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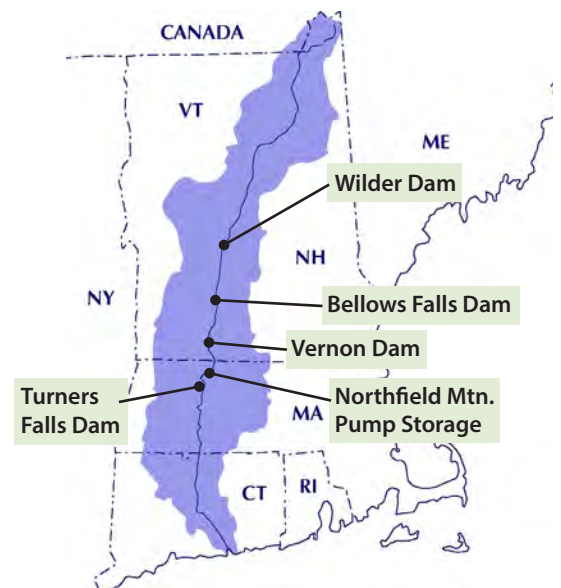
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The Opportunity of a Lifetime

The relicensing of five hydropower facilities, impacting 175 miles of the Connecticut River for the next 30-50 years, is critical to the River's future – and one of CRWC's core projects. State and federal law requires that in exchange for the right to generate electricity and make a profit, hydropower facilities must provide the public with additional benefits including improvements to the health of the river. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a positive impact for a large stretch of the Connecticut River. Our goal is to ensure that hydro operations are balanced with protections and improvements for the River," says Executive Director Andrew Fisk.

A crucial step in this process is getting good information on how these five facilities impact wildlife, recreation, historical and cultural resources, and clean water. The hydropower companies, TransCanada and FirstLight (GDFSuez), will be required to do 71 studies over the next several years to get information on how these facilities impact our river. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will



decide by February which studies are needed. They have delayed this decision because the closure of Vermont Yankee at the end of 2014 may affect

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New Dates for Source to Sea Cleanup Benefit Concerts - Join us this spring



Robin & Linda Williams will headline CRWC's spring concert series to benefit the Source to Sea Cleanup.

"If you listen to NPR's *A Prairie Home Companion*, chances are you've enjoyed Robin and Linda Williams' music," says Development Director Dana Gillette. "We're delighted to bring these nationally-recognized musicians up from Virginia for three concerts to benefit CRWC's annual Source to Sea Cleanup."

Robin and Linda describe their music as "a robust blend of bluegrass, folk, old-time and acoustic country." They have appeared on *The Grand Old Opry*, *Austin City Limits*, *Music City Tonight*, and *Mountain Stage*.

Pat and Tex LaMountain, who led our popular Living along the River concerts, will open for Robin and Linda. Join us on Friday, April 25, 7:30pm at the Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls, MA; Saturday, April 26, 7:30pm at Town Hall Theater in Woodstock, VT; or Sunday, April 27, 3pm at The Kate in Old Saybrook, CT. Tickets can be purchased online www.ctriver.org or by calling 800-838-3006 in MA & VT or 877-503-1286 in CT.

Your Board of Trustees – Changing of the Guard

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CRWC works to protect the Connecticut River basin's diversity of habitats, communities and resources. We celebrate our four-state treasure and collaborate, educate, organize, restore, and intervene to preserve the health of the whole for generations to come.

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Dedicated and talented volunteers founded the Connecticut River Watershed Council in 1952 and new volunteers continue to step forward to lead the organization. The contributions of many distinguished and passionate people have won important protections for the river and made CRWC a respected and successful organization. At its most recent meeting, the Board elected two new members to help carry on this legacy:



Melody Foti grew up in the Rochester, NY area. She attended Sarah Lawrence College including their Year in Paris Program & graduated with a BA in Art History from Wellesley College. She then attended Harvard Divinity School earning an M. Div. Melody served four Unitarian churches over 10 years with an active "social ministry." She currently serves her clients through Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC as Senior Vice President – Investments & PIM Portfolio Manager. Melody has a lifelong

love of water & the natural world with activities such as swimming, sailing, hiking and kayaking bringing great pleasure. She has served on a number of boards with social justice and environmental conservation as key themes. She enjoys watercolor painting on rice paper in her spare time. She also is owned by a Great Dane & small Puerto Rican terrier. She lives in Northampton, MA.



Cori Packer was formerly a principal with the real estate investment firm Garvey Group, Inc. and a Vice President at Bank of New England in their real estate asset management division. Cori is an active member of her community, working with her church, children's schools, the Boy Scouts of America and community theater. She is also an active member of the Massachusetts Republican Party, a member of the White River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and a board member of the ZOLL Foundation. She holds a BA in history from the University of New Hampshire. Cori loves fly fishing, kayaking, hiking, skiing and travel. She lives in Westborough, MA and Quechee, VT.

Please join us in thanking Rob Costello and Caprice Shaw for their recently-completed board service. We wish them both well with their growing families and professional lives. Rob and Caprice will continue to be active members and supporters of the Council. Thank you, again, for your thoughtful leadership and work on behalf of the watershed.

December 29, 2013

Dear CRWC,
 Our Young Friends and First Day School children of Mount Toby held a craft fair to raise money to support organizations they had studied and wanted to support. CRWC was one of their chosen organizations. I enclose a check for \$192.00, representing the share of the money they allocated to CRWC.

We are proud of our children, their hard work and sound choices for supporting worthy organizations.

In Friendship,
 Donald E. Stone, Treasurer
 Mount Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends, Leverett, MA

Thank you for your generous support!



Worldwide Interest in the Connecticut River

The Connecticut River has a big reputation and is fondly known far and wide. That reputation and the attention from the National Blueway designation brought international visitors our way to learn from our experience.

The Japan Ecosystem Conservation Society (JES), a distinguished conservation organization based in Tokyo,



The Japan Ecosystem Conservation Society visited twice last year to learn about the CT River.

sent two separate delegations over the past year to learn about the Connecticut River watershed, the National Refuge System, and the many different organizations

working together in the watershed. CRWC and other partners hosted staff and board members with tours of the Holyoke fish ladder, the Conte Research Lab, and a visit to the Fort River Division of the Conte Refuge. The JES was particularly impressed with the legacy of the Council and our One Great River Initiative. The Initiative seeks to create ambitious and consistent goals and standards across state lines for the protection and restoration of our river.

Another visitor was Ulrich Greiner, the editor of the German magazine Die Zeit. Ulrich read the extensive press on the Connecticut's designation as a Blueway and came to spend a week touring the watershed to learn about the best spots for paddling, fishing, and to see the beauty of the

river up close. Ulrich has paddled many rivers in Europe and was impressed with the natural beauty of our river. His trip produced a several page spread in the Die Zeit travel section. Die Zeit is Germany's most widely read weekly newspaper with over 2 million readers.

Ulrich saw his first bald eagle, known to him only in fairy tales, on a guided paddle from Turners Falls down to the Sunderland bridge with CRWC staff Andrew Fisk and Dana Gillette and CRWC members Kate Putnam and Tim Delaney. The eagle put on quite a show as it had its morning breakfast on a log just below the confluence with the Deerfield River. You can read some of Ulrich's reflections below in a translated excerpt from Die Zeit.



Ulrich Greiner of Germany saw his first eagle on a visit to the CT River.

"I embarked on a joint canoe trip with Andy at Turners Falls, a 50-year-old skinny guy with his old pick-up truck. ... I paddled tirelessly behind Andy, with giant shimmering water before my eyes, framed by bushes and trees. Suddenly ... Eagle! And I really could spot a bird with a

big wingspan in the sky. He circled down, lower and lower, and then I could see how huge he was, an impressive bird of prey with a white neck and white tail feathers, the bird on the American coat-of-arms. I was impressed, touched. It was the first eagle I ever saw in my life."

Ulrich Greiner, editor, Die Zeit magazine

If you know German, you can read the entire article here: <http://goo.gl/kbAxAg>

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many of the studies. It is expected that some studies will be delayed until after Vermont Yankee shuts down.

CRWC is the only organization that commented on every proposed study and issue, submitting over 300 pages of comments on behalf of you, our members, and the public. River Stewards David Deen and Andrea Donlon also coordinated and facilitated comments from a broad range of stakeholders.

"We are very pleased that FERC made a number of important changes based on our input," says CRWC Massachusetts River Steward Andrea Donlon. FERC heeded CRWC's recommendations to engage paddlers in decisions about the Poplar Street Portage in Turners Falls and to increase the number of water level measurements above Turners Falls Dam to get a clearer picture of how the river fluctuates because of the Northfield Mountain Pump Storage operation.

"Unfortunately, FERC was short sighted in denying

requests to include climate change impacts in the studies," Upper Valley River Steward David Deen added. CRWC is also disappointed that FERC would not require FirstLight (GDF Suez) to evaluate the costs and feasibility of making Northfield Mountain Pump Storage facility into a closed-loop system, fully or partially eliminating withdrawals and discharges into the Connecticut River.

"We are not satisfied with how recreation will be studied," says Andrew Fisk. "This is an opportunity to learn about what everyone wants and needs for recreational opportunities on their river – not just abutters or current users," noted Fisk. CRWC will be working to get more information on recreational opportunities into the record, including conducting our own surveys.

With your support, CRWC will remain a leader in the process until licenses are reissued in 2018.

Out & About

WATERSHED-WIDE

National Blueway program dissolved ... But we keep our title!

The US Department of the Interior ended the Blueway program because some landowners and politicians in the Midwest feared it would lead to increased regulations and land seizures. The Connecticut River, designated as the first National Blueway in 2012, will retain its designation.



Former Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar signed the declaration making the CT River the first National Blueway in 2012.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell repeated the Department's respect for the work we have all accomplished over the decades and noted

the Department will continue to support bottom-up, collaborative, watershed-scale work throughout the country. In her order dissolving the program Secretary Jewell noted that "the Connecticut River Watershed exemplifies coordinated stewardship of a river and its watershed with diverse partnerships of interested communities including over 40 partner organizations..."

The Connecticut River now has the honor of being the ONLY National Blueway in the country. With your help, we are going to continue doing what we do and carry on the idea that protecting rivers and watersheds creates viable economies and sustainable environments.

VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Vermont Yankee settlement announced

Entergy and the State of Vermont recently announced a settlement on the details of Vermont Yankee's closing in 2014. The settlement defers the issue of the thermal discharge (dumping hot water) to the Agency of Natural Resources and their pollution permitting process. Hot water confuses and weakens fish and makes it harder for migrating fish such as American shad to travel up the river from the ocean. CRWC remains concerned that additional thermal pollution will continue to harm the

Connecticut River over the next year of plant operation, and potentially even further while the plant cools off.

CRWC has already won a terrific victory with state agencies now agreeing that there are serious concerns with Entergy's existing pollution permit. Over the upcoming months we will continue to insist that greater safeguards are needed to protect the Connecticut River. Establishing this precedent will be validation of the decade's worth of work you have helped support and could prevent other companies' dumping of heated water into our rivers. We will keep you up to date as this case develops.

More than 1,650 trees to be planted this spring

Healthy stands of native trees, shrubs and grasses along our rivers are essential to clean water and habitat for fish and other river creatures.

These trees and shrubs filter pollution from run-off, reduce erosion, help to keep away non-native invasive plants and provide shade to help cool the water and make our rivers more livable for aquatic life.

CRWC is working with the Billings Farm and Woodstock Foundation in Woodstock, VT to repair damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene. The storm's flood waters destroyed the trees and plants along the Ottauquechee River and weakened sections of the riverbank. CRWC will plant 1,300 native trees and shrubs on roughly 2,700 feet of riverbank this spring with the help of an Ecosystem Restoration Grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and several project partners and CRWC members.

A similar planting will take place on Mink Brook in Etna, NH this spring. More than 350 native trees and shrubs will be planted along 1,000 feet of riverbank thanks to a \$1,000 grant from Ledyard Bank, the Greater Upper Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited, and individuals who made donations through CRWC's crowdfunding website www.CleanWaterFuture.org.

To learn more or volunteer for a tree planting, contact River Steward Ron Rhodes, rrhodes@ctriver.org or 802-457-6114.



Students in Piermont, NH help plant trees to protect their local river.

MASSACHUSETTS

New regulations to protect the flow of water in streams coming after years of work

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will soon issue a major rewrite of the Water Management Act regulations (310 CMR 36.00) for public comment and review. This effort, which tries to balance both human uses and natural health of rivers and streams, comes after four years of intense work by CRWC and other environmental groups, water suppliers and the state. These new regulations will introduce the concept of streamflow criteria, describing the biology and water flow of healthy streams and rivers across the Commonwealth. These rules describe what a water supplier must do to fix or offset harm caused when the withdrawal of water from a well, river, or stream impacts the health of a river or stream. Withdrawals that were in place when the Water Management law was originally enacted in 1988 will remain with no changes proposed.

CRWC has supported many ideas brought forward and has been critical of others. We are working for strong environmental standards that also recognize the investments that towns and utilities have made in their water supplies. We feel the revised regulations offer a chance at better protection of streams across the state.

It will be important for state agencies to hear from you on this matter. We will keep you posted about how and when you can submit comments on these important regulations to protect our rivers and streams. For more information, contact River Steward Andrea Donlon, 413-772-2020 ext. 205 or adonlon@ctriver.org.

A new barrier for Green River dam removal

Removal of the Wiley & Russell Dam (the lowermost dam) on the Green River hit a major roadblock in late 2013 when Greenfield, MA Mayor Martin unexpectedly announced the withdrawal of his support from the project. Vocal opposition from neighbors not wanting the dam removed or those wanting to preserve the history of the dam appears to be behind the Mayor's shift in position.

The dam is in poor condition and represents a significant hazard. Its removal was planned to improve the river's health, partially restore fish passage and be an attractive part of the town's planned river walk. CRWC and American Rivers, together with many other partners, have been working with the Town of Greenfield for the last six years on this project. The dam was scheduled for removal between July and October 2014.

By the end of 2013 a final design had been completed, almost all of the permits were in hand and much of the funding was in place for dam removal. CRWC has made

the case for dam removal, especially on economic grounds, to the Mayor and Town Councilors. Repairing the dam may cost the Town \$350,000 to \$1 million or more, to meet state safety rules.

Long-term costs will also be high, including a full replacement at some point.

We hope the Mayor will recognize the value of dam removal and renew the Town's support of the project. If our funding is still available, we'll be ready to help. To get involved, contact River Steward Andrea Donlon, 413-772-2020 ext. 205 or adonlon@ctriver.org.



The future of the Wiley & Russell dam is uncertain now that Greenfield's Mayor no longer supports the removal project.

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CONNECTICUT

Protecting rivers and communities with tougher clean water standards

Healthy waters should be busy with bugs and fish, surrounded by birds and mammals and an inspiration to those who live and visit there. CRWC is committed to achieving this vision by collaborating across the watershed for strong clean water standards across state lines. This year, as the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) revises clean water standards across the state, Connecticut residents have an opportunity to better protect our communities and wildlife by speaking up for our waters. With your help we can:

- protect river users from harmful bacteria all year
- achieve temperature and dissolved oxygen standards that protect cold water aquatic species
- develop fair, science-based limits for phosphorus and other nutrients in our rivers that will stop algae blooms
- further implement a biological definition of healthy rivers' ability to sustain life.

To walk with us toward cleaner, safer waters for all, please contact River Steward Jacqueline Talbot, jtalbot@ctriver.org or 860-704-0057. If you're on the river from October-April, we want to hear from you!



Healthy rivers support all sorts of aquatic life, like this salamander.

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Member Spotlight: Lucy Bugbee Atkinson

Tackling Purple Loosestrife with Passion, Commitment and Beetles

“The outdoors has always been a source of joy and peace,” says longtime CRWC member Lucy Atkinson. “I’m not interested in things like country clubs and bridge. I enjoy the challenge and the beauty and peace nature provides for me.”

One of Ms. Atkinson’s favorite spots is the conservation lands in Longmeadow, MA nestled between I-91 and the Connecticut River. When it became overrun by invasive purple loosestrife, Lucy took it upon herself to help remove it. Lucy, then 80 years old, was inspired by an article about others using beetles to control loosestrife. She spent a year researching *Galerucella* beetles, which eat this invasive plant. She identified sources of the beetles and obtained the then-necessary permission from the state and town to release them.

“From 1999 to 2001, Lucy researched, started and helped carry-out the release of 20,000 *Galerucella* beetles,” recalls Cynthia Boettner of the US Fish & Wildlife Service, who provided Lucy with some technical advice and ‘moral support’ for the project. Within three years, the loosestrife was almost gone and native plants were growing back.

“At the time, if you looked across the pond, everything was pink,” remembers Robert Donner, former Longmeadow Conservation Commission Member. “Now if you go down in the summer, there are a few plants along the edges, but it is nothing like it was.”

In a 2005 report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the loosestrife project, Cynthia noted, “Lucy was happy with the success of the project and especially values the support and friendships she made in the process. She would encourage anyone to try things new to them and to recognize, at any age, one can make a meaningful contribution.” Fourteen years after they met through the project, Cynthia says that Lucy is still an inspiration. “Lucy’s passion for her special

place, her determination to keep it special, and her stamina to see the project through has made a lasting positive impact.”

Dedication to conservation runs in the family. Lucy’s mother, Lucy Mallery Bugbee, is recognized as a pioneer in Vermont wildflower conservation.

Her efforts saved Stoddard Swamp in Peacham, VT (now the Lucy Mallery Bugbee Wild Flower Sanctuary and Natural Area) and the Victory Bog Basin in Essex County, VT from destruction.

Lucy was not always so fond of the outdoors. She remembers, “Weekends when I had to go on nature walks with my parents, I would have been much happier at home with my friends.” Now an active 94 year-old, Lucy rarely misses a day to walk in nature. “People as highly geared as me need to find a way to calm the spirit,” she says.

Lucy and her late husband, Robert Atkinson, joined CRWC more than four decades ago. “The Connecticut River Watershed Council,” says Lucy, “is a guide for all of us who care about the river. It is up to those of us who care about the river to learn what can be done and to disseminate the knowledge.”

To learn more about Lucy’s project contact Dana Gillette at dgillette@ctriver.org or 413-772-2020, ext. 202



Longmeadow resident and CRWC Trustee Brewster Sturtevant (left) with Lucy Atkinson. “Lucy is the most energetic person I’ve ever known.”

DANA GILLETTE

ROBERT DONNER



The Meadows in Longmeadow, MA before Lucy introduced *Galerucella* beetles.

Help Protect the River for Future Generations

Including the Connecticut River Watershed Council in your Will costs you nothing today and has a lasting impact on your river. If you are interested in protecting the river for future generations, or have already made plans to do so, please contact Dana Gillette at 413-772-2020 ext. 202 or dgillette@ctriver.org.

Valley Gives Day – A huge success!

\$21,373 was raised for our rivers on Valley Gives Day, including online donations, a \$1,200 Golden Ticket prize and matching gifts from trustees and other friends. **That's \$52 for each mile of the Connecticut River!** Donations came in online during the day from all four states of the watershed and as far away as Oregon & Alabama. A total of 205 people showed their love for the river, including a few friends who wanted to participate but couldn't make their gifts online. That's twice as many of you as last year!

Valley Gives is a one-of-a-kind celebration of generosity for western Massachusetts. On 12/12/13 supporters joined

together for 24 hours in special events and an online campaign to make gifts to their favorite charities.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped spread the word about Valley Gives. We're looking for creative types, river lovers and Facebook friends to help start a Valley Gives River Team to make a strong showing for the river in the 2014. Will you join us? Please contact Dana Gillette at 413-772-2020 ext. 202 or dgillette@ctriver.org to get involved.



Thanks for joining us!

Welcome. As new members to CRWC, you join a community of people committed to protecting the entire, four-state Connecticut River watershed. Together, we work to protect water—the river, its tributaries, lakes, fish, and the land, plants, and creatures connected to that water—to keep it safe now, and for future generations.

The following new members joined us between August 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013.

Joan Allen	Harrison Gatch	Ron Miller	Sueann Townsend	Robert Wetzel
Beth Anderson	Donna Gates	MRW Connected	Humphrey Tyler	Bonna Wieler
James Arrigoni	Karin George	Mt. Toby Meeting of Friends	Caroll Veltrop	Elizabeth Williams
Robert Barba	Don Gerber	at Leverett, MA	Fred Wainwright	Christina Wilson
Mary Barnum	Fritz Gerhardt	Marcelia Muehlke	Elizabeth Walton	Carol Wolfgram
Robin Baslaw	Beth Gillespie & Carla Cooke	James Murgolo	Marylyn Wentworth	
Charlotte Belser	Lynn Goldfarb	David & Kat Nelson		
April Bent	Anthony Greenleaf & Catherine	New England FLOW		
Alyssa Bingham	Creegan-Greenleaf	Alexandra Nyary		
Masako Bogin	Carol Gregory	William O'Connor		
Lisa, Brion & Ben Brandes	Tom & Jen Hale	Ryan O'Donnell		
Daniel Brown	Lisa Hall	Curt Peterson		
Peter & Karen Brunette	Jennifer Hall-Witt	Wendy Podlenski		
Wayne Bugden	George Hammond	Abigail Pollard		
Brian Burkholder	Diana Hayes	Carol Powers		
Susan Cairn	Kim & Mary Jo Heisler	Leigh Rae		
Matilda Cantwell	Andrea Herold	Doug Reil		
Christopher Chapman	Catherine Herold	DeAnn Rice		
Steven Chase	Marjorie Hutter	Karen Rosenbaum		
Janet Chayes	Stanley Ingersoll	Rachel Ruppel		
Elizabeth Christie	Rita Jaros	Paul & Denise Ruzicka-Hayes		
Oona Coy	Jennifer Joson	Kailen Ryan		
Louise Croll	Lisa Karlin	Jaka Saarony		
Sue Croteau	Cynthia Kennedy	Amanda Seaman		
Christopher Curtis	Dave King	Nancy Shafer		
Ranjanaa Devi	Gary Kleinman	Janet Sharp		
Gale DiLuzio	Madeleine Lane	Norman Sims		
Rosalyn Driscoll	Cindy Leander	Paula Slym		
Donovan Eastman	Mike & Beth Lemieux	Suzanne Smith		
John Elliott	Sally Loomis	Starr Snead		
Gerald Eves	DeWitt & Vera Mallary	Annette Spaulding & Patrick		
Maria Fernandez	Michelle Marotta	Madden		
Sabra Field	Walter Martone	Richard & Paula Spencer		
First Universalist Society of	John & Nina McCall	Elise Springer		
Hartland, VT	Joan McCullough	Joel Strate		
Lincoln Fish	Scott McDaniel	Alan Sturmer		
Barbara Fisher	Sarah McKee	Helen Symons		
Constance Fitzgerald	Michael Humphries	The Fortin Foundation, Inc.		
Elizabeth Flot	Woodworking	Customers of Tip Top Country		
Joan Fox	Dee Michel	Store, Brookfield, MA		

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 Frances Dzialo, from Thomas Dzialo
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 Marion Griswold, from Carla Cooke
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 George H. Watkins, from Harriet Mooney
 Dr. William L. Winter, from Patricia Papallo

If you joined during this time & your name was omitted or you prefer a different listing, please contact Marion at 413-772-2020, ext. 201 or mgriswold@ctriver.org.

Upcoming Events



CRWC OPEN HOUSE & WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, March 19, 4-7pm
CRWC Headquarters & Lab,
Greenfield, MA

We invite you to join us to explore our offices & lab and chat with staff & board members. Learn more about World Water Day, an international day to focus public attention on critical water issues. Drop in for a few minutes or stay for a few hours. We'll provide the food & drinks. Hope to see you there!

SOURCE TO SEA CLEANUP BENEFIT CONCERT SERIES

Friday, April 25, 7:30pm
Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls, MA

Saturday, April 26, 7:30pm
Town Hall Theater, Woodstock, VT

Sunday, April 27, 3pm
The Kate, Old Saybrook, CT

Get your tickets online at www.ctriver.org or by calling 800-838-3006 in MA & VT or 877-503-1286 in CT.

CLEAN WATER PADDLE

Thursday, May 1, 5:30-7:30pm
Wethersfield Cove, CT

Join CRWC, the Great Meadows Conservation Trust and EBW Nature Center to learn more about how you can help secure clean water in your community.

Together we will explore the beauty of this region—eagles, ospreys & river views—and learn how you can make a difference for cleaner waters this year. For more information or to register contact CRWC at 413-772-2020 x204 or email amrozinski@ctriver.org. Life vests are required. Heavy rain cancels – rain date May 8. **Fee: \$5.**



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CRWC ANNUAL CELEBRATION & SUMMER SOLSTICE PADDLE

Mid-June

Join fellow CRWC members, staff, and board members at this annual event. Good times, good food, and great speakers are the tradition. Details coming soon.

18TH ANNUAL SOURCE TO SEA CLEANUP

September 26 & 27
VT, NH, MA & CT



Volunteers point to the seed of the invasive water chestnut plant. Removing this invasive plant from portions of the CT River is one of the Clean Water Future projects you can support.

Connecticut River Restoration Projects Need Your Support

Check out the Connecticut River watershed's very own crowdfunding website, www.CleanWaterFuture.org, where three new projects are waiting for your support. Over \$55,000 has been raised for 17 projects over the past few years. Your investment will result in a better environment and a healthier Connecticut River watershed. Don't wait – these projects will only be open for investment until mid-April!

“The recent chemical spill from a storage facility into the Elk River in West Virginia is an example of why people and citizen advocates like the CRWC are needed.”

David Maher, Brookfield, MA

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