



Connecticut River Joint Commissions

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CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report - 2018

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) consists of two volunteers nominated by each of the following municipalities: Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate and Newbury in Vermont; and Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath and Haverhill in New Hampshire.

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 the ongoing dam management and relicensing through FERC, conservation projects by the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, and the potential opening of a River History Museum in Barnet. The Subcommittee reviewed and commented on a series of permits from across the region and on a range of issues such as manure pits, water drainage, bridge replacement and river bank development. The Subcommittee hosted a presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species. Members discussed ways to outreach to new members and are revamping outreach documents. 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 one representative in Lancaster, Monroe, Bath, Concord, Barnet, Ryegate and Newbury. There is no representation from Guildhall, Lunenburg and Waterford. 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 Riverbend Subcommittee, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at uyizeye@uvlsrpc.org to learn more.