

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.

Guided by its mission, the CRJC works to shape and support activities within the watershed by initiating, reviewing, and providing input on a range of projects and regulatory proposals, including those related to shoreland protection, energy development, and clean water initiatives. Although the Vermont and New Hampshire Commissioners and local representatives pursue their own independent efforts, they are united by a deep respect and shared commitment to the Connecticut River, its surrounding landscapes, and the broader regional ecosystem. This collective spirit not only honors the achievements of the past decades but also fosters collaboration and accountability for the river's continued stewardship into the future. With its Full Commissions board and five Local River Subcommittees (LRS), more than 65 volunteers regularly engaged in the CRJC mission during Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) or July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.



Connecticut River and Mount Ascutney from Fairlee Palisades

Commissioners work in FY25 was informed by the CRJC's longstanding Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, its current 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, and 35 years of experience. During FY25 the CRJC Commissioners engaged in the following priority activities through research and proactive engagement of local and state stakeholders from both states:

- Reviewed the VT & NH respective enabling statutes and worked on revisions for the CRJC mission

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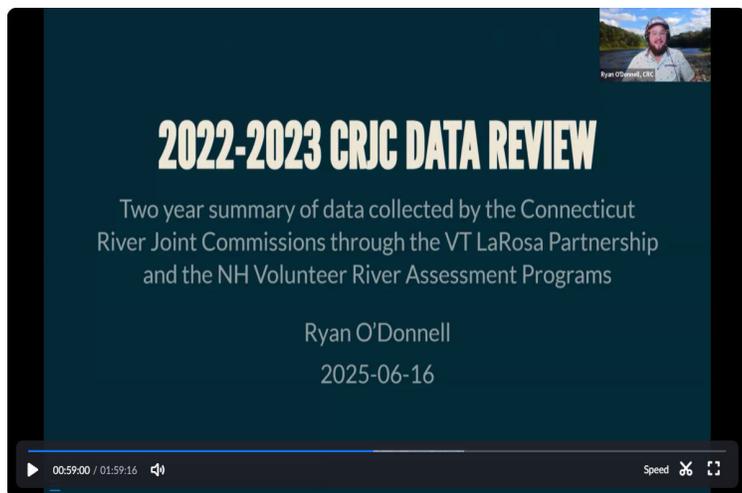
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- Water quality monitoring sites;
- Virtual expert presentation on the Connecticut River Water Quality and trends
- Commented and continued Intervenor status for the FERC hydro-power dam relicensing for the Vernon, Bellows Falls, and Wilder stations.
- Commented on the Dalton Landfill
- Participates in valley-wide projects on agriculture and stormwater working to address nitrogen pollution in the river.
- Remained apprised of other potential impacts/improvements along the Connecticut River

Both Vermont and New Hampshire funded the CRJC in FY25. 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 2025 season.



CRJC hosts a review on Water Quality Data, Full Commission Meeting, in-person & hybrid, June 30th, 2025.

In the coming year, the CRJC will:

- *Convene bi-state discussions for collaborative management of the Connecticut River;*
- *Provide two virtual expert presentations for members and the public;*
- *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 FY25: Marie Caduto, President (VT); Ted Cooley, Vice President (NH); Jeffrey Miller, Secretary (NH); Jason Rasmussen, Treasurer (VT); Greg Castell (NH); and Margo Ghia (VT).

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