



Raponda Foundation

Fund Principles and Donor Pathways

The mission of the Corporation is to raise funds that can be invested in projects and actions that will help preserve, protect, and improve the environmental condition of Lake Raponda and its watershed.

The directors of the Raponda Foundation are committed to its mission on behalf of Lake Raponda and its community. Foundation donors are our most important partners. In achieving the goals set annually to fulfill that mission, and our foremost responsibility is the careful stewardship of all donated funds. To achieve these commitments with the utmost understanding of donors about the use of their donated funds, the directors establish donor pathways to attract and monitor core resources (annual gifts for both general and specific needs), as well as legacy gifts for long-term support of the Foundation's goals.

Core Funds

General Fund: The general fund will cover ongoing activities and annual grants selected by the directors. An appropriate portion of these funds will be spent in the community as critical needs come to the attention of the directors.

Lake Emergency Fund: Building resources is a long-term priority. They enable the Foundation to respond to emergencies or extraordinary opportunities. Examples include dam emergencies or environmental mitigation, or to fund conservation protection for critical property within the Raponda watershed. Directors have set a very high bar for drawing upon this fund, to be considered only infrequently and for top priorities or concerns. The fund is restricted for substantial, non-recurring emergencies and opportunities.

Specific Program Funds

Education and Outreach: We anticipate making grants for informing interested parties about wildlife, ecology, and other topics. We anticipate encouraging participation by a wide area of the community. While this program can provide great benefits, funding requirements are minimal.

Greeter Program: The State-run greeter program is partially funded by the Foundation. Contributions to this pathway will be used to assist inspection of craft entering Lake Raponda with specific attention to avoiding the entry into the lake of invasive species. If available, these funds may be used for other similar environmental inspection services.

Other donor-designated funds: The Foundation may accept contributions restricted for certain other purposes that also fulfill the missions of the Foundation and its partner, Lake Raponda Association. Examples include gifts to address watershed runoff, the beach environment, etc. If accepted by the Foundation directors, every effort will be made to expend such donations according to the donor's intended purpose.

Legacy Funds:

The long-term well-being of Lake Raponda rests upon a dependable and growing resource base to foster responsible use and development of its watershed and community. To meet these needs, Raponda Foundation seeks Legacy Gifts such as estate plans, will provisions, and endowed funds. All invested funds will be managed externally to maximize professional oversight and return. The Vermont Community Foundation is an example of such an external relationship.

Checks should be made out to Raponda Foundation and mailed to:

Raponda Foundation

c/o John Meyer, Treasurer
312 Lake Raponda Road
Wilmington, VT 05363

Gifts may be made online via Venmo payable to: <https://account.venmo.com/pay?recipients=RapondaFoundation>