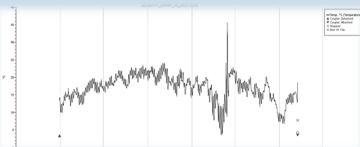




# SALMON RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

## 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**A Resource for Watershed Residents:** With the pandemic and folks outdoors more, we have experienced a noticeable uptick in questions from local residents on a variety of topics from fishing access, to wildlife inquiries, illegal dumping and local stream concerns, among others. For questions we can not answer we are happy to research and pass on further contact information.

**MS-4 Stormwater Permits:** While almost all in-person events and educational classes were canceled this year, SRWP was still able to accomplish a number of out-reach activities that help MS4 Towns meet their Stormwater Permit requirements. SRWP provides a list every year that can be included in the annual report to the state.

**Preserved Lands--Updating the Resource Map-2020:** Every two years SRWP reaches out to each of the watershed towns for any updates to the Watershed Preserved Lands Map. The map has proven to be a very useful tool to accompany comments on state plans, grant applications and for a shared vision on resource protection that transcends municipal boundaries.

**Stream Monitoring:** SRWP currently coordinates 4 types of stream monitoring activities throughout the watershed. While the pandemic has limited our volunteer contributions this last year, we were still able to meet our monitoring goals and even increase our conductivity logger launches to 10 locations. Water monitoring data is used to establish baseline conditions, help identify potential problem areas and inform local decision making.

**Supporting Municipal Grant Applications:** SRWP was happy to provide written support for four town applications in 2020 (East Hampton, Marlborough, Colchester and Hebron) in support of land acquisition, watershed protection and trail development. SRWP is in a unique position to be able to include important criteria related to local stream conditions and watershed resources.

**Social Media:** As a sign of the times, it seems more folks were on social media in 2020 and SRWP Facebook and Instagram followers increased noticeably. Taking advantage of that, SRWP included some new post series such as “Watershed Challenges”, “Out on the Trail” and “Weekend in the Watershed” in an effort to engage and provide useful information to local residents and visitors.

*Pictures T to B: 1. Mint Brook at Wells Woods Preserve (Columbia), 2. GZA-Green Team volunteers setting a conductivity stream logger at the Blackledge River (Marlborough), 3. Crayfish at Elbow Brook (East Hampton), 4. Location of stream temperature logger at Pine Brook (Haddam), 5. Volunteers conducting an assessment for healthy aquatic habitat at Jeremy River (Colchester), 6. Site of dam removal and river channel restoration on Blackledge River (Glastonbury), 7. Stream temperature hydrograph on the Jeremy River (Hebron)*