



MFFC staff and trustees work from a dynamic Strategic Plan that focuses on **five core objectives** intended to position the institution as a leading regional resource for **nature exploration, outdoor learning, and environmentally sound forest and farmland management**. MFFC's current strategic goals are to:

- Invigorate the working landscape
- Bolster protection of the landscape's natural systems
- Deepen connections with MFFC visitors and surrounding communities
- Champion individual and institutional climate smart action, and
- Accelerate organizational development

To meet these objectives in 2021, MFFC:

- engaged two Americorps volunteers through the *Student Conservation Association*, a 2021 *UVM Forestry/Geospatial Technologies* graduate, a current Vassar College student and two *Burr and Burton Academy students* (1,221 hours) to assist with conservation projects, cabin & trail maintenance and educational initiatives
- expanded *Connected Taconics*, a High Meadows Fund supported initiative championing 42,000 acres of un-fragmented forest in the Taconic Mountain range (in which MFFC sits at the northern tip) through mapping, analysis and outreach to 350 regional landowners
- more than tripled summer camp attendance and continued to serve the area's food shed through *Northshire Grown: Direct markets*
- installed a 15-kilowatt solar array on our *Saphouse* roof and established new partnerships to identify strategies to efficiently sequester and store above and below-ground carbon on property
- launched the drafting of a comprehensive 10-year master plan that will enhance on-property recreation, facilities and educational offerings

To continue this work in 2022, MFFC will:

- begin to redesign the farm campus to better demonstrate regenerative agriculture and sustainable forestry
- complete new 10-year farm and forest management plans that focus on increased potential for agricultural and forest products, ecosystem services and sound habitat stewardship
- draft, design and produce signage and self-guided resources to help visitors better understand what is happening on property... and why
- begin electrification of fleet and quantify on-site carbon both above and below ground
- undertake a condition assessment of cabin and trail network to initiate renovation and replacement planning