



SALMON RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Community Engagement Monitoring Stream Health: As part of an effort to establish baseline water quality levels and assess aquatic habitats, SRWP currently coordinates four types of monitoring activities throughout the watershed. This includes; stream temperature mapping, aquatic habitat assessments, summer baseline monitoring and long-term conductivity levels (for possible salt contribution). All of these are coordinated with community volunteers and students. Volunteers contributed over 300 hours in 2022.

MS-4 Stormwater Permits: Five of the ten towns that make up the Salmon River Watershed are currently under the state administered MS-4 Stormwater Permit. They include **Bolton, Glastonbury, Haddam, Hebron and Marlborough**. To assist towns in meeting annual permit requirements, SRWP provides a report of outreach & education activities conducted throughout the year.

Outdoor Recreational Resources: Recognizing the benefits of ecotourism to the local economies, SRWP initiated a watershed-wide mapping project highlighting the wealth of recreational opportunities in the region which is targeted to be available later this year.

Municipal Support: As requested, SRWP provides resource input on various grants and programs at the municipal and state level. SRWP is able to provide a unique perspective focused on the watershed as a whole.

Outreach and Education: SRWP was pleased to be able to participate in a number of events and education programs in 2022. This included; **Hebron MapleFest, Spring Fling**, at Machimoodus and Sunrise State Parks, **Hebron Day, Celebrate East Haddam** and the **Haddam Neck Fair**. Education programming included field-learning training for community volunteers and high schools and included students from Hebron, Marlborough, East Haddam, Colchester, Glastonbury, Andover and Coventry.

Partners: SRWP welcomed the opportunity to work with Thames River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and CT DEEP Fisheries on a riparian buffer planting project along the Blackledge River in Colchester for river bank protection and shading.

Long-Term Sustainability Planning & A Watershed Tour: SRWP hosted several meetings and the first leg of a full watershed tour as part of its long range vision project to gather input from community leaders on the importance of protecting Salmon River Watershed resources, the value of current projects and ideas for further initiatives.

Pictures T to B: 1. Fawn Brook (Hebron), 2. community stream bug assessment at Buell Brook (East Haddam), 3. volunteers planting white pine trees along the Blackledge River (Colchester), 4. SRWP board members touring the watershed (Bolton), 5. SRWP table display at Haddam Neck Fair (Haddam), 6. RHAM HS students at a field-learning class on the Blackledge River (Marlborough), 7. getting stream temperature logger equipment ready for deployment (East Hampton)