

Warner River Local Advisory Committee (WRLAC)

Spanning the towns of Bradford, Warner, Sutton, Webster and Hopkinton

Dear Warner River Local Residents and Stakeholders,

The time to get involved helping sustain the health of the Warner River, is right now! The Warner River Local Advisory Committee is delighted to announce the availability of our on-line Survey to assess the various ways in which community members value and utilize the natural resources within the Warner River watershed.

In 2018, the Warner River was classified as a *designated river*, as defined by New Hampshire's River Management and Protection Program, joining the Merrimack, Contoocook and sixteen other rivers of outstanding character. This designation requires the formation of a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) to ensure active participation by local residents and stakeholders. The WRLAC is composed of volunteers representing a variety of river interests and each of the communities within the watershed. The WRLAC is responsible for developing and implementing a River Corridor Management Plan which documents the river's existing conditions and makes recommendations for how to protect the river and its many uses for generations to come.

Specifically, the WRLAC is charged to consider and comment on any federal, state, or local governmental plans to approve, license, fund, or construct facilities or applications for permits, certificates, or licenses, that may alter the resource values and characteristics within the ½ mile wide designated river corridor. So, if you have ever wondered how you could personally engage in the State and Federal permitting process and help protect the river, the WRLAC is your advisory organization for protecting our river's resources. We need to hear your voice!

The first step in preparing the River Corridor Management Plan is to understand how the natural resources within the Warner River watershed are currently being utilized. The WRLAC Survey is designed to do just that; enable local residents and stakeholders to speak-up about their utilization and interests in the watershed. By participating in the survey, you will be making a significant contribution to making the WRLAC an effective agent for managing and preserving our precious natural resources.

Get started now! Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/WarnerLAC