

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

### 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 maintain the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2018 included:

Membership: effort to add members from Lempster, Langdon, and Acworth have not been successful.

Website: In 2018 the CRLAC totally revised our website (through the help of an Antioch New England student, Jennie Friedman). The site can be visited at the following web address: [coldrivernh.weebly.com](http://coldrivernh.weebly.com). The committee hopes that the site will be shared with both locals and visitors. Please contact the committee with suggestions on content or ways to spread the word about the website.

Water Quality: This year the LAC recommitted our effort to accurately test six sites along the Cold River. The LAC received training on site from Andrea Hanson VRAP/DES in the spring. The group also did a second testing in August. Five tests are conducted at each site including temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and conductivity. The results are sent to DES to be added to the Clean Water Act report written every two years.

The CRLAC co-sponsored a library presentation in Alstead that allowed adults and children to explore the Cold River while learning about the complex ecosystem and its inhabitants. It was a wonderful time with about 30 children and adults joining us.

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Instream Flow Program has announced that the Cold River and Warner Brook will be the next designated rivers for protected instream flow development.

Respectfully Submitted,

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