

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee
Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizen representatives appointed by select boards from Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole. The CRLAC supports municipal boards and is developing a Watershed Management Plan that will assist towns in managing water resources. The LAC reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and assists on issues of local or statewide significance.

CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2006:

1. Municipal Conservation, Planning & Health Assistance

- Received a grant to further our work in the watershed on protection plans for drinking water sources at schools.
- Continued work on a voluntary watershed management plan for the Cold River.
- Completed outreach visits to the Acworth, Alstead and Lempster Conservation Commissions regarding post-flood environmental issues and our water quality monitoring program.
- Hosted a joint meeting with Alstead Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Selectboard representatives regarding post-flood environmental issues.
- Reviewed and commented on numerous river corridor rebuilding projects on a local and state level.
- Assisted Alstead with the resolution of a Lake Warren water quality degradation issue.

2. Workshops, Events & Education

- Participated in DES' May 2006 public informational session on post-flood environmental issues.
- Presented *The Health of Our Streams and the October 2005 Flood* at the Alstead Primary School.
- Provided watershed and water quality information at the Lake Warren Association annual meeting and the CT River Joint Commissions' Wantastiquet Region meeting in April.
- Completed the *Atlas of the Cold River and the Cold River Watershed* for public distribution.
- Hosted two field trips to the flood-damaged areas and water quality monitoring sites for Leland & Gray 8th graders from Townshend, VT.
- Presented *Water Resources in the Cold River Watershed* at St. John's Episcopal Church in Walpole.
- Interviewed with local radio, newspaper and television representatives about flood recovery.
- Participated in the 2006 NH Watershed Conference and Alstead Festival.

- Assisted Alstead Historical Society with the assembly of flood-related photos and a review of portions of *Too Much Water, Too Much Rain*, documenting the 2005 flood and its aftermath.

3. Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring

- Completed the initial phase of our comprehensive surface water characterization program.
- Prepared a summary of the successes and challenges of the monitoring program for the inaugural DES newsletter *Streamlines*.
- Completed three “routine” and three additional water quality and stream stage monitoring events on the Cold River and its tributaries as part of NH’s Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP).
- Added new sampling sites at Newell Pond, Warren Brook and Dodge Brook.
- Solicited and received DES funding for additional bacteria, nutrient, salt and metal analyses.
- Represented the Cold River on the NH Stream Gauging Task Force in Concord.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation on any of our projects. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, 7- 9PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. To be on our email notices for workshops or water quality monitoring events, please call any LAC member.

Two long time board members stepped down this year. We wish to express our deep appreciation for many years of service to Howard Weeks of Alstead and Pam O’Hara of Walpole.

Sincerely,

Acworth: Deborah Hinman (Chair)

Alstead: Mike Heidorn, Carol Drummond, and Sam Sutcliffe (Treasurer)

Langdon: Jennifer Polcari (Vice Chair) and Cathy MacDonald

Lempster: Vacant

Walpole: Charles Montgomery (scribe), Austin Hunter, Laura Malinoski-Adams