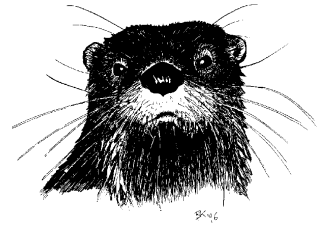




2017 Annual Report

Farmington River Watershed Association



*Protecting and preserving the natural resources of the Farmington River Watershed through
research, education, stewardship, and advocacy—
for you, for all, forever.*

Thank You for an Amazing Year!

New staff, programs, and partners are expanding our ability to restore the watershed.



*August: Avon Old Farms students cleared hundreds of
invasive plants from the river's floodplain.*

Thanks to you, FRWA is meeting the challenge of changing times with more staff, more partners, more education and outreach, ongoing scientific monitoring, and a strategy of collaboration to achieve multiple goals. Your support benefits terrific volunteers and many community partners who work together to protect and restore the Farmington River!



*Autumn: Water Quality and Projects Coordinator Alisa
Phillips-Griggs and teams of volunteers sample streams for
invertebrates. Aquatic insect populations respond to
pollutants, so they are important indicators of water quality.*

Yes, We're Still Monitoring

Some things shouldn't change, like getting
good river data every year.

No matter what the water levels or the weather, FRWA's water quality program has kept on as usual. Last fall, severe drought threatened our HOBOS (submerged temperature sensors) with becoming high and dry. We scrambled to move them to deeper pools. Even now, in 2017, ground water levels have not really recovered. It's still a challenge to find enough water in small streams so that volunteers can sample for "stream bugs." Despite all this, Alisa Phillips-Griggs and our amazing volunteers keep gathering data for a long-term record of water quality.

Monitoring, 2017

Sample sites: **50+** Samples analyzed: **452**
Temp. sensor sites: **8** WQ Volunteers: **25**

*"Over the course of the summer, I was able to feel like I contributed something meaningful...It was as if I had
been given the tools to make a positive impact on the environment."*

Stephen Banulski, intern

“River Smart” Brings Adventure, Pollution Prevention, Friends

If you want a city kid to care about polluted runoff, what do you do?

Here’s what we did: our “River Smart” program took urban kids on trips to the wild places that polluted stormwater goes. They explored the river, or visited the coast, or even voyaged on Long Island Sound to sample marine life. After that, it’s easier to understand how communities are connected by water, and how a neighborhood project to capture stormwater in a rain garden can help the fish and wildlife that live downstream. Many young participants followed up by installing a whole array of rain gardens in Hartford! At the same time we taught about stormwater, we were able to enhance existing programs for urban youth organizations—a double benefit.



Above, getting a look at live plankton on Long Island Sound. Left: Planning and digging a rain garden to catch stormwater in Hartford.

River Smart in 2017

Rain Gardens created	4
Events and Festivals	7
Partner groups	10
Exhibits	11
Lawn/Landscape programs	16
Youth in rain garden projects	38
Native plants installed	150+
Youth on river/coast field trips	171
“River Smart” action pledges	188
Social media reach	13,000+

Kudos to Aimee Petras and new staffer Laura Hart for launching this program and making it rock! Thanks also to **Herb Virgo** of the Keney Park Sustainability Project, **Ruth Miller** from the North Central Conservation District, **Vivian Felton** from USDA-NRCS, **Nicole Stere** of the Bristol Boys and Girls Club, **Scott Heth** at Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut, and the **staff of Project Oceanology**.



Training New Professionals

Did you drive over an intern recently? Quite a few people did.

Interns **Tommy Griffith** and **Steve Banulski** spent weeks in the watercourses that flow underneath our roadways. They made further progress on a multi-year project to assess and map stream crossings that may either block the passage of aquatic animals or be at risk of failure during major storm events. While thus serving the wildlife and the towns, they gained valuable experience at gathering and analyzing field data, and uploading it into a regional database maintained by UMass Extension.

Meanwhile, intern **Shanelle Haughton** assisted with the River Smart urban outreach, encouraging young women of color to consider ambitious careers such as the doctoral program she is pursuing in water pollution remediation. We wish all our interns continued success!



“I was encouraged and inspired to be fearless in pursuing my goals...this experience has been life changing.”

Shanelle Haughton, Intern

Your Long-term Support Is Priceless—THANK YOU. You're a force in the Farmington Valley!

Let's face it. Government programs and policies to protect water resources are in jeopardy—or at best, in flux. FRWA has been speaking out on behalf of river protection at the local, state, and federal level,* and fighting to maintain agency support for protecting and restoring the Farmington River and its tributaries.

But no matter what, the major force guiding and motivating FRWA's river protection is local people who care and take action, year after year. An astonishing percentage of support comes from people in the Farmington Valley who have been giving loyally for ten, twenty, thirty years or more. Your commitment and your long-term perspective are hugely valuable. You keep FRWA's priorities aligned with the community's, and ensure that our programs are not overly dependent on government grants.

We close with a heartfelt THANK YOU to our friends of the river for being the force behind FRWA-- this year and every year!

*FRWA testimony is available on request, or on our website.



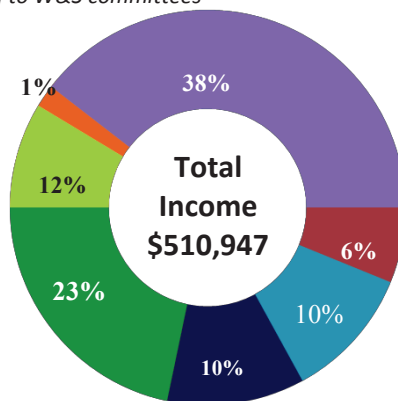
Community Involvement in 2017
Value of volunteered time: approx. \$14,600
Grant dollars matched to YOUR support: \$166,481

Financials - July 2016 through June 2017

Income, FY 2016-17: \$510,947

Does NOT include Nat'l Park Service funding to W&S committees

- Contributions, 38%
- Foundation Grants, 23%
- Memberships & Dues, 12%
- Government Grants, 10%
- Endowment transfers 10%
- Fees for Service, 6%
- Special Events & Sales, 1%

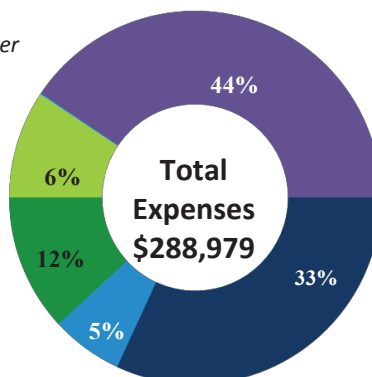


Income includes a 1-time restricted settlement payment of \$148,000

Expenses, FY 2016-17: \$288,979

Does NOT include projects of Wild & Scenic River committees

- Research & Projects, 44%
- Outreach & Education 33%
- Management. & General, 12%
- Fundraising, 6%
- Advocacy, 5%



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