

## Fort River Cleanup Update

from the Fort River Watershed  
Association



You are receiving this email because of your interest in the Fort River Watershed Association and our work. Please let us know if your interests have changed by replying to this email. Thanks for your support of healthy rivers in our community!

## THANK YOU for participating in the Fort River Cleanup, part of CRC's Source to Sea Cleanup!

Hello,

On behalf of the Fort River Watershed Association, we want to thank you for your efforts to clean up the river and its watershed during CRC's 4-State Source To Sea Cleanup! The enthusiasm and hard work of all



the volunteers made a real impact on improving the watershed - and demonstrated how much our community values the Fort River! In whatever way you connect to the river, we're grateful to you for your time in partnering with us to keep this natural space healthy.

**Together, we collected over 700 pounds of trash and recyclables** - including batteries, tires, innumerable beverage containers and food wrappers, chairs, toys, mineral spirits and more. We recycled as much as we could and there's still work to do. The pile of accumulated trash at Groff Park was a strong reminder that we need to be vigilant to keep our rivers healthy.

Thank you again! We hope to see you soon by the river!



Please consider supporting  
our generous local donors  
and sponsors - and a  
tremendous thank you for  
their help in making this  
year's cleanup and RiverFest  
possible!

## Interested in staying connected?

Please consider joining us for future community events here in the Fort River watershed! ***If you're not already subscribed to our email newsletter, please reply to this email and let us know you'd like to be added.***

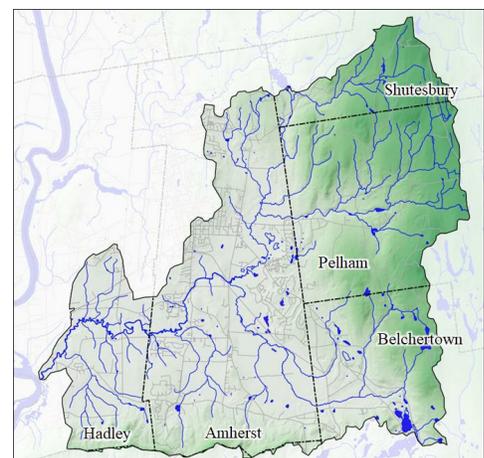
We welcome you to check out the Connecticut River Conservancy's website for more ways to take action against trash in our local rivers - [www.ctriver.org/takeaction](http://www.ctriver.org/takeaction) - or attend an upcoming Trash Talk to learn more about current trash-related advocacy work going on in the greater Connecticut River watershed. Register from CRC's [calendar](#), [Take Action page](#), or on [Eventbrite](#).

## #FortRiverFacts

The Fort River is the longest tributary of the Connecticut River - and in Massachusetts! - with free passage for fish and other species. Our community impacts the health of the river and the species living in it. It's a biological treasure in our backyards and we're excited to celebrate it!

The Fort River feeds the drinking water supply for Amherst through two reservoirs in Shutesbury and Pelham. The Fort River watershed (the river and the land that drains in to it) run through parts of Amherst, Shutesbury, Pelham, Belchertown and Hadley.

**Map of the Fort River watershed**

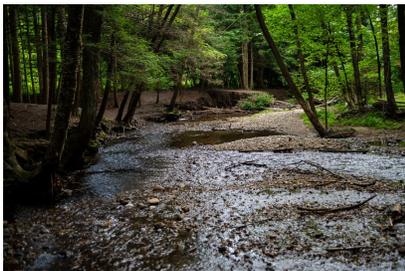


The Fort River is home to several species of freshwater mussel, including one species federally listed as being endangered - the dwarf wedgemussel. Mussels are extremely sensitive to pollution and degraded water quality.



Promote Access • Education  
• Advocacy • Science

*Environmentally Active*



Sincerely,

your neighbors at the  
Fort River Watershed Association

The Fort River Watershed Association has partnered with the Connecticut River Conservancy, a local non-profit organization advocating for the Connecticut River watershed since 1952. This working partnership makes us both more effective advocates for our rivers.

For more information on the Connecticut River Conservancy, please visit their website: [www.ctriver.org](http://www.ctriver.org)



Connecticut River  
Conservancy

STAY CONNECTED

