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MS-4 Stormwater Permits: Many of the Outreach and Education activities SRWP conducts help MS4 Towns meet their Stormwater Permit requirements. SRWP provides a list every year that can be included in the annual report to the state.

State Water Quality Conference: SRWP was a sponsor and panel participant at the State Water Quality Conference held at Three Rivers Community College in April. As a panel participant, the SRWP Watershed Coordinator shared the role that volunteer monitoring efforts play in meeting municipal resource management goals.

Education in the Watershed: SRWP conducted education programming for over 200 students in 2019 including RHAM & East Haddam High Schools and Middle Schools.

SRWP Interviewed for a Book: As part of a chapter on "Citizen Science", the Watershed Coordinator was interviewed about SRWP's role in organizing and training volunteers to help with water monitoring activities throughout the watershed.

Stream Monitoring: SRWP coordinates several types of water monitoring activities throughout the watershed, working with community volunteers and student interns. This includes summer baseline water quality monitoring, fall stream macroinvertebrate assessments, summer stream temperature loggers and year-round stream conductivity loggers (focused on potential salt impacts). The last activity is conducted by a volunteer professional environmental business, GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc. of Glastonbury, partnering with SRWP.

Comprehensive Plan for Air Line Trail State Park: SRWP is a stakeholder in the recent grant award to CT Resource, Conservation & Development Area, Inc. (a statewide non-profit organization) and will be participating in the comprehensive plan focused on long-term management needs, connectivity and economic benefits.

Wall of Tires: With assistance from SRWP, GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc., Benesch Engineering Company, Cisco Geotechnical Drilling, Lakin Tire East, and the Town of Colchester removed over 60 tires from the banks of the Jeremy River and Air Line Trail State Park in Colchester, along with remodeling debris, old appliances, bottles, cans and garbage in September as part of a 4-state CT River Watershed Clean-up.

Pictures T to B: 1. Community Volunteers-Lyman Brook Stream Assessment (Marlborough), 2. Pine Brook Stream Assessment (E. Hampton), 3. RHAM Middle School Program (Hebron), 4. Dobsonfly larvae (Colchester-E. Hampton, photo by P. Zaidel), 5. Water Connections by Jim Rousmaniere, 6. CT DEEP Voucher submittals, 7. Summer Interns-Stream Temp data, 8. Wall of Tires-Jeremy River-Air Line Trail River Clean-up (Colchester) and 9. Local Business Volunteers for River Clean-up (Colchester)