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## Deerfield River Watershed Association e-Newsletter



DEERFIELD RIVER  
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

An affiliate of  
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### What Happened in 2019 "Giving Tuesday" edition

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## New River Trails in the Wind?



Available for free at the  
Franklin Land Trust, Rt  
2 pullout, Trailhead.

Hiking trails offer you an opportunity to walk through and enjoy our incredible river scenery at a slower pace and all year-round.

While we continue to partner with other organizations to actively maintain sections of the Mahican – Mohawk hiking trail, we are also actively working toward future extensions of the trail. If successful, this long, slow process will lead to an expanded trail system along the Deerfield River.

## School Mini-Grant Program Opportunity



Mohawk Trail Regional School  
Students

We issued one school mini-grant last year and approved another one this fall. We will continue to offer additional small grants (up to \$250 each) for school projects related to watershed studies and awareness. Public school teachers and students within the Deerfield River watershed are eligible to apply. Contact us for more information

at: [drwa@deerfieldriver.org](mailto:drwa@deerfieldriver.org)

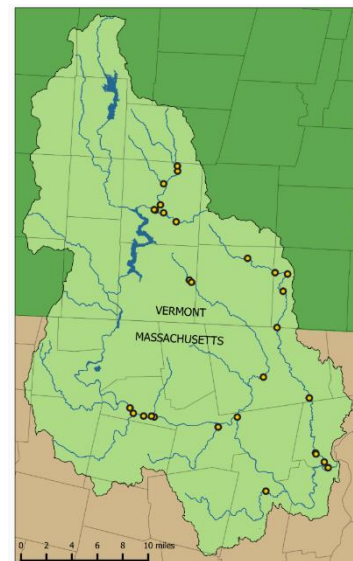
## Lessons from the Field: Water Quality Monitoring

The 2019 results are in and we are hard at work checking the quality of the data and analyzing the numbers to put into reports. This past season, Jacksonville, VT joined Wilmington, VT and Greenfield, MA as hot spots of **poor water quality**. The finished report will be posted on our [website](#), but in the meantime you can read reports from previous years.

Do you have a spot in the watershed that should be monitored? Reach out and let us know by email! [Deerfield.monitoring@gmail.com](mailto:Deerfield.monitoring@gmail.com)

Check out Connecticut River Conservancy's '[Is It Clean](#)' [website to find the latest Deerfield River watershed water quality results](#).

2019 water sampling sites  
in the Deerfield River  
Watershed:



## Green River (and Main Stem Deerfield River) Cleanup

This year's Source to Sea Cleanup expanded to the main stem of the Deerfield River through the collaboration of the Deerfield River Watershed Trout Unlimited, DRWA, Shelburne Falls Mountain Lodge of Masons, and Hilltown Grower's Supply.



Photo: Mountain Lodge of Masons, Facebook page

Normally DRWA focuses entirely on the Green River tributary to the Deerfield River, but this year we expanded the cleanup into West County thanks to two new groups volunteering to clean up Bardwell's Ferry and Charlemont Center. It was an impressive turnout of folks sharing the same mission in advocating for the long term health of the watershed.

## “Partnerships” Many Helping Hands

As a small, volunteer organization it is extremely important **we leverage our limited resources** with many other organizations. This partnering has allowed the Deerfield River Watershed Association to have an **outsized role** in what happens within this huge MA and VT watershed.



Photo: Mountain Lodge of Masons, Facebook page

Just a few of our partners this year include the City of Greenfield Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and Sheriff's Department; Hilltown Grower's Supply; Trout Unlimited; Mountain Lodge of Masons; Green River Watershed Alliance; Franklin Land Trust;

Shelburne Open Space Committee; Franklin Regional Council of Governments; and many more!

We use these partnerships to leverage your voice, volunteer time, and donations into an increased positive impact on the watershed and its many tributaries.

Have any ideas or questions? You can reach us at:  
[drwa@deerfieldriver.org](mailto:drwa@deerfieldriver.org)

See you on the river trails this Winter!



*Jim Perry*

President  
DRWA Board of Directors

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This working partnership makes us a more effective  
advocate for this special watershed.

Your donations go to the Deerfield River Watershed  
Association and our many projects.



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