New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program
Local Advisory Committee Volunteer Survey Responses

Please note that responses to all of the questions asked in the survey are summarized in the Analysis of 2019 LAC Survey Responses. This document highlights a few general themes and proposed responses.

Here Is What We Heard from You:

In general, you told us you would like to better understand the following:

- How to read/better read a plan and review/comment on a permit application.
- Statue/rule interpretation with specific interest in wetland permitting.
- How to deal with complaints and violations.
- Holding productive/informative meetings.
- Providing an interesting/rewarding volunteer experience.

In addition, you told us you would like to receive additional information, education, or training on the following:

- Invasive species identification and management.
- Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act.
- Applying for grants/funding sources/fundraising.
- Instream flow/water quality monitoring.
- Streambank stabilization/vegetated buffers.

Lastly, you suggested the following opportunities to improve communication between us:

- Direct email to all LAC members.
- Continued visits with LACs.
- Improved LAC Workshop.
- A River’s Program “newsletter” highlighting LAC “success stories.”

Here Are Our Responses:

The Rivers Program is in the process of writing guidance documents on the following:

- Wetlands rule revisions and how these changes will affect LACs and their review of permit applications.
- How to deal with complaints and violations.

The Rivers Program is planning on drafting information and/or the following guidance documents:

- How to read/better read a plan and perform permit application review on multiple permit types.
- Ideas on how LACs can better create an interesting or rewarding volunteer experience including a list of river-related topics an LAC may be able to request a guest speaker to provide a presentation on.

In addition, the Rivers Program will attempt to improve attendance and usefulness of the LAC workshop. We will also attempt to share any LAC “success stories” received in an annual or a bi-annual program update. We understand the importance and value of attending LAC meetings, will continue to do so, and will strive to attend more meetings in the future.

For information on invasive species identification and management, the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, instream flow, water quality, and streambank stabilization/vegetated buffers, please contact us so we can direct you toward available resources. Last, if you feel you we are sending any information in which you are not receiving, please let us know what direct communication you would like to receive so we can accommodate.

Again, for a more detailed summary of LAC responses to each question asked in the survey please review the Analysis of 2019 LAC Survey Responses.