

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

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Donation of time and skills.

If interested in volunteering contact:

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 **Rails-to-Trails**

Multi-use Greenways

**Hop River State Park Trail
Rockville Spur**

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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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Hop River State Park Trail

- Vernon's 5-mile rail trail is part of the **Hop River State Park Trail**.
- The **Hop River Trail** follows a 21-mile abandoned railway running between Manchester and Willimantic.
- The **Hop River Trail** connects to the **Air Line State Park Trail**, providing an additional 50 miles of rail trail in eastern Connecticut.
- The original railroad was built in 1849 and operated for 100 years.
- The railway bed was regraded and repaired in several phases between 1994 – 2004 with funding from local, state, and federal grants.

Rockville Spur

- The **Rockville Spur** splits from the **Hop River State Park Trail** at Phoenix Street, east of the Church Street parking lot.
- The **Spur** extends 4.25-miles toward the historic center of Rockville.

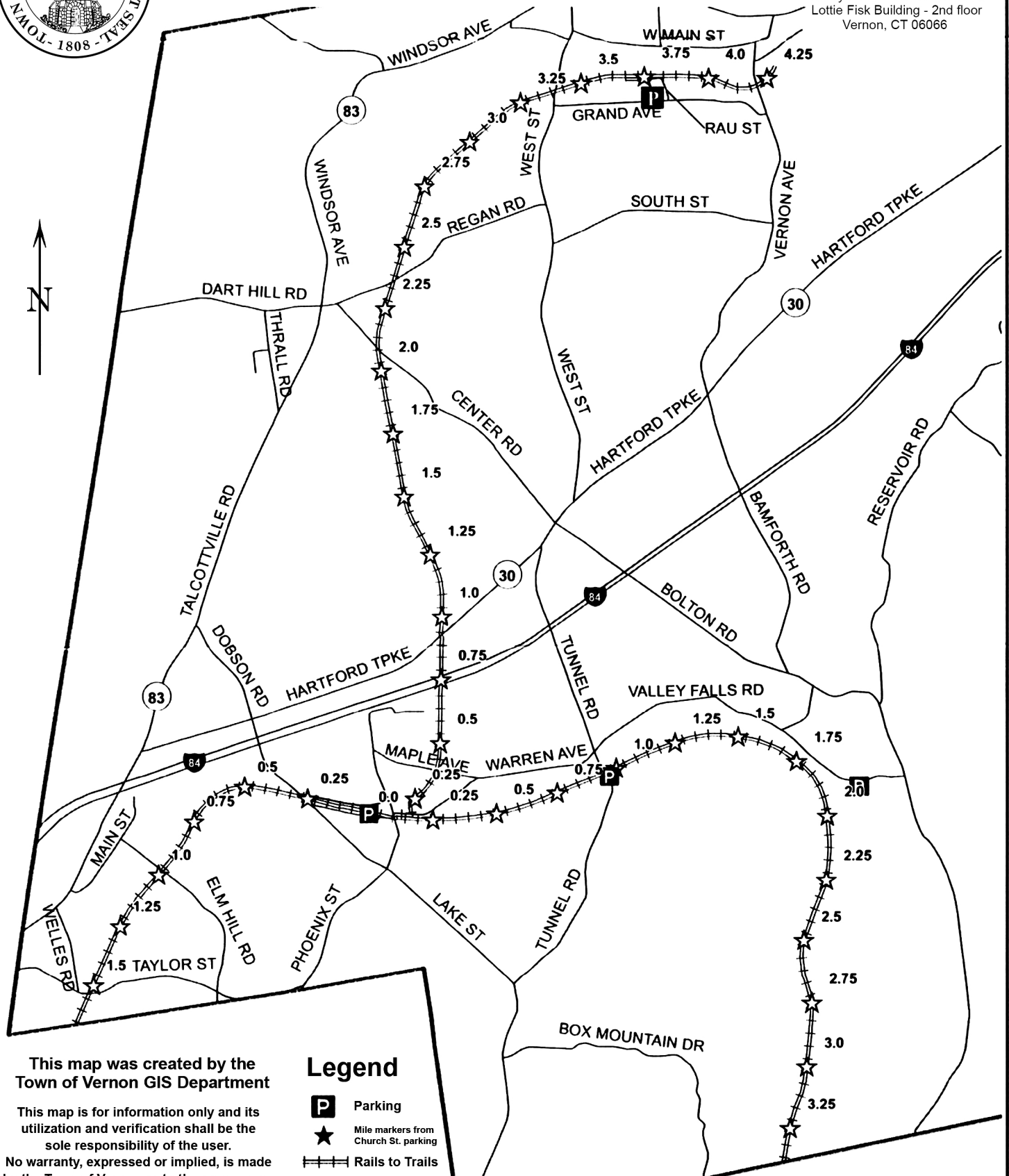


Town of Vernon Rails to Trails

REPORT

trail problems or vandalism to:
Vernon Parks and Recreation
(860) 870-3520
parksandrec@vernon-ct.gov

Henry Park - 120 South Street
Lottie Fisk Building - 2nd floor
Vernon, CT 06066



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Legend

- Parking
- Mile markers from Church St. parking
- Rails to Trails
- Streets
- Town Boundary

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