

Appendix B. **PROGRESS SINCE 1997** - Actions Taken since Publication of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan

Boater education provided	CRJC published “Boating on the Connecticut River in NH & VT” with help from the VT Agency of Natural Resources and US Gen New England, and posted recreation maps of the river on its web site. CRJC established new pages of information and links for paddlers and other recreationists. Boating pamphlets have been provided free of charge to the public and to local outlets. The State of NH joined VT in making boater education mandatory.
River access and safety improved	The Town of Lunenburg, CRJC, and Vermont Leadership Center worked together to build a new car-top boat and fishing access at Mt Orne Bridge. Car-top access built at mouth of Passumpsic River. New England Power Company donated a zodiac boat to Littleton Fire Department for water rescues on Moore Reservoir.
Profile raised for river recreation	The Nulhegan Gateway Association formed, and looked into potential economic development related to recreation in the Nulhegan Gateway Region of Essex and Coos Counties. The CT River was named an American Heritage River in 1998.
River camping & info improved	A map of Connecticut River Canoe Campsites was published by the Upper Valley Land Trust covering the area from McIndoe Falls south.
Recreation trails and sites improved	The Connecticut River Birding Trail has been expanded into the region. The Cross Vermont Trail Association developed conservation trails in the Wells River area of Newbury VT. The Town of Lancaster created the Lancaster River Walk along the Israel’s River with Natural History Interpretive Signs. TransCanada began work on upgrading boat launches and trails in the Fifteen Mile Falls region, and proceeded with conservation of thousands of acres surrounding Moore Reservoir.
Connecticut River Byway established	CRJC established the Connecticut River Byway, a focus for natural and cultural tourism along the river, and a mechanism for protecting recreational assets. The regional planning commissions inventoried recreational and cultural assets along the Byway. CRJC set up the Connecticut River Byway Council and initiated “River Byway News,” now published twice each year. CRJC promoted designation of Byway routes, sponsored Byway marketing research, supported establishment of waypoint centers, and developed a Byway web site. CRJC won federal funding to cover towns’ signage costs. The NH Office of State Planning funded the first CT River Byway map and brochure. The VT Agency of Transportation also provided support. Both states provided funds for a Byway web site.
Byway visitor centers built	Lancaster, St. Johnsbury, Wells River and Woodsville stepped forward to serve as byway waypoint communities and opened waypoint visitor centers, which serve area towns on both sides of the river. CRJC provided a set of four byway exhibit panels and a video about the valley.