

Winooski River Basin Survey – 2023 Tactical Basin Plan Update

Link to survey is here <https://forms.office.com/g/TWqva2TjSL> or a QR code

Goal:

1. Meet VWQS requirements¹ for public participation –
 - a. identify and inventory problems, solutions,
 - b. high quality waters,
 - c. existing uses and the quality of such uses, and significant resources of high public interest.
2. Gain interest in health of surface waters and what Agency is doing as well as what their role may be.
3. Inform them of tactical basin planning process and timeline
4. Identify CWSP project

Desired information collected

- a. Surface waters for protection and remediation
- b. Strategies/approaches to restore water quality
- c. Specific projects for restoring water quality which are captured as individual projects in the WPD
- d. Water quality monitoring priorities

Distribution plan – as part of overall kick-off meeting

1. Venues

Facebook page invite – ANR and partners

Front Porch Forum (request by towns)

Local papers – CVRPC has media list

Websites:

ANR DEC Winooski River Basin website

Town

Partner - CVRPC

¹ Vermont Water Quality Standards § 29A-103 General Policies e(2)

Montpelier Bridge article on website – have link to basin page

Mailings – town utility bills include a QR? (make a one pager, or statement)

Mailing lists – CCRPC

Newsletters

2. Transmittal language for each

3. Partners to support distribution:

Huntington – Conservation Commission

Williston: Friends of Winooski River, Partners for Fish & Wildlife, Sustainable Williston, VT Master Naturalist, Champlain Valley Conservation Partnership.

Essex Junction: Tree Committee, Essex: active FB pages.

Use of Survey

1. ANR – ensure that surface waters for protection, restoration identified by community are addressed
2. CWSP – find potential project sites
3. Towns - ? understand what's important
- 4.

Other projects

Provide community with understanding of what their town is doing to protect surface waters (need to have someone take it to town – would a partner do this? TBP support grant – bring to town or conservation commission)