

# 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

**Mission:** The Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) is a bi-state organization dedicated to helping preserve the visual, ecological, and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley while encouraging and maintaining economic viability throughout.

Commissioners and local representatives are united in a shared regard and reverence for the Connecticut River, the surrounding landscape, and the regional ecosystem. This spirit allows them to appreciate successes over the past century, and to identify and share efforts for responsible stewardship into the future. Guided by our mission, the CRJC strives to help guide watershed activities by initiating, reviewing, and commenting on various projects and regulatory proposals such as shoreland protection, energy issues, and clean water initiatives. With its Full Commissions board and five Local River Subcommittees (LRS), more than 70 volunteers regularly engaged in the CRJC mission during Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) or July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.



*CRJC hosts a discussion with farmers on legislative actions in the Connecticut River Watershed, Fairlee, VT, 2024.*

Commissioners work in FY24 was informed by the CRJC's longstanding Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, its current 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, and 35 years of experience. During FY24 the CRJC Commissioners engaged in the following priority activities through research and proactive engagement of local and state stakeholders from both states:

- Water quality monitoring at 15 sites;
- Series of three virtual expert presentations including topics of Floodplain Management, Nitrogen pollution, and Best practices for CRJC members – reached 180 attendees;
- Bi-state discussions on the topics of Land use and resilience, and Legislative priorities for Farmers, garnered 100 attendees; and
- Comment and attain Intervenor status for the FERC hydro-power dam relicensing for the Vernon, Bellows Falls, and Wilder stations.

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We are pleased and appreciate that both Vermont and New Hampshire have agreed to fund and sustain the CRJC as we move forward on this array of projects. State funding allows the CRJC to consistently serve communities of the Valley. In addition, CRJC appreciates the funding assistance of the Vermont LaRosa Partnership to advance water quality monitoring during the 2022 through 2024 seasons.



*CRJC hosts a discussion with planners on Land Use and Resilience, Lebanon, NH, 2024.*

In the coming year, the CRJC will:

- Convene bi-state discussions for collaborative management of the Connecticut River;
- Provide two virtual expert presentations on two topics;
- Implement activities on water quality monitoring with state partners and each LRS; and
- Convene stakeholders to gather input for the Tactical Basin Plans in Vermont.

The following individuals comprised the Executive Committee of the Joint Commissions for FY24: Ted Cooley, President (NH); Marie Caduto, Vice President (VT); Jeffrey Miller, Secretary (NH); Jason Rasmussen, Treasurer (VT); Jennifer Griffin (NH); and Margo Ghia (VT).

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