## Mount Agamenticus Conservation Program 2018 Stewardship Report

The 2018 field season is nearing the end and winter is right around the corner. Special thanks to the Conservation Crew, Trail Adopters, Interns and Volunteers that made the 2018 season fun and productive. The 2018 staff is pictured below from left to right: Alyson Demerchant (Con Crew), Lily Orr (Con Crew), Darin Radatz (Trails, Grounds and Facilities Supervisor), Naomi Densmore (Outreach Specialist), Robin Kerr (Conservation Coordinator), David Tibbetts (Con Crew) & Cameron Lynch (Con Crew). Listed below is a collection of stats and photos

demonstrating the work accomplishments from 2018.

PROJECT	QUANTITY
New Multi-Use Trail Bridge Built	14 feet long
Hemlock Bog Bridge Double Stringer	15 feet long
Miles of Trails Blazed with Paint	20 Miles
New Viewing Platform off Big A Trail	44 Feet Long
Early Successional Forest Management	2.4 Acres Cut and Chipped
Invasive Plants Pulled Out with Roots and Bagged Up To Dry and Dispose	34 Full Garbage Bags
Visitor Use Surveys Conducted	546 Surveys
COMMUNITY WORK DAYS (CWD)	
Community Work Days Organized	9 CWDs
Community Work Day Volunteers	82 Volunteers
Community Work Day Hours	234 Hours
VOLUNTEER WORK GROUPS	
Volunteers Work Groups Hosted	7 Work Groups
Volunteer Work Group Volunteers	102 Volunteers
Volunteer Work Group Hours	536 Hours
TRAIL ADOPTERS	
Trail Adopter Volunteers	25 Volunteers
Trail Adopter Visit to Trails	58 Visits
Trail Adopter Volunteer Hours	154 Hours
VOLUNTEER TOTALS	
239 Volunteers	924 Hours

*Right:* One of the season's major projects included building a new Universal Access Viewing Platform attached to the Big A Trail. Contractor and Mt A. Crew Alumni Rob Hopkinson shared his knowledge and worked with the crew to construct this project.











Left & Below: From full grown Hemlock tree to a functioning bridge. This was the June Community Work Day Project where the conservation crew worked with volunteers to fell a tree, peel the bark, drag the logs into place, pound rebar stakes in for stability and then kerf cut the top section to create a

flat walking surface.



**Big Thanks** to all of our volunteers that helped out this year. We hosted 9 Community Work Days, 7 Volunteer Groups 2 Interns and 25 Trail Adopters. Community Work Days are open to the public and hosted on a monthly basis with a focus on hands on learning while volunteering. Volunteer Projects included: Early Successional Forest Habitat on Summit, Trash Cleanups, Trail Maintenance, Bridge Dismantling, New Dimensional Bridge Installation, New Hemlock Timber Bog Bridge Installation, Helping with the Trail Challenge Race, Invasive Plant Removal & Tool Maintenance. Without this abundance of help we wouldn't be able to manage the Mt. Agamenticus Conservation Region's 10,000 acres & 40 miles of trails.





*Above:* A favorite volunteer project involved dismantling and rebuilding a 14 x 6 foot multi-use trail bridge. Rotting boards were hauled away and a completely new bridge was built all in a day's work.