

## Stark Mountain Foundation - Program Service Accomplishments

The following summarizes the SMF's Program Service Accomplishments for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2007.

**Environmental Preservation:** The SMF teamed with *Middlebury College* and the *Mad River Glen Cooperative* in a study to determine the carbon footprint of the Cooperative, which is located on Stark Mountain, that resulted in establishment of a carbon offset program. The Foundation issued a grant to purchase one year's worth of carbon offset credits for the Cooperative that will be used to help build manure to methane to electricity plants on Vermont farms. The Cooperative established a "green" program whereby its shareholders and customers are also requested to contribute towards the purchase of carbon credits to offset their consumption when commuting to its ski area.

Grants: \$3,500

**Historic Preservation:** The SMF teamed with the "*Preservation Trust of Vermont*" to solicit and provide funds to PTV's program for the restoration of the historic "Single Chair" tramway located on Stark Mountain. This program will last for up to five years and is based on the pledges and donations of hundreds of individuals.

Grants: \$415,000

**Environmental Outreach:** The Stark Mountain Foundation granted funds to sponsor the first *Mad River Valley Town Forest Celebration*, a collaborative initiative involving all four towns in the Valley that was held on October 14, 2006. The celebration was designed to broaden awareness and appreciation of town-owned forestlands and other forest-related initiatives in the region, and to give participants of all ages a chance to learn new skills and enjoy recreation in the woods.

Grants: \$100

**Environmental Education:** The SMF teamed with the *International Skiing History Association*, a 501(c)(3), by funding the postage costs to distribute, to our mailing list, a copy of their *Skiing Heritage* publication containing a feature article about the history of winter sports and the preservation of Stark Mountain.

Grants: \$2920.75

**Environmental Preservation:** The SMF has teamed with the *Green Mountain Club* to raise funds that will be used to forever endow the cost of maintaining the section of *The Long Trail* that passes along the ridgeline of Stark Mountain. Fundraising will commence in our next fiscal year.

**Environmental Education:** The SMF maintains the Kent Thomas Nature Center, its environmental and Stark Mountain geology displays, preserved raptor and mammal specimens, wildlife education and tracking guides. The Foundation held several open houses at the center this year, in addition to providing updated displays and physical maintenance. The Nature Center is supported with additional assistance from the Tauck Foundation.

**Environmental Education:** As part of Earth Day 2007, the Stark Mountain Foundation co-sponsored the kick-off event for "Step It Up For The Mountains" in Waitsfield, VT. Several hundred persons participated in the local event, one of over 1000 nationwide, designed to raise awareness about global warming.