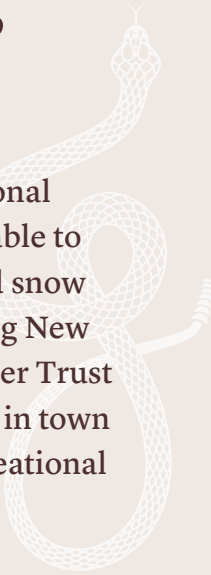


What's happening?

AN INEXORABLE THREAT

The Rattlesnake Gutter Road Recreational Trail is under severe threat, no longer able to contend with the increased rainfall and snow melt brought on by our rapidly changing New England climate. The Rattlesnake Gutter Trust strongly supports the efforts underway in town to preserve this unique scenic and recreational treasure for future generations.



RATTLESNAKE GUTTER TRUST
LEVERETT, MA 01054



Rattlesnake Gutter
needs your help.

RATTLESNAKE GUTTER ROAD RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

What's at stake?



A HISTORIC ROADWAY

For 180 years, Rattlesnake Gutter Road connected northern and central Leverett. Then, in 2001, the collapse of two sections of the stone retaining wall holding the

road up above the glacial ravine led to the closure of the western half of the road.

THE FLOOD OF 2023

In July, 2023, an intense rainstorm overwhelmed the road's outmoded drainage system, with torrents carving huge channels in the road, collapsing another section of the retaining wall, and washing much of the road's surface into the Gutter.



A PREMIER RECREATIONAL RESOURCE

The closure transformed the road into a major recreational site used every day of the year by walkers, hikers, bird watchers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and snowmobilers.

WHAT MUST BE DONE

The road can be saved by restoring the collapsed sections of the old retaining wall, repairing and expanding the drainage system, replacing inadequate culverts, and re-engineering the road to funnel water from Brushy Mountain to where Nature intended it to go—into the Gutter.

WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

The Rattlesnake Gutter project steering committee has received a \$20,000 donation from the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust and has applied for funding from the Community Preservation Act, the Mass Trails program, the Trails Capacity program, and the Fields Pond Foundation, which has already awarded the project an additional \$15,000 grant.

How YOU Can Help:

DONATE at tinyurl.com/RSGLeverett or mail your donation to P.O. Box 195, Leverett, MA 01054.

COME TO TOWN MEETING ON MAY 3 to support the authorization of Community Preservation Act funding essential to the road's future.

YES, I WANT TO HELP PRESERVE RATTLESNAKE GUTTER FOR THE FUTURE. DONATION \$ _____

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