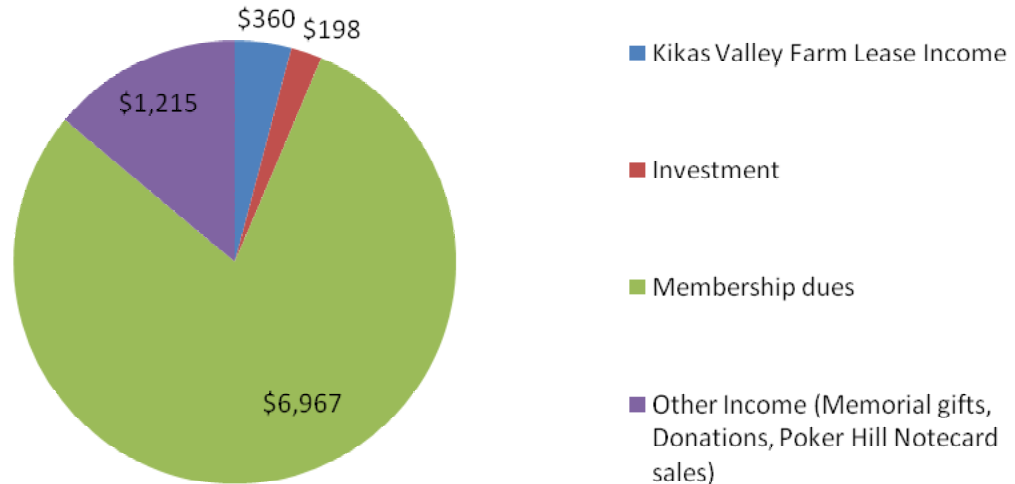
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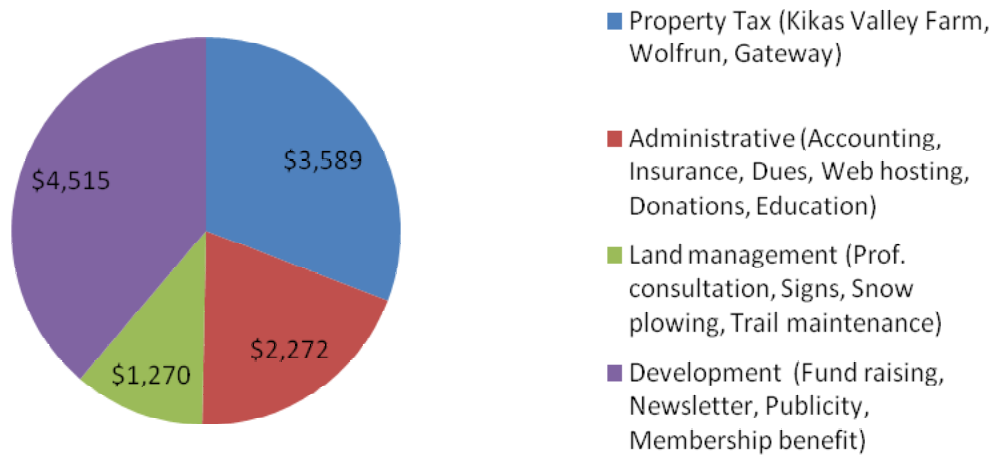
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JULT Operating Revenue 2009



Total Revenue \$8,740

JULT Operating Expenses 2009



Total Expenses \$11,646

Capital Funds

Wolfrun Gateway Donations	\$30,976
JULT Capital Fund	\$41,562
Total	\$72,538

Wolfrun Gateway Purchase	\$66,000
Project costs	\$6,538
Total	\$72,538