

Appendix 4. Outreach and Education Examples

The following are examples of outreach and education materials utilized during the Wild and Scenic Study.

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study Newsletter Example.



Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Study

NEWSLETTER FOR THE UPPER MISSISQUOI & TROUT RIVERS WILD AND SCENIC STUDY

Thank you for exploring the second newsletter from the first Wild and Scenic Rivers Study in Vermont!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our next Study Committee meetings are June 16th in Montgomery at the Emergency Services Building, July 21st in Westfield, and August 18th in Franklin County. Study Committee meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm.
- The Wild and Scenic Study Committee will be hosting a paddle on the upper Missisquoi River on June 4th. Check out our website for future canoe trips and other events.
- Please check out our website or contact our coordinator, Shana Stewart Deeds, for more information on our Study, upcoming events, or if you would like a representative to speak in your organization about the Wild and Scenic Study.



Sunrise at Big Falls, Missisquoi River. Photo by John Schner - our 2010 Wild and Scenic photo contest grand prize winner. See page 2 for information on how you can enter our 2011 photo contest.

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WHAT IS THE WILD AND SCENIC STUDY COMMITTEE?

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Study Committee is formed of local appointees and partner organizations to evaluate Wild and Scenic Designation along the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers.

The group's mission is to facilitate the transfer of information between the ten communities the rivers run through, Berkshire, Town of Enosburgh, Village of Enosburgh Falls, Jay, Lowell, Montgomery, Village of North Troy, Richford, Westfield, and the Town of Troy, and evaluate the potential benefits of the Wild & Scenic designation. At the end of the study in 2012, we will provide an accurate assessment as to whether the rivers fit designation criteria and whether designation is supported, and make recommendations of voluntary strategies for protection of the rivers' resources. Study Committee meetings are open to the public and driven by consensus.

HELP US IDENTIFY OUTSTANDING RIVER RESOURCES

Identifying Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs):
As part of a Wild and Scenic River Study, a determination must be made whether the river area contains any outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs).

The process of determining whether a river contains any ORVs often begins with an effort to gather information about river-specific resources that may be unique, rare or exemplary when compared to similar resources at a regional or national scale. For the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers this will be done by the Wild and Scenic River Study Committee with the help of area specialists.

Many different kinds of resources can be ORVs. They include things like wildlife and their habitat, fisheries, scenery, swimming holes, geologic features, and historical, archaeological and recreational sites. Please contact us if you have ideas for ORVs, and take a few minutes to complete our survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TVLFWFR>

NEWSLETTER DETAILS

This newsletter will be published during the approximately 3-year Wild & Scenic Study scheduled to end in 2012. If you are receiving this newsletter you likely live or work within the study area, you are on our mailing list, or you belong to a local watershed or conservation organization. Your contact information will not be sold or shared by our organization, and will not be used for any purpose other than Wild & Scenic education and outreach. Please contact Shana Stewart Deeds if you wish to be added or removed from our mailing list, or if you can help us save money and resources by receiving this newsletter electronically! Newsletter archives, meeting minutes, designation FAQs, and more are available on our website.

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WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF WILD & SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION FOR THE MISSISSQUI AND TROUT RIVERS? (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)

Wild & Scenic River Designation is granted by Congress under the 1968 Wild & Scenic Rivers Act and its amendments. The Partnership Wild & Scenic River model used in New England was designed for rivers primarily in private ownership. This model empowers communities to better manage, protect and enhance the special values of their rivers. There are three essential aspects to implementing Wild & Scenic Designation; this article discusses these designation effects.

The Management Committee - If the Wild & Scenic Study Committee believes that the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers fit the criteria for designated rivers, and that designation is desirable they will bring the question of designation to vote at Town Meeting. If voters support designation, the motion will be brought to Congress. If Wild & Scenic Designation occurs, then there would be a Wild & Scenic Management Committee, established similar to the current Study Committee, to oversee the designation and the federal funds made available to designated rivers. The establishment and support of a local Management Committee to oversee designation, made up of members appointed by the ten towns, is key to making Wild & Scenic Designation work. The Management Committee would, with landowners and various partners to implement the recommendations of a Management Plan written by the Study Committee. The Management Plan will lay out a vision for protecting the special values of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers valued by the community (please see page 1 for information about how you may help us identify these values). It will detail the natural and cultural resources, and describe their current condition, threats, opportunities, and, recommendations for management. The Plan will be extensively reviewed by local boards, and then brought to Town Meeting to be sure it reflects community goals and values.

Federal Support - To be sure that the Management Plan does not sit on a shelf and to support the Management Committee, designated rivers typically receive regular Federal financial appropriations. In 2010, the twelve Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers each received approximately \$170,000 to help the Management Committee function, provide salary for staff, and provide

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Photo Contest

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study is sponsoring a photo contest! Our second photo contest is open from now until December 30, 2011. Winners of our photo contests will be featured on our website and newsletter, and entered into the running for the best photo of 2011-2012, and receive a gift from a local business. This year Nicole Lanery has generously donated a 1 hour massage from her business *Better Living Massage*, Montgomery, VT. Each photo submitted must be accompanied by its own

completed entry form which can be downloaded from our website www.utsrvt.org. Please submit both a hard copy and email a digital version of your photo. Digital copy may be emailed to info@utsrvt.org. You may also request an entry form by mail.



Historical photo of East Berkshire, VT provided by the John Wall and the Berkshire Historical Society

Berkshire in town, is its scenic beauty. When one walks the rail trail north towards Richford, he or she would cross the river on the same bridge once used by the trains when the railroad was in use. Others have sometimes been seen at play in the water flowing below.

The Berkshire Historical Society Building (the former First Congregational Church) is located on Montgomery Road in East Berkshire, not far from the river. The sanctuary remains intact and has been recently used for weddings, while the downstairs is used as a museum to house and display our artifacts and the Wall of Honor (not yet, but hopefully soon) for all of Berkshire's men and women who have served in the past or are currently serving in our nation's military. Books are also available on the history of Berkshire, and can be purchased through the Berkshire Historical Society or at the Berkshire Town Clerks Office. Our meetings are the third Thursday of each month, and we are open summers by appointment.

By: John Wall, President, Berkshire Historical Society

ARRANGED 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(PLEASE SEE THE RESOURCES SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE FOR A MORE COMPLETE LIST)

Organization and Administration

- Elected a slate of officers in March 2010.
- Approved decision-making procedures in March 2010.
- Adopted a Mission Statement in July 2010.
- Conduct monthly Study Committee meetings in the 10 towns in the study area.

Resource Review

- **Geography** - Presentation by Stacy Pomeroy of VT Department of Environmental Conservation showing aerial photos of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers.
- **Recreation** - Presentation by Walter Opurzynski on the Northern Forest Canoe Trail which includes Missisquoi River sections (05-13-10), and Bernie Pientka (Fish and Wildlife) on stocked fisheries in the rivers (11-18-10).
- **Natural Resources - Wildlife** - Presentation by Corrie Miller and Bob Hawk on wildlife habitat connectivity and the Staying Connected Project (07-15-10), and Rich Langdon (ANR) on natural fisheries (11-18-10). Water - Staci Pomeroy from the VT ANR set up the flume river model to demonstrate river dynamics at our 10-21-10 meeting; Dori Barton, from Arrowwood Environmental, presented 10-21-10 the preliminary findings from their geomorphic assessment conducted on the Missisquoi this summer.
- **Agriculture** - Presentation by Laura DiPietro, VT Department of Agriculture on farm operations, Accepted Agricultural Practices Regulations, and Best Management Practices (08-19-10).
- **Cultural/Historical** - Presentation 09-16-10 by Bobby Farice-Rubio on Native American occupation of the Missisquoi and Trout River valleys, & Janice Geraw, Enosburg Historical Society, gave a brief presentation (4-15).

Meetings and Events

- Hosted a paddle on the Missisquoi River from Richford to East Berkshire on June 26, 2010.
- Advertised and participated in MRBA's June 19, 2010 Missisquoi River cleanup.
- Participated at the Missisquoi River Basin Association's Riverfest on August 26, 2010.
- Hosted a paddle on the Missisquoi River from East Berkshire to Enosburg Falls on September 18, 2010.

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CURRENT TOWN APPOINTEES	
The Wild and Scenic Study Committee is made up of two official members from each of the ten towns in the study area. These officials members are appointed by the towns. The following is the current roster of appointed members from each of the ten towns:	
Berkshire	Montgomery
1. Todd Kinney	1. Todd Lantry
2. _____	2. Carol McGreggor
Town of Enosburgh	Village of North Troy
1. Edward G. Ellis	1. Sue Brassett
2. Ken Secor	2. Jim Starr
Village of Enosburg Falls	Richford's Conservation Commission
1. Mike Manahan	1. Hilb Doe
2. _____	2. Annette Goyne
Jay	3. George Olio
1. _____	Westfield
2. _____	1. Jacques Couture
Lowell	2. Dianne Laplante
1. Mark Higley	Town of Troy
2. Jeff Parsons	1. Helene Croteau
	2. Robert Langlands

MEET OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<p>Mike Manahan</p> <p>Mike Manahan is the secretary for the Wild and Scenic River Study Committee. He grew up in Knoxville, and has helped lead efforts to protect and restore some of the 10,000 miles of rivers, he administers with the Mountain River Watershed Association, and supports all of their water conservation efforts. Growing up in Italy, a great outdoor destination, giving him to one of the great places in the US. Waterways that remain fish, still are to be cherished. I believe the Mountain Institute and water professionals, as well as the Trust River study team are determined both by pollution from agriculture operations, and municipal and private residential water discharges. With them who have and can not believe the mountain waters to enable our waterways to serve all users and share their great beauty to the maximum extent. We go by my remaining time to be restored, both, to restore existing fish, and to help preserve efforts to help us and share our vision of this extraordinary experience which only goes better the more you get it.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> 
<p>Dianne Laplante</p> <p>After moving back to Vermont 15 years ago, Dianne has been a very active and involved Outdoor Agent with a United Brotherhood of Carpenters Lodge. Dianne also works part time at the Northern State Correctional Institute in New York, NY. She has an extraordinary eye for detail in developing scenic areas. With Dianne at the Mountain Institute, in Woodstock, NY, Dianne is an avid gardener, rock, bird watcher, and photographer. She is involved in the arts in Montpelier/Vermont. A Collaborative member, very interested in environmental issues is member of the Upper Mountain Trust and Trust River Wild and Scenic Study Committee, and participating in the 2nd Woodstock Vermont Community Broadband Project.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p> 

Dianne Laplante

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Postcards sent to riverfront landowners, and community members.

Did you know that your town is participating in the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Study?

The Upper Missisquoi River and the Trout River are the first two rivers in Vermont to be considered for inclusion under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. A Study Committee has formed to identify what makes these rivers special. We are studying the outstanding values of the rivers, evaluating the protections that exist for these values, and making suggestions in the form of a voluntary management plan about what steps towns could take to preserve these values for all to enjoy. This management plan is non-regulatory, and private landowners would continue to be the stewards of their property while towns would continue to be responsible for regulating land use along the river.

If after the two year study the Committee (made up of volunteers from the ten towns in the study area) feels that designation of the rivers is desirable, they will bring the decision to town meetings in order for the voters in the ten towns to decide if the Study Committee should present their findings to Congress to seek Wild and Scenic designation of the rivers. If designated, Congress would appropriate funds for projects to preserve the recreational, scenic, historic, cultural, natural, and geologic resources in the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers.

To be considered Wild and Scenic under the Act the rivers must have at least one *Outstanding Resource Value* (ORV), be it recreational, natural, or cultural. **THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN!** Help us celebrate these rivers by letting us know what YOU feel are the outstanding resources of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers.

What areas of these rivers provide outstanding recreational opportunities? Where are the best fishing and swimming holes? Where do you like to picnic or hike along the rivers?

Are there locations adjacent to the rivers that were important to Native Americans, early Europeans, loggers or farmers?

What natural expanses of the river do you think are special because of their scenic qualities, wildlife habitat, or ability to preserve water quality? **SEND US YOUR INPUT!** info@vtwsr.org


We encourage you to be part of the Wild and Scenic Study process by sending us your pictures and your opinions on what areas of the Upper Trout and Missisquoi Rivers are outstanding. Postal mailings are expensive, stay informed by [signing up for our mailing list by emailing or calling us \(802-393-0076\)](#). Also, all are welcome to attend our Study Committee meetings. Stay up to date on activities via our website at www.vtwsr.org.

Thank you for your help!



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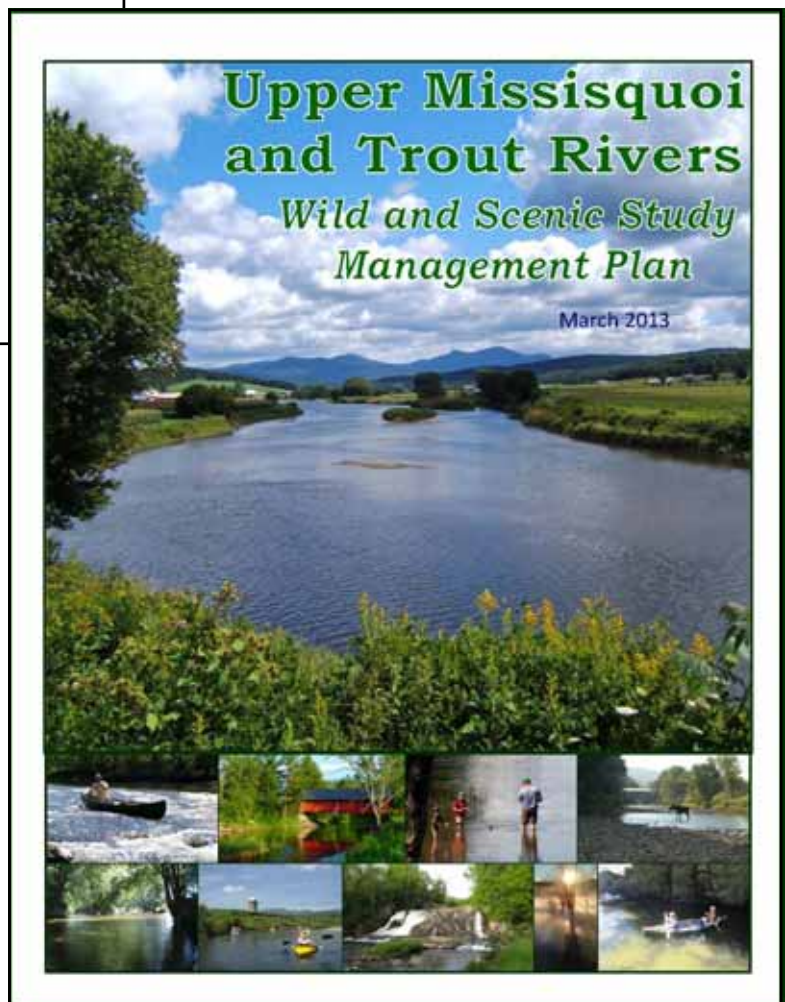
*Make an informed vote on Wild and Scenic designation
for the upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers at your March
2013 Town Meeting*



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<p>Nine municipalities in the Study area will vote on the adoption of the voluntary Management Plan written by the Study Committee comprised of Selectboard appointed citizens from each town.</p>		<p>Please join us for an open house to ask any questions you have about Wild and Scenic designation prior to your Town Meeting vote – Enosburgh Emergency Services Building, Thursday 2/28/13, 5-6pm.</p>
<p>The article reads as follows:</p>		<p>*****ECRWSSEDDM*****</p>
<p><i>To see if the voters of the Town of ____ will petition the Congress of the United States of America that the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers be designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers with the understanding that such designation would be based on the locally-developed rivers Management Plan and would not involve federal acquisition or management of lands.</i></p>		<p>Postal Customer</p>
<p>Please contact us with any questions prior to Town Meeting. The final Management Plan and a short video will soon be available on our website:</p>		
<p>www.vtwsr.org</p>		

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Letters to Town Clerks and Village Managers accompanying the final Management Plan.



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Poster soliciting input on the Study Committee's Management Plan.

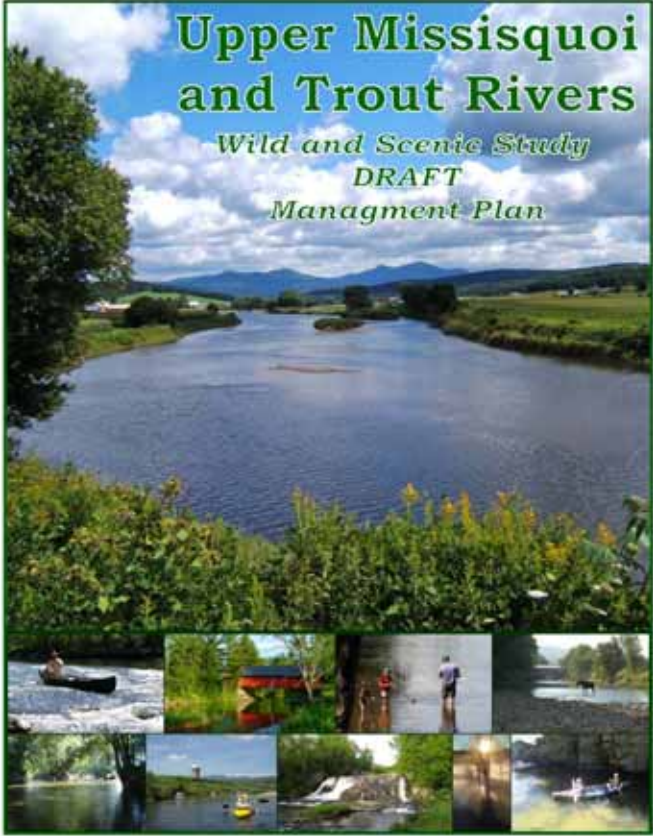
Check out the DRAFT Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Management Plan Here


This locally written, voluntary draft Management Plan is now available for review and public comment until December 17, 2012.

This is a non-regulatory Plan summarizing the information collected over the three year study by the Selectboard-appointed Study Committee illustrating examples of management success stories in our region, and encouraging the voluntary recommendations we feel will maintain the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in healthy condition.

Make an informed decision at Town Meeting, March 2013, when you vote on whether the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers should be designated as Wild and Scenic with the understanding that it will be based on this management plan, and will not increase federal ownership or management of your private lands.

For more information about Wild and Scenic designation, please join us at our Study Committee meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month, or check out our website: www.vtwsr.org





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Letters to be included in annual Town Reports in each of the Study municipalities.



The Wild and Scenic Study of the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers was congressionally authorized in 2009 at the request of local advocates. The Study has focused on the rivers in 10 area municipalities: Berkshire, Enosburg Falls, Enosburgh, Jay, Lowell, Montgomery, North Troy, Richford, Troy, and Westfield.

The Study Committee, made up of Select-board appointed, local representatives, gathered information about the rivers and their value to local citizens. They found that our rivers and valleys are cherished because of their agricultural heritage, rural character, quality waters, recreational opportunities, scenic working landscapes, history and natural resources. As these resources are unique or outstanding at local, state and national levels, the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers qualify for National Wild and Scenic designation.

The Study Committee developed a voluntary, non-regulatory Management Plan to inform citizens about these outstanding resources, and present recommendations designed to help protect the rivers' values for current and future generations.

At your 2013 Town Meeting you will be asked to vote on the adoption of the Management Plan, which recommends applying for federal Wild and Scenic Designation. The article is written as follows:

To see if the voters of the Town of Montgomery will petition the Congress of the United States of America that the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers be designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers with the understanding that such designation would be based on the locally-developed rivers Management Plan and would not involve federal acquisition or management of lands.

Favorable votes at Town Meeting will demonstrate local support for designation which is important for further action by Congress; designation will occur if Congress enacts a bill adding the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers into the Wild and Scenic Rivers System which is then signed into law by the President. If there are towns which do not vote to support designation, the Study Committee will talk with community members in 'no' towns to ascertain why the voters may have rejected the article, work to

address any concerns, and consider requesting municipal reconsideration of the article at a future town-wide vote.

Voting in favor of this article will not require appropriation of Town funds; in fact, designated rivers typically receive federal funds for river-related projects.

Benefits of Wild and Scenic Designation include:

- Qualification for annual federal funds to help support river-related resources
- Formation of a locally-appointed Committee to implement the Management Plan
- Greater protection for the rivers from federal projects, along with greater involvement in the federal project review process through the local Committee
- Use of designation in marketing to increase business and tourism if desired

Designation does not:

- Designation does not involve federal acquisition or management of lands; local communities maintain governance and control of rivers and their valleys
- Designation does not cost local communities; it does qualify the municipalities to receive federal funds to support recommendations in the Management Plan
- Designation does not allow for new hydroelectric dams in the Study Area; however, we have excluded existing projects from the designated area

Our Management Plan is available on our website, and questions may be directed to our Coordinator or your Town Representatives.

Respectfully submitted by your Appointees to the Study Committee, Todd Lantery and Keith Samperi, and the Wild and Scenic Study Coordinator, Shana Stewart Deeds.

Please contact us with any questions or comments prior to the vote:
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THE UPPER MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS WILD AND SCENIC STUDY - Check out www.vtwsr.org for more information.

Did you know that your town is participating in the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic River Study?



*Source: at Big Falls' photo by our grand prize 2010 photo contest winner, John Sehnke, Westfield

What is a Wild and Scenic River Study?

- A voluntary, congressionally authorized study to determine whether a particular river is eligible and suitable for designation as a national Wild and Scenic River
- The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers are being reviewed by a local Study Committee
- The Wild and Scenic Study Committee is made up of two official members from each of the ten towns in the study area (Berkshire, Enosburgh, Enosburg Falls, Jay, Lowell, Montgomery, North Troy, Richford, Westfield, and Troy).

How to Get Involved?

- **TAKE OUR FLYER TO FIND OUT MORE!**
- There are currently some vacancies on the Study Committee; contact your Select Board about being appointed to represent your town
- Participate in Study Committee meetings whenever possible - all are welcome to attend
- Give input to the Study Committee regarding what you think is an outstanding recreational, historic, cultural, or natural resource of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers
- For more information please contact Shana Stewart Deeds the Study Coordinator at 802-393-0076, or shana.stewart@vtwsr.org -or- Jamie Fodburgh, National Park Service 617-223-5191, Jamie_Fodburgh@nps.gov
- Please also visit our website for updated information and meeting agendas at www.vtwsr.org

THE UPPER MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS WILD AND SCENIC STUDY - Check out www.vtwsr.org for more information.

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study Committee wishes to update your town on our Study. These rivers are the first two in Vermont to be considered for inclusion under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Study is expected to run until 2012. The Study Committee meets at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month; all members of the public are welcome. Information about meeting agendas and locations (rotated among the 10 towns in the study area) can be found on our website, or by contacting:

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The Study Committee is collaborating with the National Park Service and key local and state partners to study the resources of the rivers, evaluate the existing protections that exist for these resources, and develop a voluntary management plan based on local ideas and strategies to preserve these resources for all to enjoy. This management plan is only advisory; private landowners will continue to be the stewards of their property and towns will continue to be responsible for regulating land use along the river.

At the end of the Study, the Study Committee will present its findings and recommendations to the Towns. Any decision to pursue Wild and Scenic River designation must have the broad support of the Study Committee, Town Boards and voters at Town Meeting. If designation is granted, Congress would appropriate funds for projects to preserve the resources in the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers, and the National Park Service would provide support for a locally-based implementation committee, also made up of local appointees, following the same model used during this study.

We encourage you to be part of the Wild and Scenic Study process by sending us pictures and information on what areas of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers are recreationally, culturally, historically, or naturally outstanding. You may also be aware of management issues or opportunities that you would like to share with us. Please contact your official town appointees, or the study coordinator with any questions, or ideas. You also are invited to participate in our online survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TVLEWFR>

Respectfully submitted by your Appointees to the Study Committee and the Wild and Scenic Study Coordinator,
Shana Stewart Deeds

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Informational flyer handed out to farmers and agricultural organizations.

Would federal designation of the Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers as Wild & Scenic River affect property rights or my ability to farm?

No. Local towns retain control of land use planning and zoning laws. The federal government's role is predominantly encouraging and promoting good land use decision making which protects river values and promotes flood resiliency.

What are the effects of Wild and Scenic River designation on landowners within the river corridor?

Under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, designation neither gives nor implies government control of private lands within the river corridor. The federal government has no power to regulate or zone private lands under the Act. People living within a river corridor would be able to use their property as they had before designation.

Can the federal government regulate or zone private lands? Under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the federal government has no authority to regulate or zone private lands. Land use controls on private lands are solely a matter of state and local zoning. Although the WSA Act includes provisions encouraging the protection of river values through state and local governmental land use planning, there are no binding provisions on local governments. The management plan recommendations which come out of the study process are voluntary.

Can the federal government force me to change my agricultural practices due to Wild and Scenic Designation? Agricultural practices are regulated as they were prior to designation. The following describes the only regulatory arm of the Wild & Scenic Act. Under Section 7 of the WSA Act, projects which are federally permitted or funded, construction/development, AND water related are reviewed by the local WSA Committee & the National Park Service. This review is meant to maintain the free-flowing condition of the rivers, & protect community identified Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs) for which the river is designated. Only the mainstem, the primary river channel & not the tributaries, of the Missisquoi & Trout Rivers are being considered for designation. There are three possible outcomes for review: 1) your project is found to have no adverse effects on ORVs, so it may continue as proposed; 2) your project is found to have adverse effects on ORVs; if you revise your proposal based on feedback from the local WSA Committee & the NPS your project will continue as proposed; 3) your project is found to have adverse effects on ORVs & may not continue as planned. Option #3 is avoided, & only extreme cases typically fall into this category such as large scale dredging or damming projects which would likely be blocked by state regulations anyway. Remember, the only projects which fall under this review must be Federally permitted/funded, construction/development & water related.

Will designation mean increased delays or costs for reviewed projects? The reviews are short and typically happen in conjunction with any already existing review processes. Additionally, our voluntary management plan, which guides the activities of the WSA Committee states support for efforts to maintain or improve riparian buffers and the current movements to support agricultural best management practices, and encourages the Committee to work in tandem, rather than at odds with these programs and avoid additional review or approval requirements.

Can the federal government force landowners to move because of Wild and Scenic designation? No, land is never seized. The river study, Wild and Scenic legislation, and subsequent management planning will explore how to protect river values while recognizing private property rights.

Can riverside lands be developed? Wild and Scenic river designation does not affect private landowners' ability to develop privately-owned lands within the river corridor.



Source: www.vtwsr.org and www.rivers.org; www.nps.gov/whsr

Additional questions? Contact your local study coordinator

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The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic River Study



Fishing with Dad on the Trout River, photo by our 8th grader, Emily, in the Environmental Category, Smackdown, Enosburg Falls, VT

What is a Wild and Scenic River Study?

- A congressionally authorized study to determine whether a particular river is eligible and suitable for designation as a national Wild and Scenic River
- The process is entirely voluntary, and in the hands of the local community members, please find your local representative on our website
- The Study enables local residents to collectively identify the goals they have for the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers
- Local support (through town vote on the voluntary management plan and designation at March 2013 Town Meeting) and additional Congressional action are required before the rivers are designated WSA and Scenic

What Parts of the Rivers are Being Considered for Wild and Scenic Designation?

- 27 miles of the upper Missisquoi, Franklin County including Enosburgh, Enosburg Falls, Berkshire & Richford
- 25 miles of the upper Missisquoi, Orleans County including Troy, N. Troy, Westfield, & Lowell
- 20 miles of the Trout River including Berkshire & Montgomery

What Would Wild and Scenic Designation Achieve?

- The Missisquoi and Trout would be recognized among the nation's best rivers. Designation would be granted if the Study demonstrates 1) statewide, regionally or nationally outstanding resources, and 2) a local commitment to protect them
- Designation would qualify the Missisquoi and Trout for federal funds on an annual basis to support projects and activities that protect and enhance the river's outstanding values identified by the local Study Committee and community members - please contact us with resource ideas!
- A locally-based advisory committee would be established to oversee implementation of the voluntary river Management Plan developed during the Study by the local Study Committee

Do You Have Questions about the Wild and Scenic Study and Designation? Consider Getting Involved:

- Check out our website www.vtwsr.org which documents information such as the fact that private property rights and current land-use will not be affected by designation. Town and state laws and regulations will continue to govern private property rights and land use.
- Attend our monthly Study Committee meetings. The Study Process was initiated by local citizens with leadership from the Missisquoi River Basin Association, and letters of support from Select Boards in all ten towns, and continues with official appointees from those towns and villages
- Review our upcoming voluntary Management Plan. The Study Committee is producing recommendations for local actions related to river management and protection. This plan will be open for public review and comment in the fall of 2012
- For more information please contact your local representative or Shana Stewart Deeds the Study Coordinator at 802-393-0076, or info@vtwsr.org

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Newspaper articles published in local papers during the Study.

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Federal Designation Sought for Missisquoi & Trout Rivers

July 25, 2011

BY SUSAN A. DAVIS MANAGING EDITOR AND SHANA STEWART WESTFIELD—A group of Northern Vermont residents have made it their mission to have stretches of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, enacted by Congress in 1968.

If designated, Congress would appropriate funds for projects to preserve the recreational, scenic, historic, cultural, natural and geological resources in the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers. These funds could amount to over \$100,000 annually. Designation of the land would not deprive landowners of private land use and the federal government does not take control of the rivers. If attracting tourists is a goal, the designation could be a great marketing tool for local businesses and regions supporting ecotourism.

If approved, a local advisory committee would be established to oversee the designation funds and provide outreach for the recommendations in the management plan. The study committee would have input during the review of projects that are fully or partially federally funded, construction or development projects, and projects having a direct impact on the rivers. These types of projects would be reviewed even without designation, but designation provides more local input into the permitting of these projects.

The Wild and Scenic Act was created at a time of large-scale dam building. In an effort to balance dammed rivers with those that were free-flowing, there is a stipulation in the Act which prevents the establishment of new dams or hydro facilities on the designated portion of the river.

This does not affect pre-existing, permitted hydro facilities such as those in Troy and Lowell. It also does not prevent existing dams from being retrofitted for purposes other than hydro.

Study treasurer Dianne LaPlante from Westfield said, "The Missisquoi has been a part of our heritage since it carried indigenous people by canoe, then supported the traders, homesteaders, and loggers.

It has helped feed our lakes and provide us with fish. Its beauty is eternal. It is now appreciated by the locals and tourists for its wild beauty."

The study process is entirely voluntary and in the hands of the local people who, like Dianne, are members of the study committee. The members were appointed by local select boards from each of the ten towns and villages within the study area.

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Academy of Big Falls, in Troy, Vermont, along the Missisquoi River. Photo courtesy the Upper Missisquoi River and Trout River Study Committee

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Science and Nature

River Study Committee Educates Paddlers On The Missisquoi



On July 7, the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study Committee organized a paddle on the Missisquoi River from Loop Road in Westfield to the old Bakers Falls Dam in Troy being revitalized by the Chases. Tuesday, July 24, 2012

If you live here in Franklin or Orleans County you know that we are blessed with amazing rivers, two of which are under study for designation nationally as Wild and Scenic rivers. On Saturday, the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study Committee organized a paddle on the Missisquoi River from Loop Road in Westfield to the old Bakers Falls Dam in Troy being revitalized by the Chases. Eighteen folks met at Couture's Maple Shop in Westfield. What a wonderful day! Much of this stretch of the Missisquoi is bordered by silver maple trees which provide welcome shade and cooling for both the paddlers and the trout! We were greeted by mergansers which have toothy edges to help them hold onto fish. We saw them with young which the mother protects. Young common mergansers are not fed by the mother; they eat insects, called aquatic macroinvertebrates, until they are old enough to eat fish. We also saw ebony and river jewelwing damselflies. Damselflies are predators which eat insects such as flies and mosquitoes. Dragonflies and damselflies are important in the riverine food web. They have an extendable jaw, called a prehensile labium, which they shoot out to snag prey. This physiological feature was reportedly the inspiration for the aliens in the Alien movie franchise. Our sixteen boats floated quietly down the Missisquoi, three with passengers paddling the Missisquoi for the first time. If you would like to be along for our next paddle please see our website (www.vtwsr.org) for details. This paddle will likely be in early fall as a cleanup in conjunction with the Missisquoi River Basin Association. Our website also contains information about the Wild and Scenic Study Committee monthly meetings held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm in varying locations in Franklin and Orleans Counties. All are welcome to attend. Our committee is made up of representatives from towns and villages in the study area, though we are still looking for appointees from Berkshire and Jay. The recommendations of the Study Committee and our voluntary management plan will go to vote at Town Meeting in March 2013 in the towns and villages in our study area. Later this year, in preparation for this vote, our draft management plan will be available on our website for public comment. Please contact our Study Coordinator for details at info@vtwsr.org.

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WORK DAY: TREE PLANTING

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1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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On Thursday, November 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., a work day will be held for volunteers to plant trees for streambank stabilization at Mercy Farmstead in Montgomery. No experience required. Any time you can participate would help. Please provide your own refreshments and, if possible, a shovel and a bucket. Waterproof footwear recommended. For directions and more information, call (802) 933-9009 or e-mail mrba@pshift.com.

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The screenshot shows the Barton Chronicle website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Events, Obituaries, Classifieds, Online Edition, Archives, Advertise, Subscribe, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, there's a section for 'THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES:' and a weather forecast for the Barton Area. The main content area features an advertisement for 'YOUR AD HERE!' with the email 'bethany@bartonchronicle.com'. To the right of the ad is a 'Business directory' link. Below the ad, there's a section for 'WORK DAY: TREE PLANTING IN N. TROY'. The event details include the date and time (November 9, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) and the category (Environmental). The event description states: 'On Friday, November 9, from 1 to 3 p.m., a work day will be held for volunteers to plant trees for streambank stabilization at Chaput Farm in North Troy. No experience required. Any time you can participate would help. Please provide your own refreshments and, if possible, a shovel and a bucket. Waterproof footwear recommended. For directions and more information, call (802) 933-9009 or e-mail mrba@pshift.com.' The right sidebar contains a 'Who's Who in Business?' link, a 'Click for the ONLINE EDITION' button, and a 'NEK VERMONT'S NORTHEAST KINGDOM' logo. At the bottom right, there's a 'LOG IN' section with a 'Username:' field.

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WILD AND SCENIC GROUP GOES AFLOAT

By Shana Stewart Deeds,
Study Coordinator

Do you enjoy paddling along the Missisquoi River? Whether it is your first canoe or kayak trip or you are an experienced paddler, please consider joining members of the Wild and Scenic Study Committee for a paddle along the Missisquoi River. Our next paddle is on Sunday, July 31st at 10 a.m. We will meet at Couture's Maple Shop in Westfield to finalize boat logistics, and then paddle from the Loop Road in Westfield to Troy. Boaters are welcome to join us for an informal picnic following the paddle in North Troy. Please contact Shana Stewart Deeds, the Study Coordinator, or check our website for details if you are interested in joining us - she will need an estimate of how many will attend, and whether you need a boat.

WATER MATTERS

Editor's note: This is another a periodic series of reports from volunteers and staff of the various organizations that monitor and work to improve Franklin County water quality in our lakes, rivers, ponds and streams

At our last paddle on a beautiful day in June, 11 canoers and kayakers set out to explore the stretch of the Missisquoi River from Lowell to the Loop Road in Westfield. We had wonderful weather for our paddle, and enjoyed beautiful bedrock outcrops, and lunch on a little beach. The water was still very

high after all of the rain we had this spring. This trek was one of the outings organized by the Study Committee for the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study. Study Committee members are available at these paddles to discuss any questions you may have about our study.

Our Wild and Scenic Study Committee is continuing to work to identify what makes the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers special, and whether designation is desired by the ten towns in the study area. The Study Committee is comprised of partner organizations, and official appointees from each town or village in the study area (Berkshire, Town of Enosburgh, Village of Enosburgh Falls, Jay, Lowell, Montgomery, Village of North Troy, Richford, Westfield,

and the Town of Troy).

The following are possible ways in which you may get involved!

- Become a committee appointee from Berkshire, Enosburgh Falls, or Jay

- Sign up to be on our mailing list (info[at]vtwsr[dot]org; 802-393-0076) - we do not share your contact information

- Check out our website www.vtwsr.org for meeting and event information, agendas, minutes, and more

- Join and participate in the dialogs on our blogs: <http://vtwsr.blogspot.com/> and <http://vtorvs.blogspot.com/>

- Join us for our Study Committee Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm

- Read our newsletter on the 'Resources' page of our website, or pick up copies in each of the ten towns

- Participate in our photo contest - information is on our website or can be mailed to you

- Visit our booth at the Jay Summerfest August 13th, and MRBA's Riverfest in Montgomery on August 27th

Help us celebrate these rivers by letting us know what YOU feel are the outstanding resources of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers. For example:

- What areas of these rivers provide outstanding recreational opportunities?

- What river locations were important to Native Americans, early Europeans, loggers or farmers?

- What natural expanses of the river are special because of their scenic qualities, or wildlife habitat?

We hope to hear from you! info@vtwsr.org; 802-393-0076

VOTE YES FOR WILD AND SCENIC ON THE UPPER MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS

On Town Meeting Day this year, the towns of this often forgotten region of Vermont will have a unique chance to recognize one of our region's best assets: the opportunity is to vote YES to ask the United States Congress to recognize the upper Missisquoi (above Enosburgh Falls) and Trout Rivers by designating these two rivers as nationally recognized Wild and Scenic Rivers.

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THE FOLLOWING STATES ALREADY HAVE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS, WHILE VERMONT HAS NOT A SINGLE ONE: New Jersey (4), Massachusetts (3), New Hampshire (2), Connecticut (2), Rhode Island, New York and Maine (1).

If the towns vote to seek recognition by voting yes on town meeting day, the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Study Committee will petition congress to include these rivers in the national list of partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers. Our congressional representatives, Senators Leahy and Sanders, and Representative Welch will need to introduce bills in both the U.S. House and Senate, get them passed, and then the President will need to sign it into law. This obviously is not an overnight endeavor, and could take years.

If the towns vote yes, and Congress decides to recognize the unique and special qualities of our rivers, then what happens? If our rivers become nationally recognized as Wild and Scenic Rivers this gives us bragging rights, and recognition. The National Park Service is then obligated to help the local, Selectboard appointed Wild and Scenic Committee maintain, or even enhance the outstanding qualities of the rivers for which they were designated. Federal funds and technical expertise are provided for river related projects that community sees as beneficial.

Will this create a new bureaucracy, park or government agency? NO. There will be a local committee formed to advise, direct and disburse the funds allocated by the National Park Service's Wild and Scenic Partnership program. That is it.

Will it lead to a loss of the rights of land owners? NO. There are no new rules or regulations on private landowners. Those local, state and federal laws regarding property rights that exist on the books now, are those that would continue to be enforced (or not!).

What would it mean to the region if the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers were recognized by the United States Congress as worthy of designation? It will lead to an increase in tourism for the local businesses if communities take the opportunity to market that way. In addition, a yearly appropriation of funds will be allocated to help maintain, repair and restore our rivers that we show through a YES vote at Town Meeting that we feel are worth protecting and preserving. This currently amounts to \$170,000.00 to each of the designated partnership rivers per year. This money may be used as the locally designated committee sees fit with the Park Service in an advisory capacity.

If you live in the municipalities of BERKSHIRE, ENOSBURG FALLS, ENOSBURGH, LOWELL, MONTGOMERY, NORTH TROY, RICHFORD, TROY or WESTFIELD please come out and vote. There will be an informational video, along with brochures available at town meetings. To find out more, go to the web site (www.vtwsr.org) and check out the information available. Come to our open house at the Enosburgh Emergency Services Building, Thursday, February 28 from 5-6pm with questions. You may also go to the National Park Service's web site (www.rivers.gov) and check out their information on the Wild and Scenic Partnership program.

Sincerely,

John Little
Resident of Montgomery and long-time paddler and science educator

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Newsletter publications from local organizations.



Watershed Update

Missisquoi River Basin Association Fall 2012

River Festival 2012

Another year, another beautiful summer evening and another fabulous River Festival! With music by the Missisquoi River Band and The Shady Trees, nourishment from The Black Lantern Inn, The Snow Shoe Lodge & Pub, Dave Bott, the Montgomery Conservation Commission and The Betty, the very popular portage race, paddle toes and hula hoops, there was plenty of entertainment for everyone!



Hula hoops and the portage race attracted River Festival participants of all ages

A huge thanks to our many sponsors for supporting MRBA and our water quality improvement efforts: Champlain Chevrolet, Concept2, Little Painters, T&J's Country Store, Vermont Farms & Homes Real Estate, The Abbey Group, Green's Ace Hardware, Missisquoi Construction, Montgomery Properties, Outdoor Gear Exchange, Poulin Grain, and Whitehead Electrical Services. Your support is greatly appreciated. **Thank You!**

The River Festival is a fundraiser for MRBA to help us raise awareness of water quality issues and recruit volunteers to implement actions which will stabilize streambanks, reduce phosphorus run-off from fields, and control soil erosion.

The third volunteer workday was held on 4 May 5th in the town of Highgate, along a 10 in the Rock River. This workday was also co to the 350.org climate change initiative as one of hundreds of volunteer efforts on the around the globe. This group's efforts can

Field Work

This year has had a great number of workdays ranging from tree planting, invasive plant control, to installation of Compost Filter Socks (CFS) and riparian buffer stewardship. The early arrival of warm weather this past spring led to the earliest start of volunteer workdays for the Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA). The first project this year was on Saturday, April 14 in the Town of Highgate at the Parent Road farm land owned by Brian and Bill Rowett of Green Mountain Dairy. This is the third planting at this Rock River watershed site, and volunteers using speckled alder and live willow stakes filled in portions of this 3.4 acre Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Partners in Wildlife (PIW) Program buffer. These programs from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VT AAFM) and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) support many of the tree and shrub plantings in riparian areas. The surprise "celebrity" volunteer was VT AAFM Secretary Chuck Ross – indicating his personal and his agency's support for water quality and conservation practices.

The second workday was held Saturday, 4 at Ernest and Rolande Fortin's farm in St. Franklin. This CREP and PIW buffer project tributary to the Missisquoi River. A group of volunteers was able to plant about 175 tree and shrub species include speckled alder, silky dogwood, northern white cedar, tamar (larch), and red maple. These trees come from Intervale Conservation Nursery in Burlington as well as a Michigan-based nursery, Cold St Farm.

You can contact the Montgomery Conservation Commission at 802.326.2993, or attend one of the monthly Commission meetings the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm at the Town Office in Montgomery Center.

Cherie Hancock, Chair, Montgomery Conservation Commission

Wild & Scenic Rivers Study

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study Committee has been hard at work on its (non-regulatory) Management Plan. This plan is a requirement of the Wild and Scenic Study process regardless of whether or not designation is sought.

Our goal is to write this Management Plan with the maximum amount of local input. In this Plan we discuss our findings from the Study, identify the locally important resources, and make voluntary suggestions for managing these resources. Each river designated must have at least one Outstandingly Remarkable Value (ORV); these are water-related resources significant at the regional or national level in categories including scenic, historic, cultural, natural resources, recreational, or water quality. The Montgomery Covered Bridges are an example on the Trout River, while Big Falls is an example on the Missisquoi River. We are excited to share our findings with you!

The information gathered for the Management Plan was discussed at monthly Committee meetings; the information discussed at these meetings was made available on the Committee's website (www.vtrw.org) through meeting minutes. The Management Plan, written by the Study Committee, will shortly be available to the public for a review period after which comments will be incorporated into the Plan. You may soon access the plan from our website, or via hard copy at various locations in the Study area including Town Clerk's offices.

The long-term goal of the Study Committee is to encourage, through education and outreach, planning at the local, regional and state levels which utilize the information and voluntary recommendations outlined in the Management Plan regardless of the outcome of designation. These actions do not require funding by towns, and typically use federal funds for projects which maintain or improve the outstanding resources for which they were designated.

At Town meeting in 2013, Study area towns will vote on whether they support designation with the understanding that designation would be based on the locally-developed rivers Management Plan and would not involve federal acquisition or management of lands. Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have prior to this vote (info@vtrw.org; 802-360-0076; 2838 VT Route 126, East Duxbury, VT 05447).

Shane Stewart Deeds, Study Coordinator

Paddling in the north... just over the border!

With a forecast of severe thunderstorms and high winds, a group of intrepid paddlers made the trek to Canada to paddle on the Missisquoi River from the town of Highgate to Glen Station, QC on Saturday September 8th, 2012. Recent rains had brought the water level up high enough to paddle the meandering stretch of river. It was just the right height and as it turned out, a beautiful day to paddle. The storm never materialized; in fact it was a sunny day. The tail wind gently pushed us down river to our destination and the air and water were warm. We stopped at a gravel bar at the bottom of a small riffle and enjoyed each other's company, a bike to rest, and the beauty of the river. We had hoped to have an "international" paddle, but ended up with all Americans. Next time we venture north we hope to entice many more people from both sides of the border.

Wendy Scott

After Nearly Four Years It Happened!

On a rainy Saturday, September 22nd, a quiet celebration took place on Enosburg's bridge of Flowers and Lights. There were about 2 dozen folks gathered around.

Nearly four years ago, a local gentleman noticed that the shoreline downstream from the bridge and falls was posted as NO TRESPASSING. For as long as anyone could remember, this has been a favored place to throw in a line, and spend some quality time with nature and friends or family. The spectacular view of the falls is coupled with great fish habitat both below the falls and all the way around the corner.



"Fishing below the Falls", painted by Jim Focle

The reason for the celebration was three fold. Firstly, the Vermont River Conservancy had raised approximately \$180,000.00 to buy the 11 acre property from its previous longtime owner, Mr. Bill Fletcher. Secondly, they were donating the majority of the

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CONSERVATION DEMOCRACY

By Charlie Howick

Greetings Friends and welcome to the Spring 2013 edition of *Connections*, the quarterly newsletter for Cold Hollow to Canada. The sap's been running for a few weeks now, and we're seeing signs of spring everywhere. Pretty soon buds will be popping and the sky will be stung away again until next year. Hopefully you've had a great winter and fun plans for spring.

Two months ago, we saw a number of conservation related issues pass in our region, illustrating the commitment to natural resources that forms the foundation of our communities. The largest of these successes was the passage of the Wild and Scenic petition in Townshurg, Montgomery and Richford (all three of the towns it was passed in). See inside for an article from Shana Stewart Deeds, the project coordinator in our region. Other successes that passed included the establishment of a Conservation Commission in Montgomery, and town funds allocated to the Richford Conservation Commission for the first time since it was established. Townshurg has raised about \$10,000 to date in their Conservation Reserve fund, and continues to save for future conservation initiatives.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Building, 40 East Bakersfield Rd, Bakersfield.

ENOSBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Emergency Services Building, 83 Southville Rd (Rte 115), Enosburg Falls.

MONTGOMERY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Montgomery Town Office, 88 Main St (VT Route 118), Montgomery Center.

RICHFORD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meet the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 PM in the upstairs conference room of the Arvin A. Brown Public Library, 88 Main St, Richford.

WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE

Meet the third Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Locations vary so visit www.vrwsr.org for up-to-date information.

(Don't forget to check coldhollowcanada.org for updated Upcoming Events)

Apple Tree Pruning Workshop

Sponsored by the Montgomery Conservation Commission. **Sunday April 14th from 1-3pm**. Green Mountain Road, Montgomery. Free and open to the public. Contact the Montgomery Conservation Commission for details.

Vernal Bird Walk

Sponsored by the Montgomery Conservation Commission. **Sunday May 5th from 1-3pm**. Sheldon Farm Road, Montgomery Center. Free and open to the public. Contact the Montgomery Conservation Commission for details.

A Walk in the Woods

Saturday May 18th 8:00-1:00, at 2700 Woodland Rd, Enosburg. Join Nancy Sachs, County Forester and Susan Haglund from Andover VT to discuss Ecological Management for Timber and Wildlife. Sponsored by Vermont Woodlands Association, Vermont County and Andover VT. Please register by May 16th by calling 802-747-7700 or emailing info@vermontwoodlands.org. Please bring a lunch and some of the outdoors.

Vermont County's 3-day Cooperative Training Vermont County's 3-day training is designed specifically for landowners, offering classroom and field studies in forest and wildlife management. Learn how a healthy forest can enhance wildlife habitat, provide recreational and timber benefits. You will discuss how to make a difference on your own land and provide guidance to neighbors and within your communities to encourage forest stewardship.

2013 Dates

June 7-9 Northville Sustainability Center, East Charleston, VT
September 6-8 Ketchikan Conservation Camp, Hainesville, VT

The training program is free and includes meals, board and materials. A \$100 deposit is required to hold your space (refundable upon request at the completion of the training). For more information or to register, visit our website www.vtcoverts.org or contact Lisa Havelle, Executive Director, (802) 388-3880 or lshavelle@vtcoverts.org

WILD AND SCENIC UPDATE

By Shana Stewart Deeds

Study Coordinator

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study wish to thank you for your support and update you on the outcome of the March 2013 Town Meeting votes. Berkshire, Enosburgh/Enosburg Falls, Montgomery, Richford, Troy/North Troy, and Westfield all voted yes to support petitioning Congress to include the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers as national Wild and Scenic Rivers. Lowell did not support designation at their Town Meeting vote this March.

Many thanks to all of the Study Committee members who worked to get information to their communities so that they could make an informed decision about designation.

The Study Committee will now meet to discuss next steps at our March 21, 2013 Study Committee Meeting in Richford. I anticipate that we will agree to

request our US Senate and House Representatives to introduce bills to Congress that request an amendment to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to include the Missisquoi (from Westfield to Enosburg Falls) and the Trout Rivers as Wild and Scenic rivers. We will also have to write a report to Congress to accompany any such introduced bills.

Should this pass through Congress, it would be signed into law by the President. Then a local, Selectboard appointed Wild and Scenic Advisory Committee would be established to oversee designation much as the Seady Committee was formed.

More information may be found on our website (www.vrwsr.org) or by contacting your local representatives to the Study Committee or the Study Coordinator — 2839 VT Route 105, East Berkshire, VT 05447; info@vrwsr.org.



JENNIFER WICKS

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Out of the Blue

A Newsletter of the
Water Quality Division

Summer 2010 No. 37

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
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Deep Lake Conservation History

By Perry Thomas

Shortly after it began leaking into the Gulf of Mexico this spring, one reporter compared the disaster to the burning of Cuyahoga River as it flowed through Cleveland, Ohio. This intriguing reference has prompted this look back at the roots of lake conservation.

The burning of the Cuyahoga is sometimes described as the reason for Earth Day (1970), the EPA (1970), and the Clean Water Act (1972). Yet, the oft-published picture shown below was actually taken in 1952, and the river burned several times before then. By 1969, when Time magazine ran a story describing the most recent river fire, grassroots efforts to clean up Ohio's Cuyahoga River were well underway. There were no dramatic pictures of the 1969 fire, because it only burned for about half an hour. What those 30 minutes did, though, was catalyze a citizen movement that had been slowly taking form over more than a century, as people's understanding of ecology matured.

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Cuyahoga River Burning in 1952
Photo by James Thomas, Cleveland Press

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How Wild and Scenic Are the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers?

By Shana Stewart

Portions of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers are under study to determine if they are eligible and publicly supported for Wild and Scenic designation. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act became a federal law in 1968 with the purpose of protecting the nation's rivers which possess outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs) for the benefit of present and future generations.

Thanks to the efforts of John Little, Wendy Scott, Anne McKay and Chris O'Shea of the Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) and the support of Vermont Representative Peter Welch and Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernard Sanders, President Barack Obama signed a bill into law in March 2009 authorizing funding for a three year Wild and Scenic study of the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers. This study is supported by the ten towns through which these rivers flow.

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Missisquoi River
Photo by MRBA

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The Study Committee
Representatives from these ten towns and from partner organizations such as the Missisquoi River Basin Association, National Park Service, Northwest Regional Planning Commission, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, the Vermont Federation of Sportmen's Clubs, and the Vermont Traditions Coalition make up the Study Committee. The Study Committee is charged with determining which areas, if any, are best suited for designation and encourage all to participate in their monthly meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month.



Taft Brook, a Missisquoi River Tributary
Photo by Shana Stewart

Current discussions are focused on the questions: what areas of these rivers provide outstanding recreational opportunities, where are the most significant historical sites in or along these rivers, what areas are the most scenic, and what areas provide the best wildlife habitat? Based on public input, once the ORVs are identified, the current levels of town, state and federal protections will be assessed, and suggestions made for voluntary steps that could be taken to ensure these protections. The Study Committee will then decide whether or not to pursue the Wild and Scenic federal designation. If designation is sought, it will then go to vote at Town Meeting in the ten towns within the study area. And, if supported locally, then the information collected by the Study Committee will be taken to the U.S. Congress for approval.

Wild and Scenic Designation
No rivers in Vermont have this designation. The designation classifies rivers in one of the following ways:

- Wild river areas are those with the cleanest water, and the least amount of development around the shoreline. These areas are typically only accessible by trail, and do not have impoundments.
- Scenic river areas are those with clean water, and minimal development around the shoreline. These areas may be accessible by roads, and do not have impoundments.

- Recreational river areas are those which may have some development along shorelines. They are readily accessible by roads or railroads, and may have had historical impoundments or diversions.

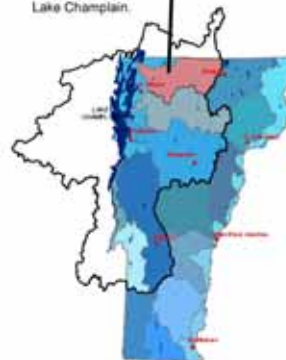
If designated a Wild and Scenic River, the U.S. Congress appropriates funds for projects to preserve the river's recreational, scenic, historic, cultural, natural, and geologic resources. The goal of designation is to ensure protection of and enhancement for the ORVs. Private property rights and current land-use is not affected by the designation and Town and State laws and regulations continue to govern private property rights and land use.

If the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers prove Wild and Scenic enough, then this designation would rank them among the nation's best rivers and qualify them for annual federal funding for protection projects and activities. To be a part of this study, visit the Wild and Scenic Rivers web site at: www.wsr.org, or call Shana Stewart, the River Study Coordinator, at 802-303-0076, or email shana.stewart@vtstate.gov. Also, visit the Missisquoi River Basin Association's web site for the most up to date activities going on in these northern Vermont watersheds.



Missisquoi River Watershed

Located in northern Vermont and draining into Missisquoi Bay in Lake Champlain.



Shaded areas represent the 17 major watersheds in Vermont. Black outlines the Lake Champlain watershed, which includes lands in New York and Quebec.

The oval outline above shows the approximate area of the Wild and Scenic Study, which covers the Missisquoi River from Enosburg Falls upstream (excluding the Canadian portion) to its headwaters in Lowell, and the Trout River, a major tributary joining the Missisquoi in East Berkshire.



Tributary to the Trout River
Photo by Ron Deane

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Outreach Events.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION GATHERING OCTOBER 13th 2012 MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT

Enjoy good food, good people, and an opportunity to network with other Conservation Commissions and Conservation Partnerships in Northern Vermont.

Cold Hollow to Canada, hosted by the *Montgomery Conservation Commission* with generous support from the *Upper Missisquoi and Trout River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee* would like to invite the members of your Conservation Commission to pot-luck dinner and social gathering

at the Montgomery Grange Hall, Saturday October 13th from 4-7pm
57 Main Street, Montgomery Center

An informal event where Conservation Commissions can socialize, swap ideas, and learn how other conservation minded groups in and around northern Vermont are incorporating innovative ideas in their towns and areas.

4-5pm Introductions, brief overview from CCs on current projects and dreams for the future
5-7pm Potluck dinner and an opportunity to meet and mingle other people working towards common goals in Northern Vermont.

Bring a dessert or salad to share, we'll take care of the grilling!

For more information please contact Charlie Hancock at 802.326.2093 or northwoodsforestry@gmail.com, or Nancy Patch at 802.933.2642 or nancypatch@earthlink.net

Please RSVP with the number of attendees by Monday October 9th to charliehanco@gmail.com



For more information on Cold Hollow to Canada visit our website www.coldhollowtocanada.org



Vermont Wild & Scenic Film Festival



Please join us for our film series:

April 2012

Friday, April 20th

7:00-9:30pm

Montgomery Grange

Against the Current (18 min)

A River's Last Breath (14 min)

The Greatest Migration (20 min)

Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy (90 min)

Saturday, April 21st

2:00-4:30pm

Westfield Community Center

April 2012

WildWater (30 min)

Flathead Wild (23 min)


Chasing Water (19 min)

New England's Great River: Discovering the Connecticut (60 min)

Visit our website or contact our Coordinator for more information:

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Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study


Wild & Scenic Month: June 2012

Please see our website or contact our Coordinator for complete details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 17th— Bugworks with Sara Caldwell's class in Mont- gomery	July—Orleans Let's Go Fish- ing	Possibly - Orleans VINS presentation at Lowell Graded			1	2 Paddle (cleanup w/ MRBA) 9-3; Montgomery Grange VINS Raptor event 1pm
3 Clean up rain date	4	5	6	7	8	9 VT Days June 9 & 10 - free fishing and entry to state sites - vermontdays.com
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Wildflower/ Edibles walk in Richford (w/ Richford & Montgomery Cons. Commissions) 1-3 pm; Goyne's Property
17	18	19 Tentative: Staci sets up the flume to demo. river dynamics— Montgomery pavilion	20	21 W&S Committee Meeting Jay Community Center—7pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Orleans County Paddle with Montgomery Adventures

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Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Study



River Flume Demonstration

Date: Tuesday, June 19th from 5:30-7:30pm
(stop by or come for the whole presentation)
Location: Montgomery Pavilion

Have you ever wondered how a river reacts to a flood or to certain management techniques such as dredging or armoring? Come to this engaging river model to see river dynamics in action.

A river flume demonstrates the natural physical processes of rivers and streams. Staci Pomeroy, River Resource Scientist from the Agency of Natural Resources, will set up this river model. The type of questions the flume demonstration will show include how the river interacts with the landforms around it, how rivers move across their floodplain over time, and how river management practices affect the river and the surrounding lands.

Come with your questions!



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**River Clean-up
by canoe & kayak**

Volunteers needed
to remove trash from
river banks.

When: Saturday, June 2, 2012
9 am — 3 pm

Where: Missisquoi River
East Berkshire, VT
(call for meeting place)

Bring your own canoe/kayak, paddles,
PFD, and a picnic lunch.
Trash bags provided.

Info: (802) 393-0076 or info@vtwsr.org

Organized by the Missisquoi River Basin Association
and the Wild & Scenic Rivers Study Committee
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JOIN US FOR A PADDLE SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH ON THE MISSISQUIOI FROM RICHFORD TO EAST BERKSHIRE

We will meet at Davis Park in Richford by 10am on Saturday, June 26th
Directions (from East Berkshire): Head into Richford on Main Street (Route 105)
Make a left just after the bridge in Richford onto River Street
Parking for Davis Park is on the left about 1,000 feet, look for the band stand/gazebo



Please bring your own canoe/kayak, paddles, life vests, water, and a bas lunch. (Let us know if you want to come but don't have a boat, we may be able to accommodate you.) You may also wish to bring rain gear, hats, sun gear/screen, and bug repellent if you are sensitive.


We will stop at the confluence of the Trout and Missisquoi Rivers to have our lunch. The paddle will be approximately from 10am – 2pm. We will shuttle you back to your vehicle in Richford from our offices in E. Berkshire where we will pull out, and enjoy cookies and beverages if desired.

There is no rain date scheduled, we will go unless the weather is dangerous. Please provide us with a phone where we can contact you Fri pm/Sat am if we need to call off the paddle due to inclement weather.

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Traveling poster that went to municipality libraries, Town Clerk Offices, and even a local transfer station.



The Vermont Wild & Scenic Rivers Study Committee is formed of local appointees and partner organizations to evaluate Wild and Scenic Designation along the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers.

Study committee meetings are open to the public and driven by consensus.

The ten study area communities are: Berkshire, Enosburgh, Enosburgh Falls, Jay, Lowell, Morrissey, North Troy, Richford, Westfield, and Troy.

In 2012, we will have a draft management plan for review, which will include:

- whether the rivers fit designation criteria;
- whether designation is supported by the communities; and
- recommendations of voluntary strategies for protection of the rivers' resources.


Help us to identify Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs)

To be eligible for designation, a river must possess one or more outstandingly remarkable value (ORV) of local, state, regional or national significance:


An ORV:

- can be recreational, scenic, historic, cultural, natural, and/or geologic;
- is located in the river or on its immediate shore;
- contributes substantially to the functioning of the river ecosystem; and/or
- gives its location or existence to the presence of the river.

Talk with your local Committee appointee or the Study Coordinator to help us identify ORVs in your area.




Did you know that your town is participating in the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study?



This map of the Wild and Scenic Study area shows the segments of the main stem of the rivers under study for designation, which include:

- 25 miles of the upper Missisquoi from the headwaters to Canada,
- 25 miles from Richford to Enosburgh Falls, and
- 20 miles of the Trout River




For More Information:

VT Wild & Scenic Rivers

Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Study


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The Study Committee meets the third Thursday of each month, and rotates locations in the study towns. Please visit our website or contact the coordinator to find out about the next meeting.



Some benefits of Wild & Scenic designation may include:

- If designated, Congress would appropriate funds for projects to preserve ORVs in the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers. These funds have been over \$100,000 annually.
- A local Advisory Committee would be established to oversee these funds and provide outreach for the recommendations in the Management Plan.
- This Committee would have input during the review of projects which are fully or partially federally funded, construction and development, and have a direct impact on the river, providing more local input in project reviews.
- Landowners would still be the stewards of their lands.
- The federal government does not take control of the rivers which are designated.
- If attracting tourists is a goal, designation could be an effective marketing tool for local businesses and regions supporting ecotourism.
- Wild and Scenic designation prevents the establishment of new dams or hydro-power facilities on the designated portion of the river.
- Designation does not affect pre-existing, permitted hydro facilities (such as those in Troy and Lowell) nor prevent retrofitting of existing dams for non-hydroelectric uses. **If you have a hydro or dam project in mind for the area within the study, please contact our Study Coordinator.**



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Brochure that accompanied the Annual Report and video at March 2013 Town Meetings. Our seven minute video was shown at Town Meeting prior to the vote on our Wild and Scenic article. Please visit <http://vimeo.com/61499764> to view the video.

Towns to Vote on Wild and Scenic Designation at Town Meeting in 2013

The Designation of the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers as nationally-recognized Wild and Scenic Rivers is coming to vote at the March 2013 town meetings.


Each of the Study towns will vote on the adoption of the Wild and Scenic Study Committee's Management Plan, which details these river's outstanding resources and offers voluntary strategies to protect and enjoy them.

The management plan may be viewed on our website www.vtwsr.org and at each of the Study town offices.




Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study

River sections under study for Wild and Scenic River designation



What does Wild and Scenic designation mean for our community?



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Wild and Scenic Designation Coming to Vote at 2013 town meetings

The municipalities in the Study area (Lowell, Warfield, Troy and North Troy, Berkshire, Brookfield, Greenburg Falls, Lowell, Montgomery, North Troy, Richford, Warfield, and Troy) will vote on whether or not to accept the Management Plan that has been prepared by the local, Stateboard appointed Wild and Scenic Study Committee, along with their recommendations to protect the United States Congress to designate the upper Missisquoi and Trout rivers as nationally-recognized Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Designation would be based on the own regulatory Plan concerning the information collected over the more than three years study by the Study Committee, illustrating examples of management success stories in our region, and encouraging the voluntary recommendations which the Study Committee feels will promote the Management and Trout Plans in healthy condition.

The Management Plan is available for on the Committee website www.vtwsr.org and at each of the town offices in the Study area.

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study Management Plan

Should designation occur, an Advisory Committee will be established, locally appointed by the Selectboards, to manage designation and the funds that typically accompany designation. Advisory Committee actions will be based on this Management Plan and would not involve federal acquisition or management of lands.

Potential Benefits of Designation:

- An Advisory Committee of local appointees would be established to oversee designation and the funds which accompany it.
- Availability of annual federal funds to help with activities that promote river values and recreation within our working landscape.
- Designation would protect the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers from federal projects which could jeopardize river resources, including new dams (some are proposed in the area).
- Local communities have greater input on federal, river-related construction and development projects.
- Towns can have increased weight when negotiating grant funds and when prioritizing tourism and business opportunities if communities choose to market designation.
- A voluntary goal of the Plan is to enhance public access to the river via existing public lands or private property with willing landowners while helping to reduce impacts and increase public safety.

Please see the our website for more info: www.vtwsr.org



What Designation Does NOT Mean:

- Existing local and state laws still govern regardless of designation - private lands and activities will not be subject to increased federal control.
- Management Plan recommendations are voluntary, and will not result in increased costs to towns or private landowners.
- Existing land uses still occur regardless of designation.
- Local planning and zoning boards will continue to make regulatory decisions regarding land use.
- Designation does not affect pre-existing hydroelectric facilities such as those in Enosburg Falls, North Troy, and Troy.
- There is no impact on hunting and fishing. Hunting and fishing laws and regulations are not affected by designation.
- Agricultural practices may continue as they did prior to designation.
- The federal government shall not acquire lands to implement the designation. The Study Committee recommends that language barring federal land acquisition be affirmed in any legislation enabling designation. Example legislation may be found on our website.

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Save the Date for a typical meeting (published in newspapers and sent to the Study Committee mailing list, in addition to being posted on the website).

Minutes and agendas were also available.

SAVE THE DATE

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Study Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7pm (third Thursday of each month)

Town Public Safety Building (attached to the library)
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Agenda to follow: Please send Shana ideas to discuss in order to prepare for the upcoming Town Meeting. What concerns have been raised, and will likely be raised at the Town Meeting vote discussion? This will be the meeting's focus.

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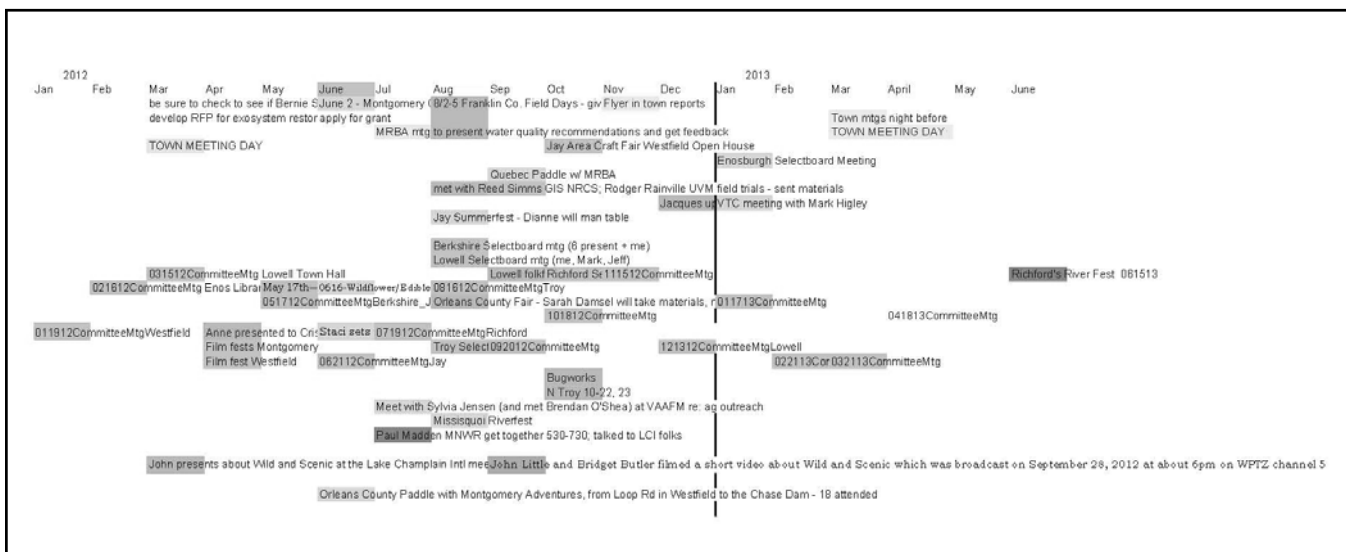


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Town Meeting Schedule, March 2013.

Town	Town Mtg	Vote from floor or ballot?	Contact/Deadline to get into report	Reps committed to go to the meeting?	Computer, projector or screen?	Confirmation?	Town Clerk/Village Manager
Franklin							
Berkshire	Monday before (3/4)	floor since we are not asking for \$	Virginia Messier Town Clerk, Jan 10, but Nov/Dec is ideal	Cord Hickey and Russ Ford and maybe Todd Kinney	?		Virginia Messier
Enosburg	Enosburg meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2013 which includes the village residents, 10am at the Enosburg Village	floor since we are not asking for \$	Should be ok as long as I get it to her before the end of Jan.	Ken Seator, Ed Ellis (Mike Marahan) went to selectboard meeting 1/22/13 - KEN AND ED ARE OUT OF TOWN, ONLY MIKE CAN BE AT TOWN MEETING	they will take care of it	Yes	Billie Jo Crisler
Enosburg Falls	Tuesday, March 5, 2013 which includes the village residents, Village meeting the week after, March 12, second T of March	Vote at town level that includes the village and all registered voters, see Enosburg select	Village residents also get the town report, so included if we get a page in the Enosburg Town Report	Mike Marahan - village trustee, too	see above	confirmed, spoke on the phone with Jonathan on 11/29/12	Jonathan Elwell
Montgomery	Tuesday, March 5, 2013	floor since we are not asking for \$	Should be ok as long as I get it to her mid Jan.	Todd Lambert, Keith Sansonetti, John Little	?		Renee Patterson
Waldford	Monday before (3/4), 7:30 pm at the town hall	from the floor Monday evening because we are not asking for money.	Have it to town clerk by early Jan, then no issue	Mary Robinson and Cynthia Scott (not Annette Gayne, has to go see her Dad, went to Selectboard 10-15-12)	No permission to show video	spoke with Alan 1/2/13	Alan E. Fletcher
Orleans	1/29/13, 10am, Jay/Westfield Elementary School	will not vote on designation of the Jay Branch or the management plan	?	none	NA		Tara Morin
Lowell	Tuesday, March 5, 2013	from the floor, perhaps a paper ballot vote	December/early January, Mid Jan is the drop dead deadline (if 12-12 selectboard meeting)	Mark Higley and Jeff Parsons	?	also e Karen Cinger-Lodging@lowelltown.org	Nanette Bonneau
Troy	Tues, March 5, Troy Elementary School 10am, Probably just one vote in which village goes to town meeting	floor	By Mid-January	Helene Grouseau and Robert Langlands	?		Tam Medley
North Troy	April, Probably just one vote in March (village goes to town meeting)	floor	By Mid-January	Jim Starr and Eugene St. Onge	?		Sue Hansen
Westfield				Jacques Couture and Daniele Lapierre	The other selectboard members are fine with showing the video at Town Meeting. PROTECTOR? Jacques went to the selectboard meeting 12-10-12		Connie LaPlante

Town Meeting Schedule, March 2013.



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Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study Community Vision for the Rivers.

A word cloud visualization of river management goals. The words are arranged in a horizontal, overlapping fashion. The largest words are 'Improved Access' in a large, dark green serif font, and 'Water Quality' in a slightly smaller, dark green serif font. Other words include 'Scenic Beauty' in a dark green serif font, 'Community Connections' in a purple serif font, 'River Safety' in a small green sans-serif font, 'Wooded Buffers' in a small purple sans-serif font, 'Native Plants' in a small green sans-serif font, 'Good Fishery' in a small purple sans-serif font, 'River History' in a small green sans-serif font, and 'No Change' in a small purple sans-serif font. The background is white.

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One of two placemats designed and distributed to local eateries.

Did you know that your town is participating in the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Study?

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was passed by Congress in 1968 as a way of saving outstanding rivers and riparian landscapes from development.

Flow of the river is important to the health of the river and its riparian area.

Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is a partnership between federal, state, and local governments.

The National Government will provide technical assistance, while state and local governments will provide the day-to-day management of the river.

The Study Committee is made up of representatives appointed by the town, state, and federal governments. The Study Committee will develop a management plan for the river and its riparian area. The plan will be used to guide future development and to protect the river and its riparian area.

Study Process
Eligibility - The river must have outstanding scenic, scientific, or historic values. The river must be in a rural area and must be in a state or federal ownership.

Support - The river must have outstanding scenic, scientific, or historic values. The river must be in a rural area and must be in a state or federal ownership.

Recommendations - The recommendations of the Study Committee will be used to guide future development and to protect the river and its riparian area.

Conduct the river study for more fun activities.

This is a map of the Wild and Scenic Study Area (the watershed of the river) in the study area highlighted in pink. Study includes 25 miles of the Upper Missisquoi from the headwaters in Canada 25 miles from Richford to Danbury and 25 miles of the Trout River.

A management plan is being developed for the Study Committee. The plan will be used to guide future development and to protect the river and its riparian area.

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Vermont Wild & Scenic Rivers Study Activities Page!

Coloring



www.vermontwildandscenic.org

Search & Find

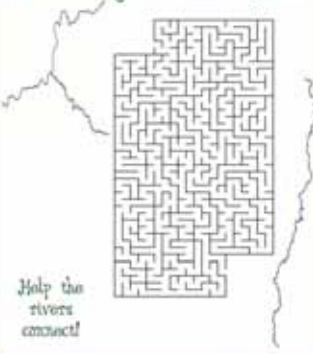


Find all of the animals hiding in this picture!

crayfish, heron, songbird, snake, fish, turtle, dragonfly, duck, rabbit, snail, frog, butterfly, raccoon's head, and a person's face

Developed by University of Wisconsin-Extension, Carol Wadell artist.

Winding River Maze



Help the rivers connect!

Scenic Word Search

Can you find all of the words?


N	J	Q	L	P	K	B	L	V	Y	S
O	X	S	A	L	J	R	O	A	C	W
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T	B	D	O	N	Y	R	A	N	L	A
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