

# Guilford Conservation Commission Celebrates Trees

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Every year, Vermont Arbor Day is celebrated on the first Friday of May. The Guilford Conservation Commission has been busy promoting the importance of trees in our community. Recently, the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program awarded the Conservation Commission an Arbor Day Tree Planting Grant.

This project brings together students from Guilford Central School and members of the Guilford Conservation Commission to plant and maintain shade trees on common property between the School and Town Office. Members of the Commission, assisted by our Windham County Forester, Guilford's Tree Warden, and our Farm-to-School



Coordinator, will mentor students in how to plant and maintain trees, while learning about the benefits of trees to our community and ecosystem.

In April, the Conservation Commission was also recognized with the 2021 Vermont Tree Steward Award by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council. The committee noted that "your tireless energy and steadfast commitment has been an inspiration to us all" with regard to our various forestry projects such as the Emerald Ash Borer Inventory.

We hope you will stop by the Town Office this spring or summer to enjoy the new trees, the school's gardens, and the Tree-Themed Story Walk around the field.

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ners. The response deadline was in late March; nearly a dozen companies submitted proposals. DVFiber's governing board, on advice from the Vendor Committee (aka, Operations), will select a partner soon with the intent to begin work this summer.

While there remains much to negotiate, there is strong reason to believe that DVFiber is on a clear path to securing broadband service for all residences and businesses in the district. Patience will be required. (You will hear this repeatedly!)

3. DVFiber recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Southern Vermont Communications Union District (SoVT CUD). You may not know that two towns in DVCUD are also members of SoVT CUD, Londonderry and Winhall. While there are historical and cultural differences between the two districts, the two governing boards determined that working cooperatively and openly will advance the statewide goal of providing last mile broadband technology for all Vermonters.

### **Intrigued? Want to get involved?**

Visit DVFiber's website at [dvfiber.net](http://dvfiber.net), subscribe to the DVFiber newsletter, like DVFiber on Facebook.


Soon, plenty of work will be required to secure customers for DVFiber right here in Guilford. We will need your help! The district is powered solely by volunteers. Please contact me if you would like to get involved. I can be reached at [zoneastes@guilfordvt.org](mailto:zoneastes@guilfordvt.org) or at 802.380.9550.

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