

# FWR 2006 Highlights



Over 80 volunteers planted 215 trees and shrubs along 1100 feet of stream bank in May.

You can help support the following projects in 2007

- A landowner stewardship project to educate and support landowners in managing their properties to protect water quality and habitat.
- A corridor plan for the Town of Marshfield to determine specific river protection and restoration strategies and projects.
- Initiate a stream geomorphic study on the Kingsbury Branch.
- Develop an action team on the North Branch(similar to the Headwaters Project at left)to implement projects.
- Continue to work with Barre City and other urban centers to reduced polluted runoff.
- Expand Celebrate the Winooski events including clean ups to other parts of the watershed.
- FWR involvement in the Winooski River Basin Planning process led by the Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Expand FWR partnerships with towns (particularly Conservation Commissions), nonprofits, civic groups, schools and businesses.
- FWR communications including a redesigned and expanded website

## Project Highlights

The **Winooski Headwaters Community Project** has brought together local residents and organizations to implement restoration projects in the upper reaches of the Winooski. In addition to the planting project in the above photo, the group held an education/celebratory event and created an action plan of specific projects.

Through the **Stormwater Outfall Evaluation project** in Barre City, FWR inspected over 80 outfalls and worked with the City to correct several problems that immediately eliminated the flow of pollutants into the river.

The **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate the Winooski** held its annual clean up and celebratory parade. This year's



## Organizational Highlights

FWR added three board members, expanding our geographic representation and professional skills:

Allen Banbury--Resident and member of the Marshfield Conservation Commission

Bill Haines--Resident and member of the Worcester Selectboard

Linda Henzel--Resident and member of the Montpelier Conservation Commission

event focused on the history of the watershed and featured songs written and performed by Union Elementary School children under the guidance of FWR board member Colin McCaffrey.

FWR, partnered with the City of Barre, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps and Spaulding High School, to conduct a major **clean up of the Stevens and Jail Branch**. Over 7 tons of material was removed from the rivers.

**Stream geomorphic assessments** were conducted on the North Branch and Winooski main stem from Montpelier to Cabot. Partners included the Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District, the Central VT Regional Planning Commission and town Conservation Commissions.

Colin McCaffrey (East Montpelier), renowned Vermont folksinger and avid fly fisherman, was elected Chair of the Board of Directors.

Other board members: Bev Lavin (E. Montpelier), Mic Metz, Chris Patterson and Anne Sarcka (Montpelier), Jim Pease (Morrisville)

In August, the Board conducted a strategy session to determine direction and priorities.

