



Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report

The Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee (MRLAC) is a volunteer group of citizen representatives from the Town of Canaan, Town of Enfield and City of Lebanon, N.H. The MRLAC's responsibilities include developing and updating a [Mascoma River Corridor Management Plan](#), and monitoring development along the river to ensure that it is compliant with state law and the local river management plan. This involves reviewing construction permits and making site visits to comment on permits as required by NH Dept. of Environmental Services (NHDES).

In September we led a team of 10 as part of the Connecticut River Conservancy's "Source to Sea" river cleanup. As it is a tributary of the Connecticut River, we chose a portion of the Mascoma River in Lebanon. We removed 18 bags of trash, 4 tires, as well as several large items from a mile stretch of the river and its neighboring walking trail.

Throughout the year, members attended various meetings of NHDES, Mascoma Watershed Conservation Council, as well as meetings of the towns of Enfield & Lebanon budget committees.

Members of the MRLAC have reviewed 6 applications for permits under the shoreland protection act and donated over 55 hours of their time in service to their communities.

The MRLAC also issued comments to the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) opposing the proposed lease of state-owned lands within the Connecticut River corridor while the City of Lebanon is seeking to remediate and redevelop that space for community purposes. These comments were echoed by the RMAC in their own comments issued to CORD.

Working in coordination with the NHDES Rivers Program, a grant was secured for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to assist the MRLAC with developing an updated River Corridor Management Plan.

Respectfully,

Bill Chabot
Chair
Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee