



Connecticut River Joint Commissions

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CRJC Headwaters Subcommittee Annual Report - 2016

The Headwaters Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of two volunteers nominated by each of the following municipalities: Canaan, Lemington, Bloomfield, Brunswick, and Maidstone in Vermont; and Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Stratford, and Northumberland in New Hampshire.

The Subcommittee serves as a means of providing local input on projects proposed on the Connecticut River, and advice on maintaining good water quality and habitat. Specific responsibilities include providing advice to NHDES, VANR and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and developing and periodically updating a corridor management plan. As appropriate we work with other river conservation and planning organizations such as Connecticut River Watershed Council and North Country Council.

Subcommittee members continued to bring a valuable contribution of expertise and local knowledge to the table for the assistance of landowners, municipalities and state agencies, for example, by reviewing and commenting on several shoreline stabilization projects and wetland applications. Subcommittee members volunteered a great deal of extra time to represent the interests of the River and its resources in the NH Site Evaluation Committee review of Northern Pass. This included submission of comments on water resource-related elements of the application, participating in meetings and working with other partners.

The Subcommittee also reviewed New Hampshire's boat accesses and boat access maps for the N.H. Public Water Access Advisory Board. In addition, members assisted with an inventory of boat launch speed limit signs, which resulted in the production and installation of signs with New Hampshire speed limits at Vermont Fish & Wildlife and TransCanada launches (N.H. laws govern activities on the river.)

There are currently openings on the Subcommittee in several communities. If you are interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues, and serving as a liaison to your municipal boards, please contact our Planning Coordinator Tara Bamford (tara.bamford@crjc.org) for more information.