



2014 FRCC Members

Barkhamsted

Mario Santoro
Roger Behrens, alt.

Canton

vacant
Cherie Robinson, alt.

Colebrook

Ross Delaney
Tom Stanton, alt.

Hartland

Dan Bowler
Nicki Hall, alt.

New Hartford

Alison Murdock
Mark Lindquist, alt.

CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Susan Peterson

Farmington River Anglers Association (FRAA)

Nick Masi
Paul Pinette, alt.

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 2014

Greetings:

The Farmington River sustains and delights us. It adds beauty and vitality to our towns as well as economic well-being. Guided by **The Upper Farmington River Management Plan**, the FRCC has been fulfilling its mission to promote long-term protection of the Upper Farmington Wild and Scenic River for twenty years now. The FRCC brings together people with a variety of knowledge and interests of this outstanding area. Comprising volunteer representatives from the five-riverfront towns of Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, Hartland and New Hartford, as well as representatives from the CT DEEP, Farmington River Watershed Association, Metropolitan District Commission, National Park Service and the Farmington River Anglers Association—the FRCC resolves issues by coordinating and maintaining cooperation between the towns and various river stakeholders as well as advocating, educating, and providing resources and programs to ensure river quality.



It has been a busy and productive year for the FRCC. Here are some highlights of 2014:

- Celebrated our 20th Anniversary with Senator Blumenthal, local dignitaries and many of the original folks who were instrumental in establishing the W & S designation.
- Established a comprehensive River Steward Program and hired Stephan Bastrzyzki of Barkhamsted as our River Steward to help manage the recreational and environmental impacts of increased recreational use of the river.
- Created a Farmington River Steward's website, www.farmingtonriversteward.org, providing current river conditions, activities, and information.



- Continued our program to control invasive plants and protect habitats.
- Updated and revised our Wild & Scenic Water Trail Guide to the Upper Farmington.
- Produced a professional video documenting the present state of the entire length of the Upper Wild & Scenic River.
- Provided FRCC Scholarships to local students majoring in an environmental field.

We are fortunate to be able to play a part in guaranteeing that this wonderful river will remain *wild & scenic* for generations to come.

Please visit us at farmingtonriver.org, or our new website, farmingtonriversteward.org. We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with us and wish you continued enjoyment of this special area.

Roger Behrens
FRCC Chairman, Barkhamsted





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Annual Report 2014 — Overview of Expenditures

Outreach and Education

Newsletters, Kiosks, Website	3,539.00
Keener and Johnson Scholarships and Interns	4,279.00
River Stewardship Project	4,293.00
20th Anniversary Event	<u>1,775.00</u>
Subtotal	\$13,886.00

Resource Stewardship

Water Quality Monitoring	10,000.00
Stream Crossing Surveys	3,314.00
Invasive Plant Management	12,656.00
Mapping	2,765.00
Vernal Pools Identification	<u>525.00</u>
Subtotal	\$29,260.00

Grants Program

Farmington River Anglers—Guide Reprint	3,550.00
Hartland School—Salmon in the Classroom	<u>800.00</u>
Subtotal	\$4,350.00

Operations

Operating and Office Costs	5,714.00
Management Plan Update	9,255.00
Subtotal	<u>\$14,969.00</u>

TOTAL **\$62,465.00**

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#### 2014 Leveraging

Total Volunteer Hours: 1,285

Translated to dollars.....\$25,700

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