# Grounds 2017







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- Mowing & Trimming
- Planting & Pruning Trees, Shrubs, Perennials, Annuals
- Maintenance and Snow removal of Parking Lots, Roadways, Sidewalks
- Storm Drains, Storm Ponds
- Fence repair
- Maintenance of Irrigation Systems in UVM Green and Athletic Fields

## New Faces



Allen & Jake

## New Spaces



Centennial Storage Facility



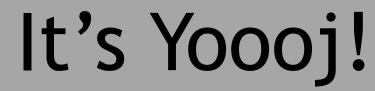




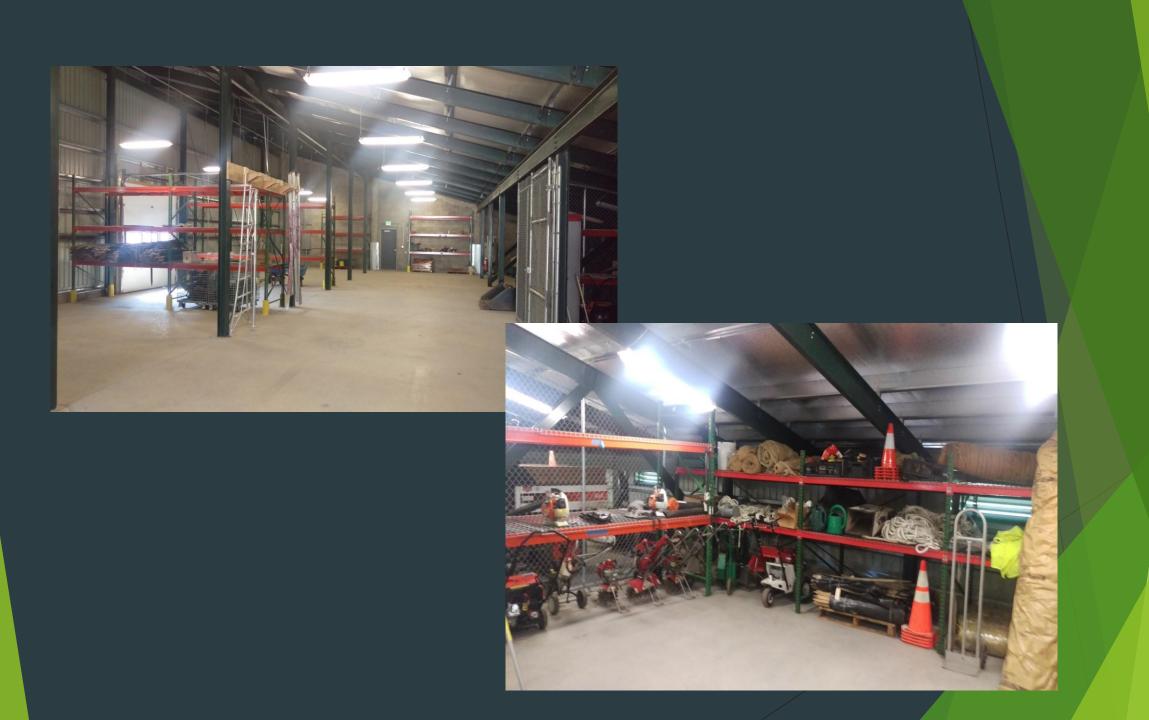


## The best part about our new storage facility...









More space than we know what to do with.....



Timeout





## Thank You Trinity Zone staff



## A Changing Campus Landscape





## Where am I?



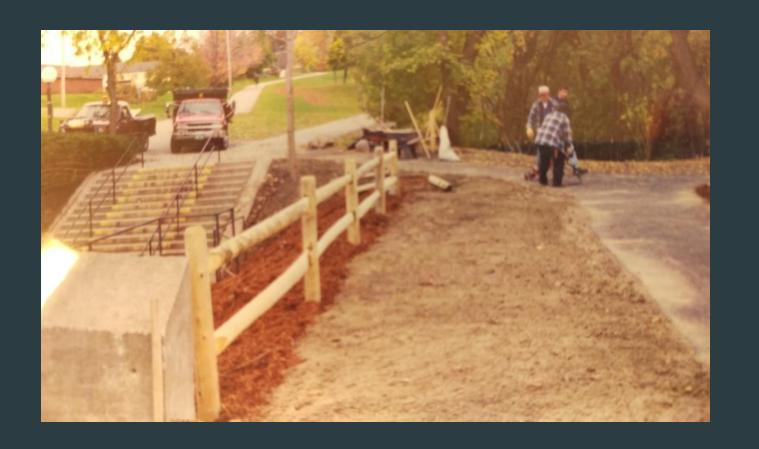






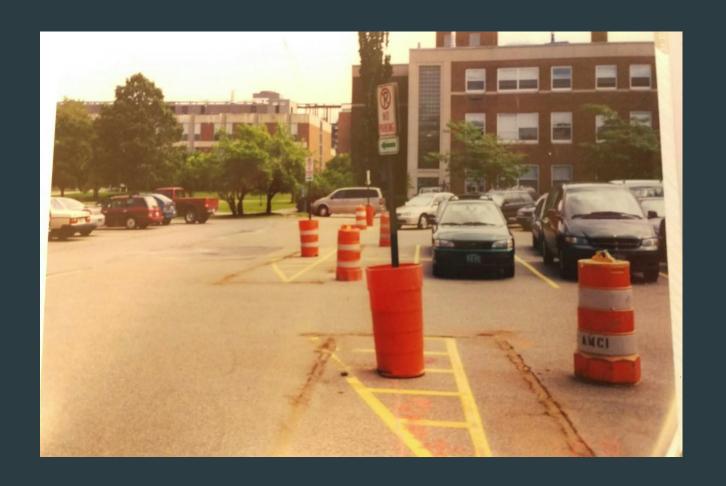






















## Trees and more Trees



#### **Grounds Fact:**

Dawn Redwood, UVM Green (ID100). This species had only been observed through its fossils until being discovered in 1943. Believed to be extinct for 60 million years, the World Conservation Union has declared this species one of twenty-one endangered coniferous species.



# Tree Campus USA

Helping Colleges and Universities to establish and

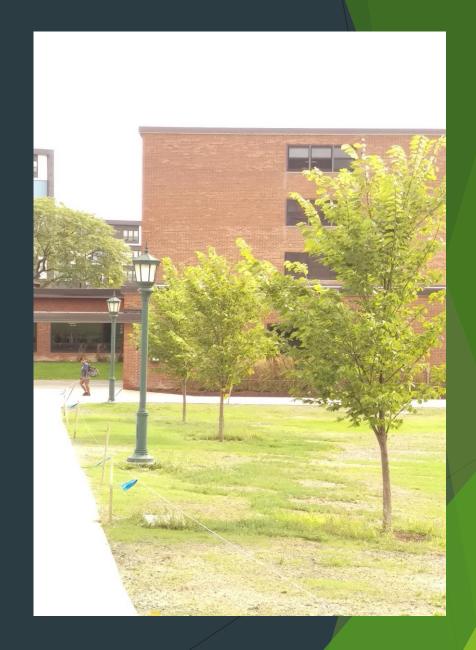
sustain healthy community forests





# Standards

- 1. Campus Tree Advisory Committee
  - Student
  - Faculty Member
  - Facility Management
  - Community Member
- 2. Campus Tree Care Plan
- 3. Campus Tree Program with Dedicated Annual Expenditures
- 4. Arbor Day Observance
- 5. Service Learning Project



# What are we doing?

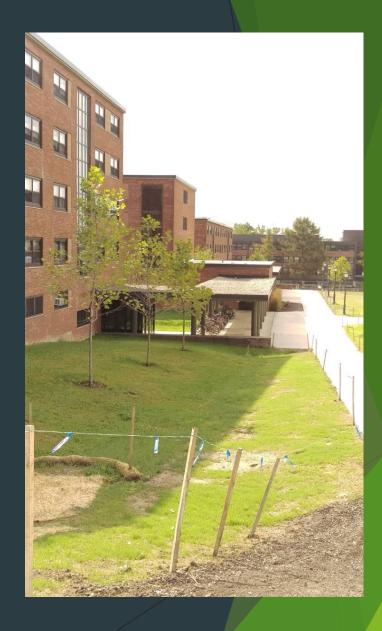


(Note: Trees may have been harmed in the creation of this presentation, sorry)

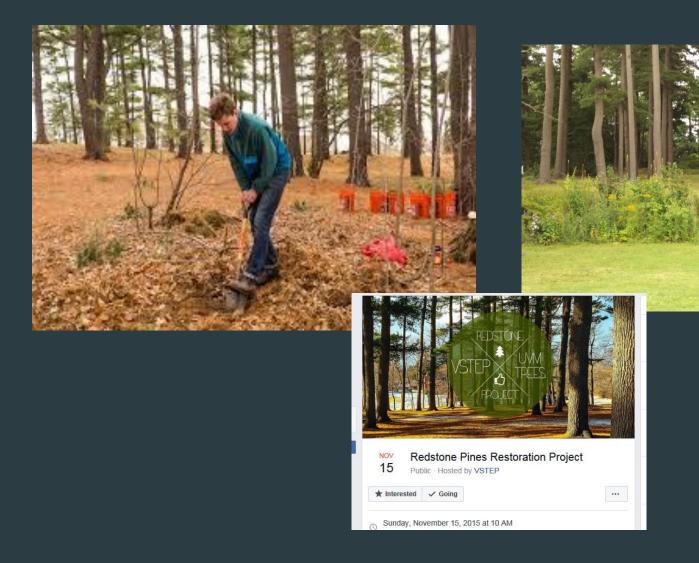
# ...More trees Redstone Circle & Mason Hall



Grounds Fact: There are 2,500+ trees on campus. Sam has hugged 23 with 5 visual confirmations.



### Removal of Invasive Species & New Plantings





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# Protecting existing trees



WRONG METHOD



**CORRECT METHOD** 

# How do trees get damaged?

- Mechanical
- Root Compaction
- Insects
- **Birds**
- Disease
- Weather
- Animals

### **Grounds Fact:**

Black and Honey Locust are salt tolerant species. Sugar Maple, Red Maple and Oak are examples of salt sensitive species.



# Ice Storm of January 1998



### **Grounds Facts:**

Caused \$4-6 Billion worth of damage

Left 4 million people without power

Largest deployment of Canadian troops since the Korean War



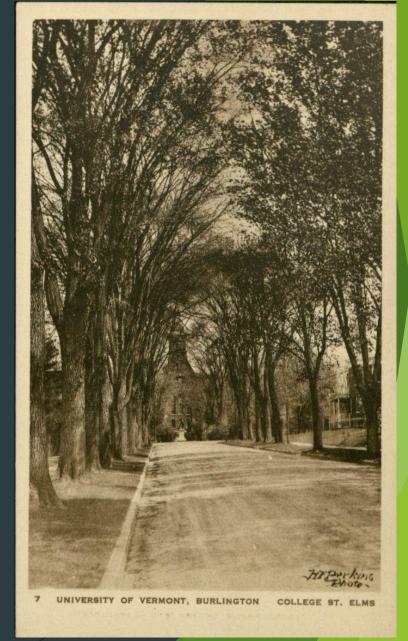
20 years ago



### **Grounds Fact:**

Dutch Elm Disease destroyed an estimated 1,000 trees on campus. The last mature Elm was removed from the UVM Green in 2005.











## Pretty and Preventative







## SAFE HAMMOCKING

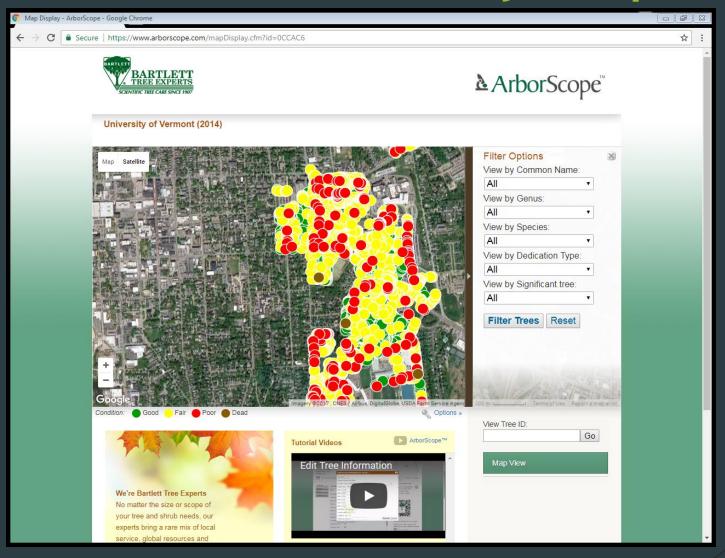


**Grounds Fact:** 

100% of the UVM students we interviewed enjoyed hammocks.



## Tree Inventory Map



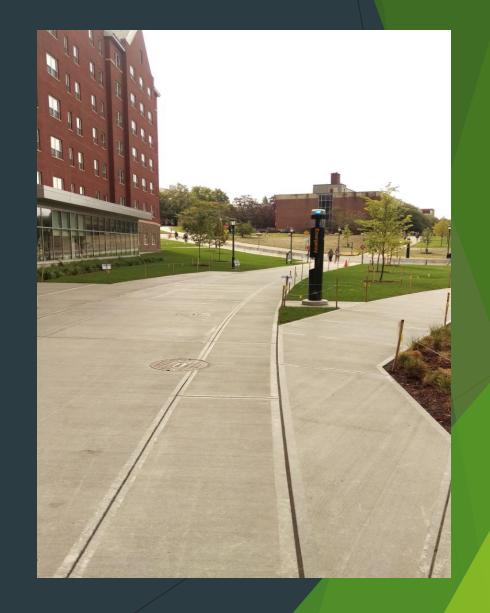


## The Path to Class

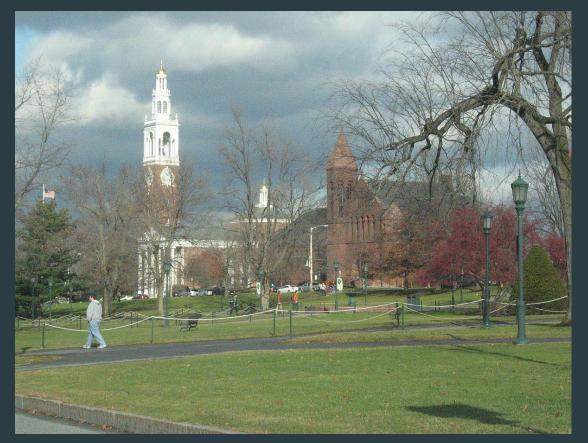


#### **Grounds Fact:**

In 1874, the fountain was donated to give the college green a facelift. Funds were donated by John P. Howard.



## From asphalt to concrete





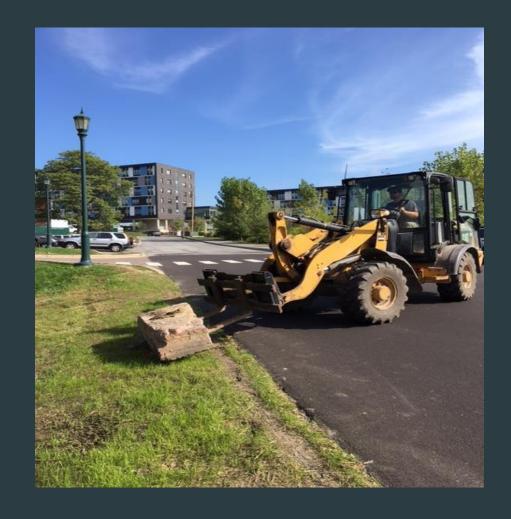
There are 15 miles of walkways, 9 miles of roadways, and 39 acres of parking lots on campus

## Wrong Way

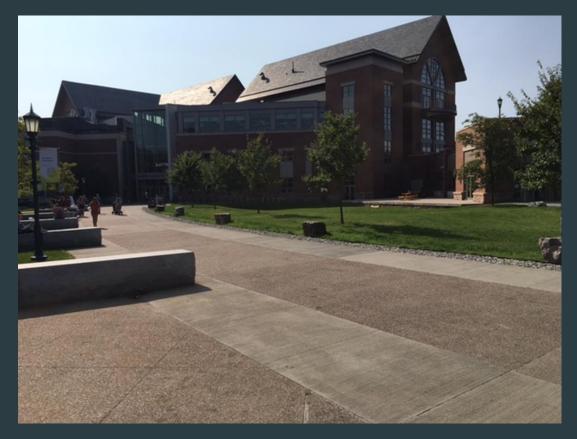


Concrete helps the mind distinguish a sidewalk from a roadway

## Bigger and Boulder









## "Please Keep Off the Grass"



Boulders keep vehicles off green spaces



#### **Grounds Fact:**

There are few known fences that have ever stopped Ed Metivier with a snowplow.

## Cow Paths





## Deterrence



Putting people on the right path...

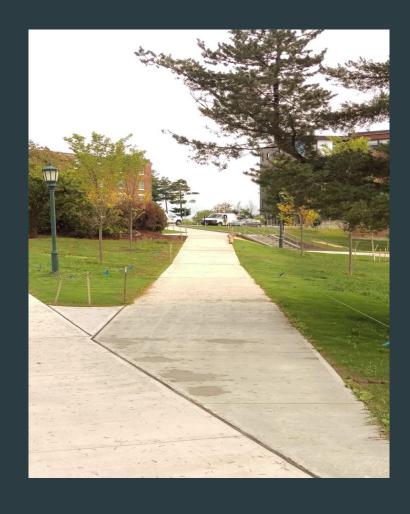








## Elimination

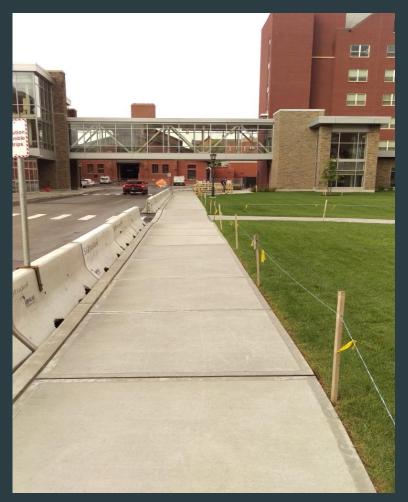




### Wider is Better



5' Walkway Rowell





6' Walkway to Central Heat Plant

# Look where you are going... or don't







## Keep on it

Wide walkways: More maintained surface during winter, less erosion, less fall hazards





## Sidewalk & Roadway Treatment



- In 2015, we switched to our current treatment.

  Made from refined corn carbohydrate derivative blended with magnesium chloride.
  - Works at lower temperatures than dry salt
  - Reduces bounce and scatter thereby reducing salt application rates which saves time, labor, fuel and materials
  - Better for the environment
  - Less corrosive





## Rose Leland

Grounds Manager since 1998

Thank you Rose for your 20 years of service to UVM!