



## 2020 Forest Economy Program Awards

**Vermont Department of Public Service (VT)** - \$1,000,000: Model funding program for community-driven broadband expansion to expand broadband across the State of VT.

**Northern Forest Center (ME, NH, NY, VT)** - \$1,000,000: Launch and capitalize Phase One of the four-state Northern Forest Fund to address the availability of quality workforce housing in four communities, one in each state of the NBRC territory.

**Town of Madison (ME)** - \$1,000,000: Infrastructure improvements at the former UPM Paper Mill to create a state-of-the-art Forest Products Hub.

**Northern Vermont University (NH, VT)** - \$986,252: Establish the NVU Forestry Accelerator & Workforce Development program to address the economic shift produced by the chronic and consistent decline of the forest products industry across the tri-county region of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, and Coös County, New Hampshire.

**Town of Hardwick (VT)** - \$1,000,000: These funds will support the Hardwick Yellow Barn Business Accelerator. The project consists of the adaptive reuse of historic property to create a business accelerator that will lead to significant job growth and market expansion in the farm and food-based sector.

