VHCB has made strategic investments in housing, land conservation, and agricultural business planning services in Morrisville, Johnson, Jeffersonville and Stowe. Housing investments in 10 properties in Morrisville with 76 affordable homes have helped revitalize downtown, grow the grand list, and provide decent and affordable housing while also leveraging millions in private and federal funding. Investments in agriculture enterprises and land conservation provide capital to farmers and business planning support to farm, forest, and food enterprises and protect important natural resources for wildlife habitat and traditional recreational uses.

Creating and Preserving Affordable Housing

- 18 new affordable homes developed by the Lamoille Housing Partnership and Housing Vermont in vacant space above the former Arthur's Department Store. Award winning pizzeria and a café street level.
- Rehabilitation of Lamoille View Apartments, an important housing resource with rental assistance for 25 seniors and those with disabilities.
- On a former commercial site on School Street in Johnson, LHP and Housing Vermont created 25 new homes, while also rehabilitating 3 other homes in the village.
- Sylvan Woods in Stowe provides 42 rentals in a new neighborhood where low- and moderate-income families can find affordable housing.
- Copley House, a 22-bed community care home, was acquired and rehabilitated with $673,000 in VHCB and federal funds invested in the $2 million project; $100,000 of energy work in 2015.

Building the Recreational and Agricultural Economy

- In 2012, VHCB contributed $350,000 to the $1.5 million Cady Hill Forest project, conserving 258 acres of woodlands and securing permanent public access to 11 miles of trails popular for cross country skiing, hiking and mountain biking. Also protected are wildlife habitat, natural communities, and scenic open space for present and future generations.
- Beaver Meadow - In 1991, VHCB funds supported the conservation of 2,938 acres of high elevation land popular with wildlife, hunters, back country skiers and hikers. In 2002, an additional 300 acres were added.
- Lepine Farm - The Vermont Land Trust used VHCB funding to conserve 627 acres of farmland with beautiful views in 1994. The Lepine sisters retired from farming in 2001, selling the farm to Scott and Randy Bidwell, award-winning organic dairy farmers.
- 31 farm and forest businesses in Lamoille County, with $9 million in annual sales and 113 jobs, have enrolled in VHCB’s Farm & Forest Viability Program for business and ownership transfer planning services. Seven businesses have received grant funds for infrastructure projects, totaling $31,000, and leveraging $106,000 in further investment, a 3:1 ratio.
- River Arts used VHCB funding to restore and repurpose the Lamoille Grange as an arts center for all ages. A community resource offering workshops, camps, public art projects and in-school programs, music and theater performances, films, exhibitions, and talks.
Summary of Investments in Lamoille County

- 17 Farms on 2,935 acres
- 2 Historic Preservation Projects
- 28 Natural Area and Recreation Projects; 14,501 acres
- 31 Viability Business Plans
- 7 Viability Grants
- 238 Affordable Homes

$12,340,740 in VHCB funds
$38,588,891 in leverage (non-VHCB funds)