Looking After the River
Terrific volunteers and partners keep the river safe and clean.

Thanks to you, our supporters, FRWA is meeting the challenge of changing times with more staff, more partners, more education and outreach, ongoing scientific monitoring, and a strategy of collaboration to achieve multiple goals. Your support, terrific volunteers, and our many community partners work together to protect and restore the Farmington River.

2018 was filled with events celebrating the both the river and the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. This anniversary brings to light the accomplishments of our past (14-miles of the Upper Farmington designated in 1994) and the importance of actions today that determine the future of the Farmington River. Our Wild & Scenic Film Festival was a great way to celebrate and inspire river stewardship. Our Annual River Cleanup brought 125 people in our communities together for a cleaner, safer river. Our educational programs reached 389 youth and 440 adults.

Our staff and interns are dedicated to continuing the high quality, scientific, educational work and outreach. All this is thanks to member donations, local, state, and federal grants, community partnerships, and volunteers.

Water Quality Monitoring

Alisa Phillips-Griggs and the FRWA Water Monitoring Team had plenty of water in the watershed to monitor this hot and steamy summer. And we found plenty of bacteria in all that water too! Some of the highest bacteria levels we’ve seen were recorded after this summer deluges. Unlike last summer, we had no issues keeping our Hobo stream temperature sensors submerged, rather we had to wait for the cold, rushing waters to subside to safely access and retrieve them. There was no dearth of flowing brooks to sample for “streambugs” this fall either, though we were careful to select sites that weren’t desiccated last year so we wouldn’t miss any insect larvae that remain in the streams more than one season.

Monitoring, 2018
Sample sites: 50+  Samples analyzed: 481
StreamTemp. sensor sites: 8  WQ Volunteers: 33
Outreach Events & Wild & Scenic Celebrations

River Schooling. School programs bring Simsbury’s 4th graders and classes from other towns to the river’s edge to find out what lives there—and how we can all be “river-smart” in the home and neighborhood. We entertained school groups from Taft Mountain Academy, Odyssey Program at Goodwin College and elementary schools all over the watershed.

Talks and tours. To meet your wide-ranging interests, FRWA offered programs on diverse topics. Community Presentations for gardeners showed how non-toxic yard care translates into good water quality and healthy turf. History buffs enjoyed our program about the Saville Dam and Barkhamsted Hollow, while town officials were invited on a bus tour of BMPs (best management practices) of Bristol.

Land Trust Partnerships. Many of you “river friends” are involved in land trusts and you know that land and water stewardship go hand-in-hand. This year FRWA organized workshops and programs with local land trusts and the CT Land Conservation Coalition to enhance the protection and care of watershed lands. We helped with a Forest Management Forum and hosted programming to guide land trusts in exploring ways they can collaboratively work together and within their towns.

Restoration efforts. This year we continue our partnership with the Town of Farmington and the Connecticut Water Company installing a riverside buffer on public lands in Farmington. We are also working on a new rain garden for the ski lodge building in Bristol’s Page Park that will be installed this spring. Our Fisher Meadows barberry removal research project continues with several removal days every year, and with our summer seasonals assisting with data gathering and additional barberry pulls.

Celebrating our Wild & Scenic River. This year we celebrated 50 years of the Wild & Scenic rivers Act with additional programming including a film festival, author talks, Farmington River Quilt exposition. We also celebrated our third year as the sponsoring organization to the Jamie McEwan Tariffville Triple Crown Canoe & Kayak Races.

Summer River Stewards
Keeping us on track and up to date

“Seasoned” Seasonal Intern Tommy Griffith (front page) returned to work with us for yet another summer and was able to help train our new Seasonal Mohamed Oday in water monitoring protocols, sampling techniques, laboratory procedures, stream crossing assessments and data management. Hosting seasonal interns helps us to make progress on a multi-year project to assess and map stream crossings that may either block the passage of aquatic animals or be at risk of failure during major storm events while our interns gain valuable experience at gathering and analyzing field data.

We were also joined in the lab and in the field for part of the summer by student water monitoring volunteer, Vishal Kumar. Working with Alisa Phillips-Griggs as his community partner, Vishal conducted a research project in the Farmington River Watershed as part of the 2017-2018 UCONN Natural Resources Conservation Academy (NRCA) Conservation Ambassador Program (CAP). Completing the program entails doing a 7-month long conservation project in his or her community; Vishal's project was on the conductivity of the Farmington River and surrounding brooks.
Flowing water connects us all. Whether you live along the headwaters of the West Branch of the Farmington River in Otis, near the river’s mouth in Windsor, or anywhere in 33 towns within the 609 square mile Farmington River Watershed, you are connected to and by the River. If you are among the over 600,000 people in living in Greater Hartford and the Farmington Valley sustained by drinking water from the Farmington River Watershed, you too are connected to the River. Same for all who fish, paddle, row, swim and otherwise enjoy our clear, fresh waters, or hike, ski or bike the hills upon which rain and snow fall and feed our wetlands, streams and rivers.

The river flows through you and nurtures and sustains you. As a member and supporter of the Farmington River Watershed Association you are helping to nurture and sustain our watershed and we thank you from the heart of our watershed.

These days there are a multitude of activities to participate in on any given weekend. We are grateful for the supporters and volunteers who choose to join our programs and support our efforts. As you can see from the photos on the right, this support comes in many ways, whether your support comes from participating in a film fundraiser, a kayak race or helping us clean up the banks of the river.

And for all those that volunteer their time, there are many more who contribute financially to us and have been loyal supporting us for ten, twenty, thirty years or more. And for that we are THANKFUL!

We are THANKFUL for your support!

Financials - July 2017 through June 2018

Income, FY 2017-18: $347,517

- Contributions, 35%
- Foundation Grants, 21%
- Memberships & Dues, 15%
- Endowment transfers 16%
- Fees for Service, 12%
- Special Events & Sales, 1%

Expenses, FY 2017-18: $319,220

- Research & Projects, 39%
- Outreach & Education 38%
- Management & General, 12%
- Fundraising, 5%
- Advocacy, 5%
FRWA thanks all the businesses and individuals who have donated goods and services and made financial contributions to support our programs.

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**Water Quality Monitoring**
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Thomas Griffith, Mohamed Oday, Vishal Kumar

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Glen Phillips-Griggs
Judy Witxke & Winding Trails
Phil Royer, Anne Hall, Scott Rogers, the MDC
Erik Landgraf
We salute our fantastic Board for their hard work and steadfast commitment to protecting and restoring the Farmington River Watershed!

Nominees for Renewed Three Year Terms

Michael Feldman       David Donaldson, Jr       Katonya Hughey
Ann Jurkiewicz       Maurice Patterson       David Sinish

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