Thanks to the efforts of dedicated staff, regional partners, volunteers, members, and donors, we've made a positive impact for the Connecticut River in 2022. Here are just a few highlights and accomplishments.



### 26TH Annual SOURCE TO SEA CLEANUP

1,363 volunteers across 4 states 12,841 beverage containers collected

**126** cleanup groups

**37.4** tons of trash removed

**204** tires

85 miles cleaned

Our rivers are cleaner and safer thanks to many dedicated volunteers throughout the watershed.

# RESTORING THE RIVER

#### 3 Dam Removals In Guildhall, VT; Colebrook, NH; and Post

Mills/Thetford, VT.

1 Floodplain Forest 10 acres of former hayfield restored to floodplain forest on the Johnson Farm

Wildlife Management Area in Canaan, VT.

### 9,600 Trees Planted

Across 11 different planting projects in 10 towns including Bath, Colebrook, Lisbon and Lyme, NH; Lyndon, Norwich, Townsend, West Windsor, and Windham, VT; as well as Hartford, CT.

## 900,000 Water Chestnut Rosettes Removed

Throughout dozens of removal events in CT and MA alongside volunteers and 50 participating organizations, businesses, & agencies. Invasive Hydrilla was also removed, along with benthic barrier testing for growth prevention.



# 1,200 Water Samples

**COMMUNITY SCIENCE VOLUNTEERS** 

#### 2022 that were for E.coli, nitrogen, phosphorus, chloride, turbidity, conductivity, or microplastics.

1,737 E.Coli Results at 201 Sites in 4 States As part of the Is It Clean network, 10 regional partners including CRC, Deerfield River

CRC volunteers collected over 1,200 samples in

201 sites across all 4 states. This data supports regional river science, informs local agencies about the presence of pollutants, and guides

advocacy for cleaner, healthier rivers.

Watershed Organization, and Chicopee 4

Rivers, posted 1737 results for E. coli tests at

237 Sea Lamprey Nests Found in 6 Tributaries This data helps drive negotiations around dams and hydropower facilities to restore fish passage in the river. When nests are found, the removal of upstream barriers can

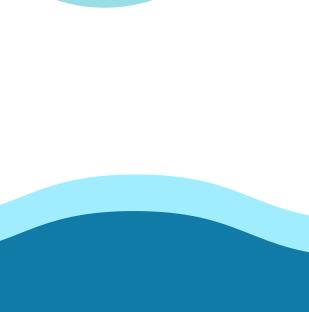


## upstream habitats.

40 Volunteers Rescued 458 Juvenile Sea Lamprey Volunteers rescued an estimated 458 larvae and juvenile sea lamprey at the Turners Falls Canal drawdown. Thanks to this project the young lampreys were released south of the

Turners Falls dam to continue their journey to the ocean.

be negotiated so future sea lamprey generations can access



permitting processes.

**ADVOCACY FOR CLEANER RIVERS** In addition to on-the-ground programs, CRC regularly provides comments on

Summary of advocacy achievements in 2022:

Lobbied congressional staff for federal policy & funding

for cleaner rivers. Presented a session on hydroelectric relicensing at River Rally in Washington, DC. Successfully argued for the passage of Act 135 for surface water withdrawal documentation & permitting in VT.

CT.

bills that may affect our rivers, submits expert testimony when requested, and

collaborates with local partners to advance conservation priorities in

to educate them about our rivers. Held 4 events along the Whetstone Brook in Brattleboro to educate the community about a new

Provided 5 river trips to over 30 legislators in VT & NH

supports.

Successfully advocated with state-wide partners to restrict some types of outdoor watering during droughts in MA.

access area & the healthy trout fishery the Brook

Pushed hydropower to protect and sustain life in the river in MA.

Successfully advocated to open an Office of Aquatic

Invasive Species in CT. Advocated for legislation to stop illegal tire dumping in



We now have a River Steward

dedicated to public advocacy,

engagement, and unique issues in

every state of the Connecticut River.

Kate (NH), Kelsey (MA), Kathy (VT), and Rhea (CT).

Riverfest Paddlesport Championship Race in Brattleboro, VT

and Hinsdale, NH.



THANK YOU for your support in 2022. We look forward to building upon all these