

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

COLD RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) functions to advise the towns of Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole, New Hampshire on the protection and enhancement of the Cold River and its tributaries and maintenance of the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2019 included:

MEMBERSHIP: Samantha Loch from Walpole joined our committee and Beverly Mason from Acworth has inquired about joining. Betsy Stacey has moved to Keene and will be missed. Shawn Broeder-Stevens will continue to oversee our river testing program but will not be able to attend meetings because of other commitments.

RIVER TESTING: two days of testing were completed at six locations and results sent to DES in Concord. Testing equipment is provided by DES where all maintenance and calibration are performed. In addition to committee members, Shawn was able to recruit two high school students for the third year to help with the testing, making the testing process very efficient and enjoyable.

STUDENT AWARDS: Thanks to the generosity of a community member over a number of years, our committee decided to create two awards for high school seniors. One award is for seniors who have participated in our committee work on the river and tributaries. The students will receive certificates recognizing their contribution and the DVD "Ken Burns: The National Parks- America's Best Idea".. The second award will be an Environmental Scholarship of \$500 available to a graduating senior to support continuing education in environmental programs. This scholarship will be presented at the High School Awards Banquet at the end of each scholastic year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: follow up on recommendations for construction of the bridge on RT 123A. Meetings relating to "In-stream flow analysis" relating to how stream flows should be managed to protect wildlife under abnormal conditions. This analysis should begin in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Bowman, Beverly Mason (Acworth), Dick Aikin, Mitch Harrison, Shawn Stevens (Alstead), Fred Ernst (chair), Sam Loch, Gary Speed (Walpole).