

## Vernon Greenways Volunteers, Inc.

### PARTICIPATION LEVELS

Trail users are encouraged to volunteer or financially support VGV at a variety of levels.

- **MEMBER**
- **SPONSOR**
- **VOLUNTEER**

#### **MEMBER**

*No cost to join.*

- Promises to use the trails responsibly.
- Joins the mailing list to receive updates on VGV, Inc. activities.
- To join contact [vgvpresident@gmail.com](mailto:vgvpresident@gmail.com)

#### **SPONSORS**

*Provide financial support for various projects.*

- **Adopt-A-Trail**  
**\$200 annual donation** supports a specific section of trail. Donation is recognized with a sign posted on the trail segment adopted by the donor.
- **Project Sponsor**  
**\$150 annual donation** supports the purchase of supplies and equipment needed to maintain the trails and the dog waste stations throughout Vernon's trail system.
- **Mural – Rockville Spur I-84 Underpass**
- **General**  
**\$25 or greater suggested donation** supports general maintenance of the trails and mural.

### **DONATIONS**

- **Tax-deductible donations** of any value accepted at any time.
- On-line contributions accepted:  
[www.vernongreenways.org](http://www.vernongreenways.org)

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Donation of time and skills.*

*If interested in volunteering contact:*

[vgvpresident@gmail.com](mailto:vgvpresident@gmail.com)

- **Trail Manager**

Maintains a section of trail (1 – 2 miles) by removing trash and performing minor trail maintenance as well as monitoring the trail conditions. VGV, Inc. Board members regularly communicate with the town of Vernon Parks and Recreation department based on condition reports from the Trail Managers.

- **Trail Maintenance Team**

Meets weekly during the summer to repair the rail trail to combat erosion with stone dust provided by the town of Vernon.

- **Trail Blazer**

Keeps the hiking trails clear of debris and plant encroachment.

- **Trail Gardener**

Maintains gardens at rail trail entrances. In the spring volunteers work in teams to prepare the gardens for summer planting. Throughout the summer volunteers take care of these gardens and, in the fall, prepare the flower beds for winter.

## **Town of Vernon**

*Multi-use Greenways*

### **Hockanum River Trail**

#### **North**

*of Dart Hill Road*

**Map provided by**



**VGV, Inc.** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to maintaining, enhancing, expanding, and promoting responsible use of the 30+ miles of trails in Vernon.

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#### **Parking in Vernon**

- ⇒ 775 Dart Hill Road opposite Worcester Rd.
- ⇒ 100 Windsorville Road (Rt. 74),  
Vernon Water Treatment Plant entrance.

#### **Trail Surfaces**

Uneven hiking trail through woods.

#### **Trail Habitat**

Forest - Riverside – Marsh

#### **Noteworthy Feature**

Suspension bridge north of Windsorville Road over the Hockanum River.

#### **Future**

The Hockanum River Watershed Association [www.hockanumriverwa.org](http://www.hockanumriverwa.org) is working to create a continuous river walk along the Hockanum River in Ellington, Vernon, Manchester and East Hartford.

#### **Hockanum River Trail South Trailhead**

Refer to information inside this brochure.

## HOCKANUM RIVER TRAIL – North of Dart Hill Road

1.5 miles between Windsorville Road (Rt. 74) and Dart Hill Road.

### Hiking Trail

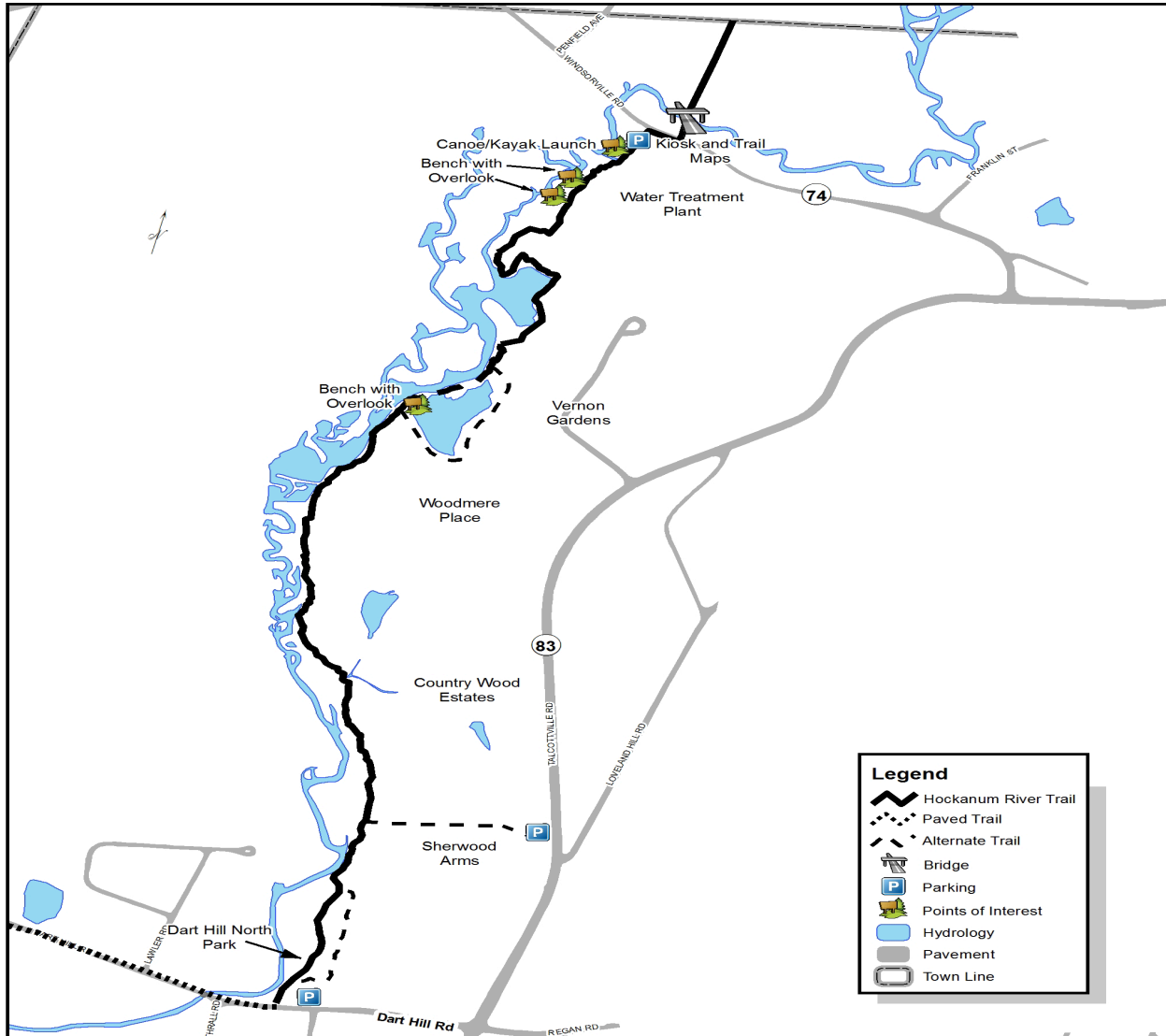
Follow Orange blazes in the woods and along the river.

Trail continues across Windsorville Road (Rt.74) heading north and leading to the suspension bridge and 1 mile of additional trails in Ellington.

### Caution

Trail is wet at certain times of year – especially in the Spring and after heavy rainfall.

In wet weather enter Vernon Gardens property and stay close to pool before returning to trail.



## HOCKANUM RIVER TRAIL

### South of Dart Hill Road

- ◆ Blue map provides Southern direction details.
- ◆ Walk west along Dart Hill Road 0.3 miles to reach the orange-blazed trail beyond 790 Dart Hill Road **OR** continue to Dart Hill Park, 780 Dart Hill Road.
- ◆ Parking for South Trailhead located at Dart Hill Park.
- ◆ Entire trail: 3 miles between Pleasant View Dr. (south) and Windsorville Road / Route 74 (north).

## Hockanum River Trail

(North and South of Dart Hill Road)

