Dear friends,

Over the past year, as the global markets struggle and evoke anxiety, our region has been stirring with activity that gives cause for high hopes. This Report tells about the role we played: in some cases quite small; in others, central, and never alone.

In the public sector . . .
- We fostered cross-town municipal networks.
- We inventoried energy consumption (the “carbon footprint”) of six NH municipalities.

In the private and institutional sectors . . .
- We convened meetings of business leaders who began addressing issues such as broadband access and energy resources.
- We collected data on fossil fuel consumption of the employers representing 46% of the region’s job force.

In the nexus between the public, private and nonprofit sectors . . .
- We educated younger leaders about regional issues and cultivated development of strong professional peer networks.
- We promoted locally sourced food so farms could get more revenue and our residents could access healthier, lower-mileage food.
- We surveyed commuter preferences in the Route 120 corridor.
- We provided fun, affordable family outings that develop a stronger sense of place.

Our role as incubator of grass roots initiatives has solidified as we took on two new programs – Leadership Upper Valley and Local First Alliance—and invested in the growth of three other projects: Corporate Council, The Municipal Network, and the Municipal Energy Assistance Program. Our trajectory as a catalyst for community-based, sustainable outcomes is clear.

Financial support from multiple sources verifies the value of our current course. Municipalities support our work to reduce congestion. Employers support our work to promote healthier diets by providing locally-sourced food to the workplace. Foundations make grants to support our operations and promote active, affordable family entertainment. And individuals responded generously-exceeding both our Fall and Spring Appeal challenges from The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation and Charlotte and Charles Faulkner.

Our staff are the dynamos of our daily investment in the communities in our region. Each could attain a higher paying job in the private sector, but their tenure confirms the energy and excitement we feel for our work and our trajectory. However, we could not possibly do all that we are able to do without the generous outpouring of the time and talents of our Board, advisory councils, interns, and volunteers. THANK YOU!

I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again. YOU make it happen. With your generous gifts of time, treasure and talent, we made the difficult challenges look easy.

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VC staff at the June 2010 retreat (pictured left to right) Gabe, Len, Deb, Stacey, Megan, Stephanie, Laura, Alison, Debbie, Aaron, Sharon. Missing: Melissa, Lisa.

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Our relatively small number of staff is able to accomplish a great deal more than would be possible without the help of faithful, dedicated, hard-working volunteers on our advisory councils, committees, and subcommittees. Thank you!

Corporate Council
Leadership Upper Valley Council
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The Municipal Network Planning Committee
Upper Valley Transportation Management Association Board

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CULTIVATING LEADERS... INFLUENCING POSITIVE CHANGES

We are fortunate to live in a region where people care about our communities’ wellbeing. Want to make change happen? Cultivate a group of leaders and watch the results. Vital Communities has been nurturing and challenging new and existing leaders, as well as increasing the connectivity, communications, and collaboration of existing leaders through three important forums: Leadership Upper Valley’s Leadership Institute, Corporate Council, and The Municipal Network.

Leadership Upper Valley

The Leadership Institute’s yearlong program run by Leadership Upper Valley, allows this region’s leaders and emerging leaders to gain knowledge, resources, and partnerships to make a difference in the Upper Valley. The 9 monthly sessions cover topic areas such as education, communication, government, and the arts through experiential learning and contact with experts in the field. Nearly sixty participants have taken part in Leadership Upper Valley since its inception in 2006. This past year the Leadership Institute graduated its first class since joining Vital Communities in July, 2009. From many applicants, twenty-seven have been accepted into the upcoming session beginning in September.

Corporate Council

The Corporate Council (CC), a gathering place for the region’s largest employers and strategic thinkers, represents a large portion of the region’s workforce. During the past fiscal year, the Council focused on developing regional approaches to curbing business energy consumption. CC members heard briefings from regional energy experts, which helped them shape energy reduction measures they could enact collectively for maximum impact. By utilizing the expertise of both the Tuck School of Business and UVTMA’s Smart Commute transit survey, they collected data to provide baseline information against which to measure the impact of CC’s collective energy reduction strategies. By working together they leveraged their assets to have an impact far beyond what would be possible by working independently.

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The Municipal Network

The Municipal Network (TMN), jointly sponsored by the three regional planning commissions, Vital Communities, and the Upper Valley League of Women Voters, set out in 2009 to promote intermunicipal cooperation and collaboration among elected and appointed officials. As planned, TMN had four meeting in 2009-2010; each followed by an online survey. Using topics that include challenges common to many towns and cities—transportation, regional planning, NH Workforce Housing Laws, and conservation of open spaces—the municipal leaders built relationships with their counterparts across the Upper Valley. The attendance and energy at these meetings, and the comments in the post-meeting surveys validate that the unique forum provided by TMN is addressing a previously unmet need in the Upper Valley.

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Local First Alliance completed its first full year in the Vital Communities’ incubator, with impressive results. Led by VC staff and a dedicated steering committee of 14 prominent business and institutional leaders, the group successfully cleared early legal and administrative hurdles and built a strong organizational framework for future work.

Developing a foundation for action

LFA ratified a mission statement, undertook preliminary strategic planning discussions, and created working groups and subcommittees to further the objectives of the group. Essential program materials were developed, along with a window/vehicle decal to identify locally owned business members.

More than 200 people came out on a Friday night in June to hear author Bill McKibben.

Identifying drivers of change

A key outcome of the group’s work this year was the recognition that community-based businesses and their allies are a vital coalition and an important driver of social and environmental change. This led to the design and creation of LFA’s membership program, benefits package, and tiered dues structure.

Building an engaged membership

Membership increased steadily throughout the year, with new member totals doubling first in December and again in February 2010. LFA closed out FY10 with strong revenue gains from member dues and over 130 new business and individual/family members. Generous seed support was provided by founding members (see inset on right).

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See a list of all LFA members at www.vitalcommunities.org

In December, LFA became a member of BALLE (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies), North America’s fastest growing network of community-based businesses allied for social and environmental change. In April, incoming program coordinator Alison Baker, engaged in person in a dynamic conversation on community self-reliance and the future of responsible business at an annual national conference in Charleston, SC.

In June, 200+ people attended the LFA and Norwich Bookstore co-sponsored event featuring author and activist Bill McKibben. In an evening dedicated to the urgent need for concrete action to combat climate change, a recurrent theme was the need to strengthen local self-reliance—our ability to provide for our community from our community. As part of its year-end evaluation, LFA distributed surveys at the event and captured feedback from over 60 attendees. The results were used to inform and energize the steering committee, community, and LFA members as we enter a new fiscal year.
OVER THE PAST YEAR UVTMA AND ITS PARTNERS MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN PROMOTING COMMUTING OPTIONS IN THE UPPER VALLEY. UVTMA:

Provided employee incentives to reduce single-occupant vehicle travel.

The UVTMA continues its Smart Commute project to assist Upper Valley employers in researching commuting patterns and implementing transportation programs. During FY10, the UVTMA administered the initial survey to eight employers in the Upper Valley: Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, groSolar, Hypertherm, Kendal at Hanover, King Arthur Flour, Resource Systems Group, Simon Pearce, and Vital Communities. The UVTMA will be partnering with 15 new employers over the next two years thanks to support from the High Meadows Fund and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

Our partners have added new fixed routes.

Stagecoach added a new fixed route service on I-89 from Montpelier to South Royalton, with stops in Barre and Randolph. Connecticut River Transit now offers evening service to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Engaged citizens in transportation planning.

The UVTMA worked with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to facilitate the public process for an Upper Valley intermodal facility.

Advocated for increased mobility options.

Aaron Brown attended the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) Legislative Summit in Washington, DC. The UVTMA advocated for increased mobility benefits, urging our congressional delegations to keep transit benefits permanent and to extend commuting tax benefits to carpoolers.

Aaron and Megan (see Energy p.12) attended an ACT Regional Conference in Boston. They learned how to utilize social media to promote commuting options, build TDM (Transportation Demand Management) into climate action plans, and community-supported projects (e.g., the City of Montreal’s bike share program).

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Sense of Place

helps you discover our special places through treasure hunts.

THE UPPER VALLEY TURNS 250: CONNECTING PEOPLE, PLACES AND PRIMARY SOURCES THROUGH HISTORY QUESTS

This past May, an enthusiastic group of teachers and historians met for the first of our two Colonial Quest Workshops. There was representation from nine different towns. On Friday evening, workshop participants were informed by “Benning Wentworth” (really Flow of History historian Alan Berolzheimer) about the Colonial History of the Upper Valley. Then we all went on a Quest of the Old South Church cemetery, in Windsor, Vermont. Saturday was a full day of modeling the lessons of the Colonial Quest curriculum. Highlights included a mock town meeting and a basket of wrapped colonial artifacts to identify. Participants left with information and skills to help them make Colonial Quests for their towns in time for the 250th Anniversary of their charters. The next workshop will be October 1 & 2, at the West Lebanon Congregational Church.

When you are on a Quest, there are reminders of the way our region was once settled, and it is different than it is today. There were scores of hamlets and clusters of farmsteads that have reverted to a forested state. Discover some of these hidden treasures by becoming a Quester.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers

Valley Quest has an amazing crew of dedicated volunteers, and we could not keep this program running without you. We have box monitors who maintain treasure boxes throughout the Questing season and Quest testers who help us keep clues updated in an ever changing world. If you would like to be a Quest volunteer, please contact Laura Dintino. It is the most fun you can have volunteering.

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Local Agriculture

fosters the relationships that make local agriculture a vital part of daily community life.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, VF&F HAS BEEN BUSY DOING WHAT IT DOES BEST: CONNECTING FARMERS AND EATERS:

- The “Valley Food & Farmanac,” a new section of our website, is a clearinghouse for information on local food and farming in the Upper Valley. Interested in getting local foods into your town’s schools? Want to find recipes using local foods? Learn about the newest farmers’ market or read the latest news on sustainable agriculture? You’ll find it all in the Farmanac! vitalcommunities.org

- Our online Guide continues to expand, now including ag-related community groups, and the 7th annual edition of our print Guide was published in April.

Strengthening the local food system through collaboration and camaraderie:

- We initiated the Valley Food Council to bring together representatives from the region’s food and ag-related organizations in order to share information, collaborate on activities, and avoid duplication of efforts. It met 10 times in its first year and covered a wide variety of topics including: food gleaning, farm-to-school programs, and community gardens.

- VF&F hosted the first in a series of eight Farm to Plate Regional Food Summits held around Vermont last year. Our Upper Valley event solicited ideas for a more robust local food system to incorporate into a 10-year strategic plan to strengthen Vermont’s farm and food sector.

- We started building the Rising Farmers network to support young and beginning farmers.

Making food accessible to all:

- VF&F worked with Hypertherm and two local farms to bring fresh local food to their staff each week during the 2009 growing season. The employee wellness benefit is a pilot for businesses that seek to improve employee health.
During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, we received grants and contributions from more than 450 supporters, including numerous new contributors. These awards and gifts went to Valley Quest, Valley Food & Farm, Upper Valley Housing Coalition, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Energy Initiative, and Vital Communities. Individuals, businesses, government agencies, nonprofits, and institutions all play valuable roles in funding our work.

Not listed here are many others who support Vital Communities through sales of Best of Valley Quest books, advertising sales in the Valley Food & Farm Guide, registration fees and admission to our special events, as well as support of those groups for which we act as fiscal sponsor.

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Kathryn Stearns & Bob Bruce
Jane & John Stephenson
Kate Stephenson
Dennis Stern & Barbara Palmer
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Marilin & Skip Sturman
Bonnie Allard & Clinton Swift
Betsy Sylvester
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Perry & Jed Williamson
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Joanne & Doug Wise
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# Financials

## FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

(Unaudited)

### ASSETS

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| Equipment and Software              | 34,566            |
| Accumulated depreciation            | (24,387)          |
| **Total Fixed Assets:**             | **10,179**        |

| Other Assets:                       | 31,014            |
| New Initiatives Fund                |                   |
| **Total Assets**                    | **$ 356,507**     |

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

| Current Liabilities:                |                   |
| Accounts payable                    | $ 14,179          |
| Accrued paid time off               | 25,829            |
| Accrued payroll expenses            | 14,567            |
| Agency funds                        | 31,658            |
| **Total Current Liabilities**       | **$ 86,233**      |

| Net Assets:                         |                   |
| Unrestricted                        | 266,964           |
| Temporarily restricted              | 3,310             |
| **Total Net Assets**                | **$ 270,274**     |

| Total Liabilities & Net Assets      | **$ 356,507**     |

### REVENUE & SUPPORT

| Contributions and grants            | $ 416,315         |
| Inkind contributions                | 29,752            |
| Program income                      | 202,080           |
| Endowment income                    | 12,918            |
| Interest & other income             | 4,972             |
| **Total Support & Revenue**         | **$ 666,037**     |

### EXPENSES

| Program:                            |                   |
| UV Housing Coalition                | $ 44,339          |
| UVTMA                               | 113,210           |
| Valley Food and Farm                | 148,235           |
| Valley Quest                        | 53,506            |
| Leadership Upper Valley             | 38,915            |
| Local First Alliance                | 35,299            |
| Outreach                            | 124,938           |
| New Initiatives                     | 11,802            |
| **Total Program Expenses**          | **$ 570,244**     |

| Other Expenses:                     |                   |
| Fundraising                         | 46,449            |
| Management and general              | 41,098            |
| **Total Expenses**                  | **$ 657,791**     |
| **Increase in Net Assets**          | **$ 8,246**       |

Notes

1. A full reviewed FY10 financial statement prepared by Tyler, Simms & St. Sauveur is available from Vital Communities’ office.
2. Our endowment fund is managed by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and has a balance of $248,684 as of 6/30/10.
3. You can make a lasting contribution by making a bequest to Vital Communities in your will. Planned giving opportunities can be discussed confidentially with Len Cadwallader, Executive Director, (802) 291-9100 x101.
New Hampshire Municipal Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)

Vital Communities, partnered with SERG (Sustainable Energy Resource Group) and Clean-Air Cool Planet, completed comprehensive energy inventories for 6 Upper Valley municipalities: Cornish, Danbury, Enfield, Grafton, Lebanon and New London. The NH state-wide program is designed to inform municipalities on their energy use in buildings, vehicles and streetlights. Recommendations were made to Energy Committees and Selectboards on the most cost effective and engaging ways to reduce municipal energy use. Additionally, as part of the program the participating municipalities will receive a building audit.

Municipal energy use inventory and analysis is very exciting and influential work that Vital Communities plans to continue and integrate further in the Upper Valley!

Upper Valley Energy Committee Roundtable

Partnered with SERG and the two regional planning commissions, VC co-hosted the annual Upper Valley Energy Committee Roundtable on May 25th in White River Junction. Over 40 local energy committees were represented, along with other municipal leaders and business members of the Upper Valley energy community. Megan presented our work on the MEAP project, highlighting the inventory and energy use reduction recommendations for the City of Lebanon’s municipal energy use.

Questions?
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