



Connecticut River Joint Commissions

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CRJC Mount Ascutney Subcommittee Annual Report - 2018

The Mount Ascutney Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) consists of appointed volunteers from the Vermont towns of Hartland, Windsor, Weathersfield, Springfield, and Rockingham, and the New Hampshire towns of Plainfield, Cornish, Claremont, and Charlestown.

The Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting a portion of the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. The Subcommittee is one of five that make up the Connecticut River Joint Commissions since 1989. Specific responsibilities include providing advice to NHDES, VTANR and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and maintaining a corridor management plan.

The Subcommittee stayed updated on a number of issues including dam management and the FERC relicensing process and activities of the Black River Action Team. The Subcommittee reviewed and commented on a series of permits from across the region and on a range of issues. The Subcommittee successfully organized the Annual Septic Smart Workshop and has been working on a targeted update of the Water Resources Chapter of the Connecticut River Water Resources Management Plan and. The Subcommittee hosted a presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species and Stream Restoration using woody debris. Finally, the members have distributed the CRJC Homeowner's Guide for Water Quality Protection and the CRJC Shoreline Buffer Fact Sheet to central town locations (e.g. Public Library or Town Office).

There are currently openings on the Subcommittee in several communities. There is no representation from Claremont, Charlestown and Windsor. If you or someone in your community is interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues and serving as a liaison to the Mt Ascutney Subcommittee, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at ouyizeye@uvlsrpc.org to learn more.