



News from the **Deerfield River Watershed Association**

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When are the best times to paddle or float?

Head to our website at www.deerfieldriver.org/boating to find links to the spring and summer water release schedule, daily water release flow rates, hours it takes for the high flow to reach your favorite river put-in, river safety, etc. For a completely uncrowded experience with plenty of parking, we highly recommend paddling or floating on a Wednesday, Thursday, or even Friday. Please, first confirm there are scheduled water releases from the Fife Brook dam for that day or rains have not made the water level too high to be unsafe.

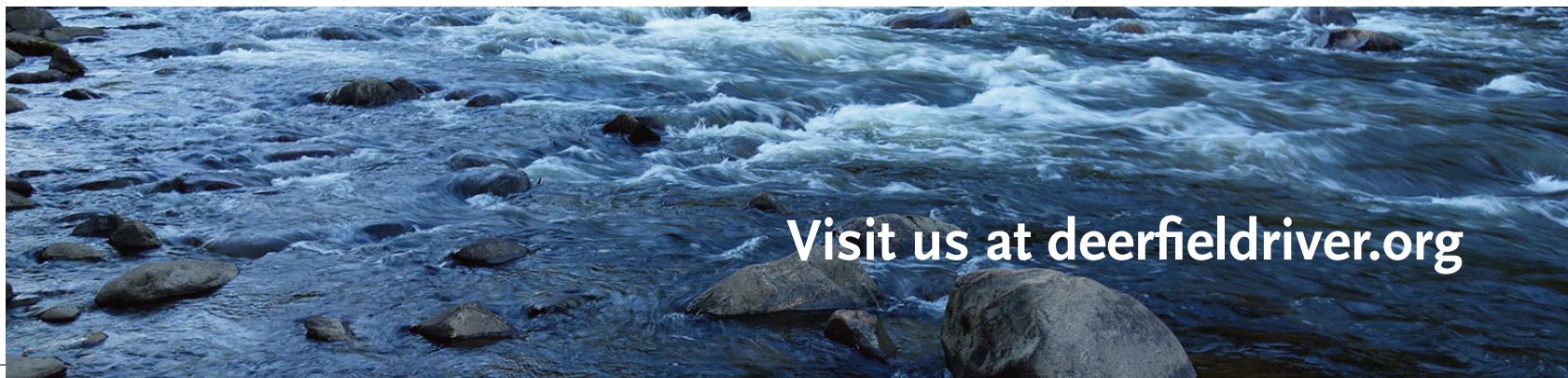


River Recreation Planning—Bringing Positive Change to River Recreation

The Deerfield River Watershed Association (DRWA) has been actively working for a safe, clean, and user-friendly river system with adequate public access. To this end, we have been advocating to our partners and local governments to create a River Recreation Plan, that is now fully underway. A few positive changes to river safety, sanitation, and convenience were made in 2021, and with fingers crossed, more are on the way for 2022 and beyond.

Franklin County Rivers Cleanup Opportunities

The Franklin County Rivers Cleanup was expanded last year to include other river systems throughout the county and additional local events. Mark your calendar for September 24th for our biggest annual cleanup event. We will gather at Greenfield's Green River Recreation and Swim Area on Nash's Mill Rd. in Greenfield, at 9 AM. Check out the "News/Events" section of our website for the latest information on 2022 cleanup opportunities. Create a team or sign up as individuals and plan on joining us!



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Mohican-Mohawk Trail— Updated Maps

Updated maps of the Mohican-Mohawk Trail System are now available at the Franklin Land Trust trailhead near the State Police barracks on Route 2 in Shelburne, or a PDF map can be found online at the mass.gov website, search key words: Mohican-Mohawk Trail

News from Vermont

On March 24, an in-person event was organized by the Connecticut River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited to review current and recently completed work done in the headwaters of the Deerfield River. This event, the “Somerset Integrated Resource Project 2022 Status Update,” focused on progress made since 2019 and plans for the next three years. Meanwhile, the local chapter of Trout Unlimited was awarded a grant to do wood loading in Box Cover Brook, a tributary to the Deerfield River. This mitigation activity will improve fish habitat damaged by stream straightening and flooding.

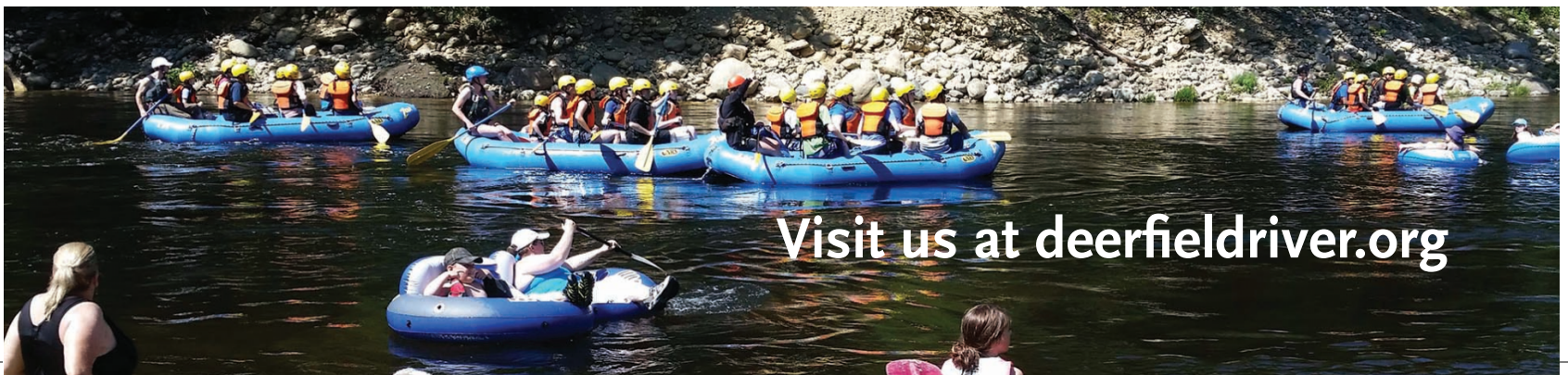
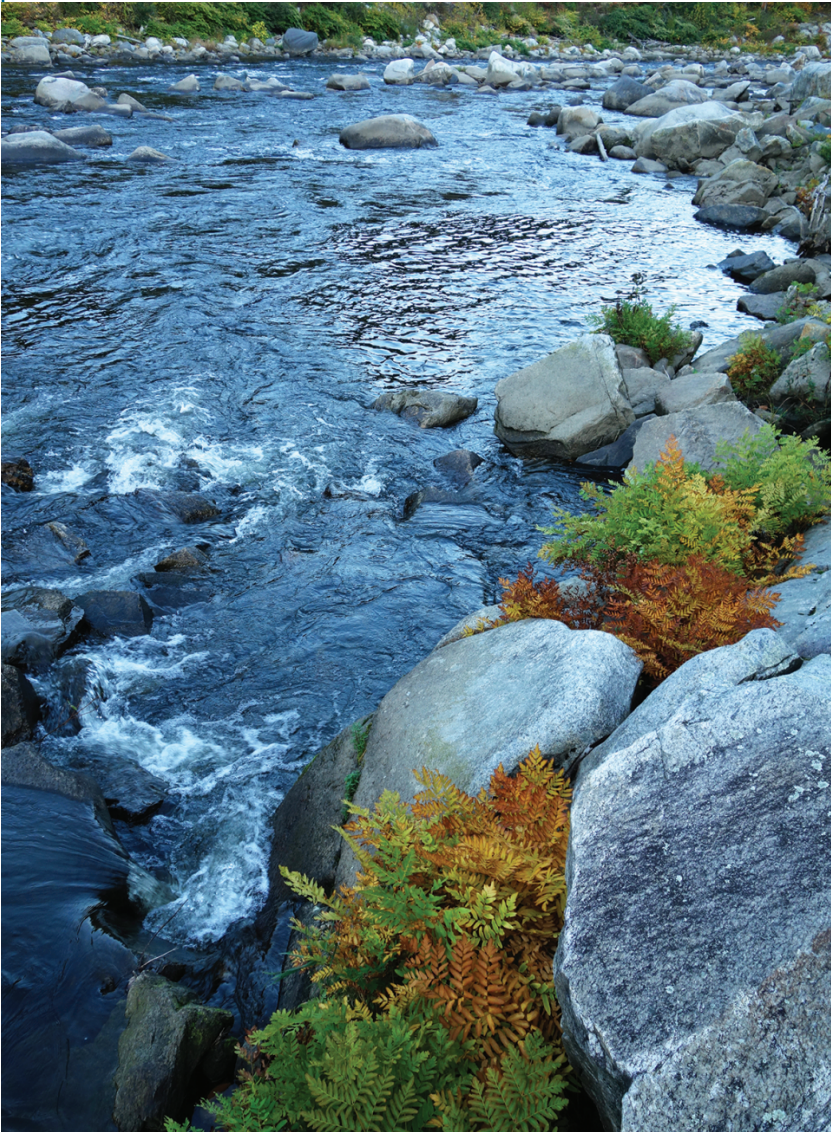
From the President

For a small, volunteer-run organization, I am impressed with how we keep adding accomplishments each year. This is all due to a highly motivated Board and your generous donations. Thank you!! We all hope to see you on the river system or its trails this summer! —*Jim Perry, President, DRWA Board of Directors*



Deerfield Wild and Scenic Rivers Legislation is Ready to Move

DRWA has been working for the past months with legislative aides for Representative Jim McGovern-MA and Senator Edward Markey-MA, to craft a study bill to determine if segments of the Deerfield River can be designated as a National Wild and Scenic River. According to Representative McGovern’s office, that bill is now ready for introduction in Congress. A copy of the proposed legislation is available at www.deerfieldriver.org/wild-and-scenic



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