

Connecticut River Watershed Partnership All Partners Gathering

Friday October 16th, 2026 - 9:30 to 3pm

Location: Retreat Farm - 45 Farmhouse Square - Brattleboro, VT 05301

Objectives:

- Share successes, challenges, and opportunities of partner-led work across the watershed
- Strengthen connections among all partners working in the watershed
- Identify opportunities for collaboration on a watershed scale – projects and larger initiatives, cross-sector and cross-partner
- Identify how recreation enhances the work that partners are doing throughout the watershed
- Emerge with an understanding of how recreation can help create watershed identity
- Evaluate key roles of the CRWP – how we currently work and your ideas for the future

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30	Coffee and Sign-in
9:30 – 9:50	Welcome and Introductions
9:50 – 10:30	Guest Speaker – Joe Roman, Connecticut River Thru-Paddler and Backcountry Resource Manager, Appalachian Mountain Club
10:30 – 11:15	Panel Discussion – Outdoor Recreation Directors (CT, MA, NH, VT)
11:15 – 12:00	Breakout Group #1: Participants breakout by state with their respective Rec Directors to discuss recreation priorities and opportunities in the watershed
12:00 – 12:45	Networking Lunch (provided)
12:45 – 1:15	CRWP Highlights – accomplishments to date and where we're headed
1:15 – 2:30	Breakout Group #2: Participants breakout by sector (watershed association, land trust, state agency, etc.) and share 1-2 accomplishments and 2-3 projects they'd like to complete, identifying barriers/hurdles and potential roles for partners and the CRWP
2:30 – 2:45	Network Marketplace Review – what can you give to the group and what do you need from the group? Review marketplace responses.
2:45 – 3:00	Closing and Thank You's
3:00 – 4:00	Optional Tour of the Farm