



2016 FRCC Members

Barkhamsted

Mario Santoro
Roger Behrens, alt.

Canton

Lance Hansen
Mark Quinlan, alt.

Colebrook

Ross Delaney
Tom Stanton, alt.

Hartland

Dan Bowler

New Hartford

Alison Murdock
Joe Merlino, alt.

CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Susan Peterson

Farmington River Anglers Association (FRAA)

Nick Masi

Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA)

David Sinish
Eileen Fielding, alt.

Metropolitan District Commission (MDC)

Tim Anthony
Carol Youell, alt.

National Park Service (NPS)

Liz Lacy
Jamie Fosburgh, alt.



Farmington River Coordinating Committee

Annual Report 2016

Hello Friends,

The Farmington River Coordinating Committee continues to steward and celebrate our beloved river. FRCC's mission is to implement and uphold the Upper Farmington River Management Plan, (which we updated in 2011 to accommodate changing conditions), to advocate and educate for protection of the river and its environs, to promote its values (ecological, historical, recreational and economic), and to resolve problems by facilitating agreement and cooperation among the many stakeholders in these efforts.

FRCC includes volunteer representatives from the participating towns of Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, Hartland and New Hartford, as well as representatives from CT DEEP, Farmington River Watershed Association, Metropolitan District Commission, National Parks Service and the Farmington River Anglers Association. We also have many project partners and fellow stakeholders including the city of Torrington, town of Winchester, Northwest CT Community College and Northwest Conservation District.

In recent years we have seen ramped-up challenges to the health of the river and the watershed, including large increases in the number of recreational users, development pressures, the spread of invasive non-native species, political upheaval and extreme climate fluctuations. FRCC has risen to these challenges and we continue, with your help, to find ways to protect the "outstandingly remarkable values" that make the Farmington River special.

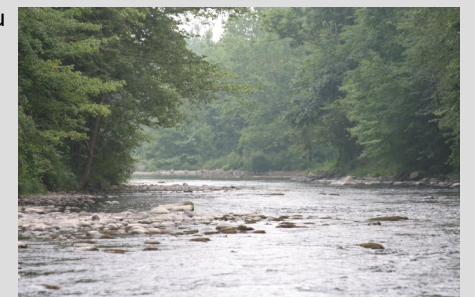
Some highlights of our 2016 activities include:

- Actions on the Still River watershed addressing causes of pollution and bacterial events flowing down to the River;
- Continuing to improve and develop our River Stewards program;
- Continuing to identify, evaluate and interdict Non-native species invasions;
- Water quality monitoring, and survey of culverts on upper FR tributaries for fish/wildlife passage issues;
- Sponsoring the creation and display of the Farmington River Quilt;
- Updating and improving our websites and expanding our media presence;
- Protecting sensitive land parcels, and supporting local groups and communities with projects that support our mission;
- Awarding scholarships to students to further their education in fields related to our mission.

And there are many more! For even more information, ways you can get involved, interactive map, activities and fun facts, visit farmingtonriver.org and the links provided there.

I am proud to be part of this dynamic and committed group of volunteers.

Love our River!
Alison Murdock, FRCC Chair





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Annual Report 2016 — Overview of Expenditures

Education and Outreach

Newsletters, Kiosks, Website	2,570.00
Keener and Johnson Scholarships and Interns	5,500.00
River Stewardship Project—Youth Stewards	<u>24,519.11</u>
Subtotal	32,589.11

Resource Stewardship

Water Quality Monitoring	15,500.00
Invasive Plant Management	9,310.00
Land Protection Assistance—New Hartford Land Trust	3,498.00
Still River Stormwater Management	<u>3,990.03</u>
Subtotal	32,298.03

Grants

Farmington River Quilt Project - MaryPat Leger	750.00
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Operations

Operating and Office Costs	<u>13,083.41</u>
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TOTAL **78,720.55**

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### 2016 By Numbers ...

River Steward Team Summer 2016

- 768 hours paid youth stewards
- 101 hours volunteer stewards
- 800 river users reached and 246 lbs. of trash and 287 bottles picked up from river

Program Volunteers 2016

- 650 hours for meetings and special projects

Total volunteer time translated to dollars.....\$15,020

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