

Local River Management Advisory Committee 2017 - 2018 Biennial Report  
**LOCAL RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**2017 - 2018 BIENNIAL REPORT**  
 NH Rivers Management and Protection Program



RSA 483:8-a III(a)

*As a Local Advisory Committee, it is your duty to report biennially to the Rivers Management Advisory Committee and the commissioner, and annually to the municipalities, on the status of compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, local ordinances, and plans relevant to the Designated River or segment, its corridor, and tributary drainage areas.*

**Complete reports should be sent to [riversprogram@des.nh.gov](mailto:riversprogram@des.nh.gov) by February 1, 2019.**

Please provide the following information:

Name of Committee	Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee
Date	January 24, 2019
Your Name and Title	Joe Foley, chair
How many regular meetings did the LAC hold during 2017 and 2018?	2017 <u>  10  </u> 2018 <u>  10  </u>
How many total volunteer hours did LAC members contribute in 2017 and 2018?	2017 <u>  851  </u> 2018 <u>  947  </u> <small>*Totals do not include paid hours that add 837 and 860 to 2017 and 2018 respectively.</small>
How many permit notifications did the LAC review during 2017 and 2018?	2017 <u>  9  </u> 2018 <u>  24  </u>
Of these permit notifications, on how many did the LAC provide comments and/or a response?	2017 <u>  7  </u> 2018 <u>  23  </u>
Did the LAC participate in VRAP or other water quality monitoring?	2017 <u>  funded Lamprey River Watershed Assn &amp; student analyst for long term report  </u> 2018 <u>  funded Lamprey River Watershed Assn &amp; student analyst for long-term report  </u>
How many river clean-ups did the LAC organize or participate in?	Host: 2017 <u>  0  </u> 2018 <u>  1  </u> Participate: 2017 <u>  0  </u> 2018 <u>  1  </u>

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Please answer the following questions or attach your LAC Annual Reports:

When was the river corridor management plan or its most recent update adopted? If it has been more than 8 years, or the plan is not complete, what preparations are underway to complete or update the plan?

The most recent update was in 2013 to include the addition of 5 tributaries and the full Lamprey River designated in 2011.

During 2017 and 2018, did the LAC implement any recommendations included in the corridor or watershed management plan? If so, please describe:

2017:

Studies commissioned and shared with communities: Sullivan Falls Phase 1 archaeology study and report, middle and upper watershed stream crossings assessment

2018:

Studies commissioned and shared with communities: acoustic bat survey on 3 rivers in 4 towns, financial assistance for a pilot project aimed at encouraging Blanding's turtles to build nests in a safe location rather than along soft shoulders of Route 108

During 2017 and 2018, did the LAC conduct any outreach or educational programs, special meetings, events, or monitoring programs? (i.e., Stormwater Management Workshop or Property Owner Survey) If so, please describe:

2017:

Events/programs: guided eco-paddle with estuarine researchers, (river) Herring Aid family fish fun day with NH Fish and Wildlife, Lamprey River science curriculum prep and field trip for fourth graders, special programs (turtles, aquatic insects, winter tracks) at town libraries, *Chick and Dee Dee's Lamprey River Adventure* readings at school and town libraries, donated kiosk at Thompson Forest in Durham

2018:

Events/programs: guided eco-paddle with estuarine researchers, (river) Herring Aid family fish fun day with NH Fish and Wildlife, guided paddle to explore newly opened section, education for novice paddlers participating in Newmarket Recreation's race preparation class, Lamprey River science curriculum prep and field trip for fourth graders, special programs (turtles, aquatic insects) at town libraries, *Chick and Dee Dee's Lamprey River Adventure* readings at school and town libraries, Raymond Area Rotary- about the Lamprey River, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, NHRMPP

During 2017 and 2018, did the LAC receive any grants or special recognition for projects? If so, please describe:

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2017:

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation awarded a \$5000 grant toward a pilot project to help improve canoe passage while retaining ecological values of instream wood along a 4.8 mile stretch of the Lamprey River.

2018: The Epping Conservation Commission was recognized by the NHACC for its outstanding work, including partnering with the Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee to improve access, signage, and the floodplain trail at Tilton Conservation Area.

Is there anything else that you would like to report regarding the LAC's work and/or accomplishments, or any significant concerns or issues regarding the designated river? If yes, please describe.