

# Connecticut River Joint Commissions



## Giving voice to New England's great river

New Hampshire - Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission

Vermont - Connecticut River Watershed Advisory Commission

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All Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, And Wildlife:

On behalf of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, and as the Agency of Natural Resources staff designee to the CRJC, I am writing to express our thanks for the Natural Resources Committee's support of the Commission's work in the Connecticut River Valley.

The Connecticut River Joint Commissions is the only bi-state organization with a legislative mandate to provide guidance to both Vermont and New Hampshire to preserve the visual, ecological, and working landscape of the valley while also encouraging and maintaining economic viability throughout the region. By statute, Commission members represent Regional Planning Commissions and agricultural, hydroelectric, recreational and environmental interests, all working together to bridge the political boundaries in the valley and provide leadership to preserve and protect the watershed's resources.

CRJC is working on water quality in both states providing baseline data to help address the nutrient TMDL in the Connecticut River, leading outreach on planning and preparing for the influx of climate migrants into northern New England and participating in the relicensing of hydroelectric dams in the Connecticut River Valley.

The Vermont funding is key to enabling this work to continue and ensure that the 43% of Vermont in the Connecticut River watershed is being carefully overseen and protected.

Attached is the 2021 Annual Report detailing the progress made last year. The CRJC looks forward to continuing this strong partnership with Vermont.

Regards,

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