

Riverbend Local River Subcommittee

of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

New Hampshire – Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath, Haverhill

Vermont – Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate, Newbury



Connecticut River – Riverbend Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2025

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2025, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Bill Graves and John Fairchild from Barnet, Deborah Noble from Concord, Scott Labun from Newbury, Sally Wilson from Ryegate, William Piper and Roberta Gillotte from Waterford, and openings in Guildhall & Lunenburg. Current members of New Hampshire are Rick Walling from Bath, Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Pauline Corzilius and Howard Hatch from Haverhill, Rob Christie from Lancaster, Sean Doll from Littleton, Justin Bradshaw and Steve Sherman from Monroe. Those with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. Those towns with one opening include Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Concord, Waterford, Ryegate, and Newbury. During 2025, Rob Christie maintained his position as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Riverbend is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality, wildlife habitat, and appropriate development. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on proposed permits and plans to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. In addition, CRJC is responsible for maintaining a bi-state watershed plan.

During 2025, Riverbend engaged on several topics. Permits that were reviewed included a Treatment Plant in Waterford, a Shoreland Protection Permit in Concord, a Stream Alteration General Permit in Newbury, a Lake Encroachment Permit and Shoreland Protection Permit in Barnet, and an Upper Connecticut River Tactical Basin Plan Presentation/Discussion.

In 2026, Riverbend will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Riverbend welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested, contact info@crjc.org.

