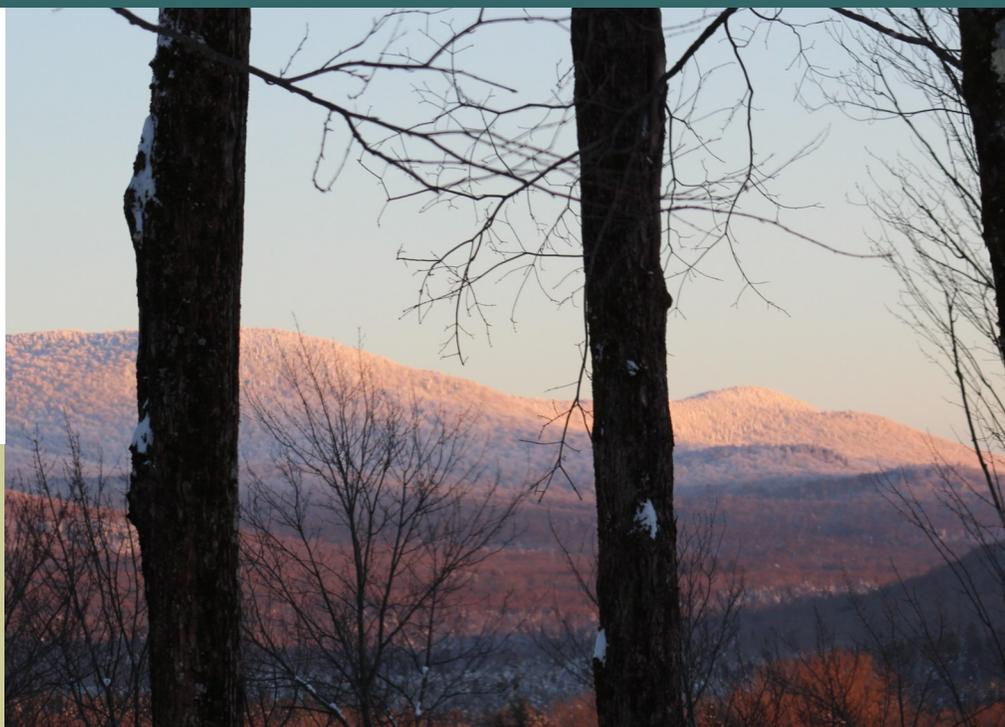


Green Mountain Hardwood

Ripton, VT



Working Lands funds will assist in the purchase of a portable sawmill and materials to build a solar-assisted lumber kiln to enhance and expand Green Mountain Hardwood's two-year old woodworking business. The custom woodshop has recently relocated to family's forestland. Products range from consumer products for wholesale (cheeseboards, crèches, etc. for Danforth Pewter) to furniture and cabinetry. With a sawmill and solar-assisted lumber kiln they will be able to incorporate forest stewardship into the business, and sustainably manage and harvest trees from their family forest, then mill and process them onsite, efficiently using all parts of the tree. This will allow them to create products "made in Vermont of sustainably harvested wood", enhancing their marketing appeal. A sawmill and kiln will also allow Green Mountain Hardwood to launch a new and unique service to their customers – "one tree design" – where they can design and craft custom products from a single tree.

Total Working Lands Grant—\$9,825.00

Total Match provided by Green Mountain Hardwood—\$3,275.00