



Promoting a fishable, swimmable Hoosic River!

The 2021 Tour de Pownal

Over 20 bike riders enjoyed a great day for a late September bike ride along roads and rivers of Pownal Vermont. Led by member Julie Mackaman and Board member Lauren Stevens, riders went off on routes of varying distances and were treated at rest stops organized by Faith Church in Pownal.



HooRWA has a new Executive Director!

HooRWA is pleased to announce Arianna Alexandra Collins as its next Executive Director. Arianna is an environmental education professional from Ashfield, Massachusetts, with 20 years of experience in program development, administration, and coordination, public relations and community engagement, budget administration, and fund raising. Arianna has a master's degree in Environmental Administration from Antioch University New England. Ms. Collins replaces Steve McMahon, who is retiring after 10 years with HooRWA.





The Health of the Hoosic

What a wet summer!!

HooRWA volunteers placed temperature monitors in the spring, but heavy summer rains buried the sensors in silt. Just 6 of the original 12 were recovered. Our key volunteer Dick Schlesinger will analyze the data gathered and prepare a summary over the winter.

Similarly, sampling the Green River for levels of E. coli bacteria was very difficult due to high water flows. A report produced for the only day of sampling showed low levels of bacteria. Heavy rains throughout the county curtailed sampling by fellow organizations including B.E.A.T. and the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA); their lab results showed levels “off the charts,” according to BCC lab director Bruce Winn. He believes the results may have been due to excessive runoff from farm fields.



Volunteer Luca Hirsch collecting water samples from a storm culvert.

Thank you to the Whipstock Hill Preservation Society for their grant to help purchase sampling equipment.



Elia Delmolino on the Hoosic

Hooray for HooRWA!

HooRWA is launching a photo-story campaign. Please take a picture of yourself, your loved ones (humans and non-humans), your favorite flora and/or fauna along the Hoosic River, and share with us why you love the Hoosic River.

Email your photos and stories to:

office@hoorwa.org

By participating, you give HooRWA permission to use your photo and story for education, community engagement, and HooRWA promotion. Please state your name as you would like it credited and the town and state you live in.

Story length: approximately 150 words.



Winter trout fishing



Riverworks 2021!



HooRWA organized a mixed-media environmental art exhibition at Linear Park in Williamstown, MA with funding support from the Mass Cultural Council. HooRWA invited artists to imagine the river and its watershed through the eyes of its first residents. Ten artists had installations along the Green River by our newly created Linear Link Trail. Local string band Rosin The Beaux performed as part of the celebrations in October. Thank you to all the artists!





The new Linear Link Trail by the Green River built by the Student Conservation Association (SCA). More than 30 volunteers contributed over 50 hours of time! THANK YOU!!



Remember HooRWA in your year-end gift giving.



"Offering" by Joan Dix Blair

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HooRWA is dedicated to the conservation, habitat restoration and enjoyment of the Hoosic River and its watershed, through education, research, and advocacy.

