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Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission

Clean Water Advisory Committee

CHARGE OF THE CWAC

The Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) shall advise the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission activities and policy development regarding the White River, Ottauquechee River, Ompompanoosuc River, Waits River, Connecticut River and their tributaries as well as related plans and programs, such as storm water, groundwater, wetlands and stream stability. The CWAC will also provide local and regional input regarding project priorities and water quality issues important to the region.

The CWAC serves in an advisory capacity to the TRORC Board of Commissioners.

Membership in the CWAC shall be:

- Representatives of the Region's municipalities
- Representatives from White River Partnership, Ottauquechee Natural Resources Conservation District, Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC), Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC) and the White River Natural Resources Conservation District.
- Ex officio: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and Vermont Agency of Transportation

Municipal participation is optional and determined by the legislative body. One appointed member from each participating municipality may be made by the municipality's legislative body. Municipalities are encouraged to appoint members with interest or experience in agriculture, forestry, conservation, real estate/development, water/wastewater, natural sciences, etc.

CWAC members shall serve until TRORC is notified by the legislative body or participating organization that their appointment has ended. Each member may appoint one alternate member to substitute for the primary member in their absence. Acting for the primary member, the alternate member shall have all rights and privileges of the primary member. If the primary member and alternate member are both present at a CWAC meeting, only the primary member shall vote.

The CWAC members may vote to appoint additional members to ensure a diverse representation of stakeholders.

ROLE OF THE CWAC

The CWAC shall meet as needed to conduct the following activities:

1. Advise programming related to the TRORC's efforts in assisting the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources with basin planning and surface water management including but not limited to:
 - a. TRORC's assistance to Vermont ANR in the development of tactical basin plans;
 - b. technical assistance and data collection activities to inform municipal officials and the State in making water quality investment decisions;
 - c. coordinating regional planning with municipal planning and adoption or implementation of municipal development regulations to better meet State water quality policies and investment priorities;
 - d. assistance to Vermont ANR in implementing a project evaluation process to prioritize water quality improvement projects within the region to assure cost effective use of State and federal funds;
 - e. petitions for reclassification and designation of surface waters; and,
 - f. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) processes.
2. Coordinate water quality related activities with the TRORC Transportation Advisory Committee, including, but not limited to, activities related to implementation of Municipal Roads Stormwater General Permits;
3. The CWAC or other individual subcommittees of the CWAC may also meet to conduct the following activities:
 - a. review and recommend to the Board water quality program recommendations and priorities;
 - b. review and recommend water quality studies;
 - c. review completed TRORC studies regarding water quality issues;
 - d. conduct other duties as assigned by the Board and/or Executive Committee including recommendations to the Board as needed; and,
 - e. establish sub-committees on an as-needed basis.