

News and Updates on the Fort River



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Save the Date!

RiverFest and Fort River Cleanup!

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019

Cleanup: 9:30am-12pm
Celebrate: 12-2pm



[Register for the Cleanup!](#)

Rain or shine - all are welcome!

The Fort River Watershed Association is hosting a FREE community event in Amherst to clean-up and celebrate the Fort River. We'd be grateful to have you join us!

RiverFest will offer food and fun for people of all ages. There will be many opportunities for interactive learning about our rivers and the animals that call it home – demonstrations include live birds of prey and preserved sea lamprey! There will be a raffle, games and prizes!

Before we celebrate the Fort River, we are going to clean it up! The Fort River Cleanup, part of the Connecticut River Conservancy's 23rd Annual Source to Sea Cleanup, will take place before the festival. Anyone interested in joining

us can meet at 9:30am at Groff Park in Amherst, MA. **All ages and abilities are welcome!** Bring your boots, long pants, and a water bottle. Everything else will be provided! Please register online by following [this link](#) and selecting 'Join This Team. -

<https://www.ctriver.org/our-work/source-to-sea-cleanup/join-a-group/join-a-group-map/entry/2469/>

We are excited to partner with the Connecticut River Conservancy and thousands of volunteers across Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut to remove trash from our neighborhoods and enhance the health of the rivers and streams that sustain us – cleaning the Connecticut River and its tributaries from source to sea.

“Source to Sea Cleanup volunteers have worked hard to combat litter and illegally dumped trash,” says Andrea Donlon, CRC's Massachusetts River Steward. “In the past 22 years, volunteers have removed over 1100 tons of trash from the Connecticut River and its tributaries, preventing it from reaching our oceans and becoming a global trash problem. Many areas are cleaner thanks to the efforts of volunteers.”

Please consider joining us in contributing to this impressive and impactful regional effort!

If you're interested in volunteering as a cleanup site leader, festival logistics wrangler or being an event sponsor - please email us directly at: fortriverwatershed@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

#FortRiverFacts

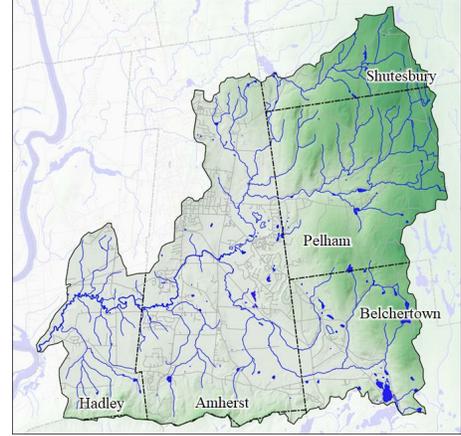
The Fort River is the longest tributary of the Connecticut River with free passage for fish and other species. Our community impacts the health of the river and the species living in it. It's a biological treasure in our backyards and we're excited to celebrate it!

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

Map of the Fort River watershed

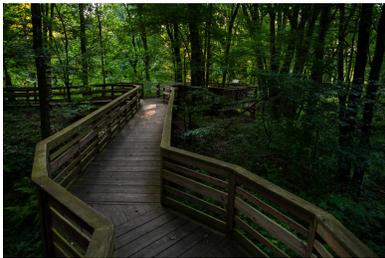
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The Fort River is home to several species of freshwater mussel, including one species federally listed as being endangered - the dwarf wedgemussel. Mussels are extremely sensitive to pollution and degraded water quality.



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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



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