



LAC WORKSHOP QUIZ SUMMARY

1. What does NHDES do with VRAP data?

NHDES stores the data, compiles reports for each river (VRAP group), posts the data and river specific reports at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vrap/data.htm>, and uses it to implement the federal Clean Water Act by using the data to update the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters every 2 years! NHDES does not merely use the data for screening purposes, it is the real deal!

2. List two new items that you will consider or look for on project plans when your LAC reviews permit applications.

Most attendees answered with ideas from Steve Landry's Top Ten Project Requests List which can be found at: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/wp-content/uploads/Steve-Landrys-top-ten-permitting-5.13.17.pdf>.

Here are a few other ideas attendees listed to consider when reviewing permit applications: does the project maintain the features/value for which the river segment was designated; does the project adhere to local zoning requirements/town ordinances; does the plan adequately represent the existing landscaping/habitats; and does the application outline the potential impacts to the aquifer, near term and long term impacts, and impact on recreation and/or use of the river?

3. List two activities that you think your LAC should continue doing or start doing that will help the LAC attract younger community members (high school to 40 years) to the river and the LAC.

Overwhelmingly, LAC members responded with the information shared by Kara Russel in her talk. Please visit: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/wp-content/uploads/Where-The-Young-Things-Are-follow-up-materials.pdf> for the details. Holding river clean-ups, hosting river walks/paddles, working with community organizations and schools and offering "Bug Nights" were the most common answers.

4. Describe a "success story" or idea you heard today, either during a session or while networking with your colleagues, that you are going to encourage your LAC to do.

We received a wide range of ideas to encourage your LAC to implement—from technical activities such as larval insect identification or septic system workshops; to outreach projects



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including installing guided walking trails or creating river related pamphlets; and sports and physical activities such as paddle events/races or planting trees.

5. Do you have any recommendations or suggestions for future workshops? What can we do to help you be more effective as an LAC?

We heard you! Thank you for your great ideas to help LACs work more effectively and help us with future workshop planning. We understand that it was difficult for everyone to hear, especially in the long room. In the future we will do our best to find a more congenial space and/or make better use of microphones. Attendees also requested future workshops include: having someone from the permit review team answer questions about reviewing permits, having a paid grant writer talk about where to find grants and how to win them, offering a "New Members" class, and as always, presenting more information about permits such as when do you need one and what items must be shown. Although we can't promise that we will be able to cover these topics, we will do our best to provide information related to these topics.

If you would like detailed results from the workshop pre- and post-quiz, please let us know.