



Happy Holidays from the MRBA!



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Do you have amazing photos of our watershed during the winter? Tag us on instagram (@MRBAVT) and we can feature them in a future newsletter! We look forward to seeing how you enjoy the watershed!



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Hello Again!

As the weather begins to change, and the leaves have fallen off, it is time for another watershed update! We hope that you were able to enjoy the beautiful weather over the past summer and fall, and are excited for winter to be upon us once again! As we continue to adjust to our new sense of normal, we want to thank you for all of your help in continuing to support our projects and community events. It is through our partners, friends, community members, donors, and more that our work is possible and all that more rewarding! Read on to learn about some of our 2021 successes: in this update, you'll meet our new ECO AmeriCorps member, hear some project highlights, partnership programs, and how you can help us achieve our goals to continually work towards protecting our watershed for the future years to come. As we are planning for our 2022 projects, we are soliciting year-end donations to help support our ongoing work. Please see the enclosed note for more information, or learn more at mrbavt.com/donate - and thank you!

We greatly enjoyed partnering with the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi this summer for an event celebrating the inaugural paddle of their Voyager Canoe. It was a wonderful day with great information, demonstrations, and canoe trips!



Our thanks to the Lake Champlain Basin Program and NEIWPCC for the funds that enabled this great partnership event!





Who's New to MRBA?



Sarah Lunn is serving as our new Education and Outreach Coordinator for the MRBA! Originally from Georgia, Vermont, she is excited to be back in her Vermont roots serving with the MRBA to protect our beautiful watershed. Learn more about Sarah on our website!



2021 Updates



Knotweed Bonfire

In November, we hosted an end of the year celebration with a bonfire of our knotweed collected from our knotweed control experiments. We want to thank our community members who were able to attend, and learn about our



knotweed control efforts. Find out about our knotweed experiments on our website at mrbavt.com/knock-out-knotweed

BioBlitz in St. Albans

In September, MRBA staff teamed up with our friends from Bugworks,



Bird Diva, and the Franklin County Conservation District and students from SATEC and BFA to find as many different species as we could - nature walks around school grounds and Hard'ack showed kids how much biodiversity is always around us! We loved getting outdoors and teaching kids how much there is to appreciate outside!

Richford Jr/Sr High School Edible Rain Garden

We planted an edible rain garden at the Richford Jr/Sr High School as a water runoff management strategy. All plants within the garden are edible or can be used medicinally! This rain garden is a visual representation of the importance of water quality and water management.



Sheldon 8th Grade River Cleanup



This fall, we teamed up for an afternoon of paddling and river clean-up with

the Sheldon Middle School 8th graders on the Missisquoi River near their school. We were able to scavenge multiple tires, several rusty signs, and an old metal drum! Thank you for all your help in ensuring our watershed is clean!

Social Media?

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for up-to-date information about what we have going on around our watershed!

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We are ever-changing here at the MRBA, and want to get you involved! Join us for a community event, river-clean-up, or become a member of our board! Look out for future opportunities coming in the next few months. Visit our website to learn more!