

Jac Huettenmoser Member Spotlight



Jac Huettenmoser (she/her) is entering her second year of service with the Montpelier Parks and Trees Department as their Watershed Steward. In her role, Jac helps in management of the park watershed system by decreasing sediment erosion and improving riparian buffers along waterways. She has been specifically focusing on the buffers of the North Branch River along the Montpelier Bike Trail, as well as the banks of the Winooski River. Her service has allowed her to take on many projects within the park system in Montpelier. She has been diligently designing a new recreational trail map of the Montpelier region to allow easier accessibility to the public parks. They are also currently installing 30 new trail signs throughout Hubbard Park, which she created with another ECO member last winter. She is hoping to design and create similar trail signs this winter for North Branch Park as well. A typical day at the office at the Parks Department isn't as well defined as others but is arguably the best part about serving there. Some days, Jac finds herself in the office writing grants, creating educational materials, or meeting with her team to plan events. While other days, she'll be outside leading volunteer groups or serving alongside other crew members maintaining trails or pulling invasives. On top of her service, Jac has been keeping herself busy and involved in her community. She just finished her Vermont Master Naturalist Certification through the North Branch Nature Center (NBNC). Through the NBNC, she also led a weekend nature retreat in the Northeast Kingdom for local pre-teens. During their weekend camping retreat, they caught dragonflies, went fishing, and explored the forest on the hunt for owls. Jac also recently joined the advisory board for the Half-Earth Project as a part of the Vermont chapter (to learn more about this project and the conservation efforts they are doing around the world, visit <https://www.half-earthproject.org/>). Jumping into her second year of service with ECO, Jac is determined to take ownership of her projects; and to engage the public in meaningful ways.