



Promoting a fishable, swimmable Hoosic River!

River Clean Up!

HooRWA is supporting and partnering with organizations and community members throughout this spring and summer to organize River Clean Up Parties.

Watch for details on the HooRWA calendar, Facebook:

www.facebook.com/HooRWA.org and in your inbox.

June 11 along Willow Dell in North Adams with Hoosic River Revival and Trout Unlimited

Saturday, July 23 1-3pm Green River by the old South Williamstown dump with South Williamstown Community Association and Trout Unlimited

August 6 in Adams with Trout Unlimited



HooRWA Names Steve McMahon as Tanzman Award Recipient

Long time Executive Director of HooRWA, Steve McMahon, was presented with the Irving Jack Tanzman Friend of the Hoosic Award at HooRWA's February 7, 2022 Annual Meeting. The Tanzman Award was created in 2017 to honor the memory and many achievements of Pownal, Vermont resident Irving Tanzman who enthusiastically supported the "Mighty Hoosic" for many years. Past recipients of the award are Pamela B. Weatherbee, Judith M. Grinnell, Richard C. Schlesinger, and Thomas and Ellen Ennis.



HooRWA's Board of Directors chose to honor Steve and his ten years of dedicated service and commitment to the Hoosic River and its tri-state watershed. Under Steve's direction the organization grew in the size of its membership, continued its strong and all important commitment to the annual monitoring of the watershed's water quality, and undertook projects to document the current state of infrastructure connectivity in communities within Northern Berkshire County. Steve's kindness to all who worked with him over the years was especially appreciated by colleagues and many student volunteers.



Riverworks 2022!



HooRWA is pleased to announce that the Hoosic River Watershed Association has won another Cultural Council Grant. The main event this year will be an exhibition of works by local artists, professional and nonprofessional, to be displayed in the Milne Public Library during the month of September.

This year we are asking artists to envision our river and watershed in the context of climate change. Artists should think broadly about this topic. You may decide to imagine what our landscape might look like in twenty-five years. You may want to select some particularly precious scene or wildlife that is threatened and create a piece that celebrates its worth and why it must be protected.

Honorariums of at least \$100 will be distributed to a maximum of 20 artists and participating schools. To help attract an audience for the artists' showcase, HooRWA will offer music and refreshments at an opening reception.



For your pleasure along the River

Click on "Recreation" at hoorwa.org for activities to do along the Hoosic River.



Photo credit: Justin Adkins fishing by Rebecca Guanzon

hoorwa.org/calendar

Click on our calendar for listing of programs including our monthly wild edibles walks in partnership with local business Wild Soul River.



Spring Renewal Campaign

It's that time of year again. Please renew your HooRWA membership for 2022 to assist us in advocating for and protecting the Hoosic River and the habitat of its watershed.

Levels:

Friend \$40; Advocate \$100; Guardian \$250; Steward \$500; Ridgetop Society \$1000

To clean this task off your plate or sweep it out the door, you can renew online at hoorwa.org/about/members.

If would prefer to mail us a check, you can. Mail membership to: HooRWA PO Box 667, Williamstown, MA 01267

Thank you for your enduring support!



Rebecca & Justin of Wild Soul River on Cascade trail in North Adams

Hooray for HooRWA!

HooRWA has launched 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 where you live. Story length: approximately 150 words.



Incoming and Outgoing

At HooRWA's Annual Meeting we thanked outgoing board members Karin Landry and Tom Hyde for their longtime service to the organization and welcomed in new board member Daniel Gura.



Lauren Stevens writes of Tom Hyde: *A tireless worker for HooRWA especially regarding water trips and bike rides. He maintained the rafts, cased the river routes and captained the trips, on the shorter ones returning only to head out again. He laid out the bike rides and painted the roads in preparation, figuring out the most efficient way to mark our or five different routes. He never seemed to tire or even need food, often marking from first thing in the morning to early evening.*

John Case writes of Tom Hyde & Karin Landry: *I'm proud to say that I recruited both Tom Hyde and Karin Landry for HooRWA. I paddled down the Charles River with Tom to protest a Hydro Quebec project that would have destroyed indigenous lands. I was impressed that Tom would stop if we saw people close to the river and engage them in a discussion of the issues. I never would have been brave enough.*

I met Karin on a HooRWA hike up Petersburg Mountain. It was icy, and our low-end creepers didn't work, so we had to turn back. She's been invaluable in bringing professionalism to our bookkeeping and wonderfully generous with her time advising our director and treasurer on the correct way to record financial transactions.



Arianna sings Karin's name on high: *Karin has been such an asset to me during these first months as HooRWA's new ED. I have really appreciated her help and level of detail in closing each month and sticking around to teach incoming Treasurer Martha Marvin the ropes.*



Welcome Daniel Gura!
Dan is a Williamstown resident and has spent much of his career in conservation and outdoor recreation industries. Dan works at Williamstown Rural Lands as the Lands & Trails Coordinator. He enjoys home life with wife Kelsey and toddler son Avery. He looks forward to paddling more in the Hoosic River watershed and hopes to meet you out there.

Other Announcements

Warm welcome to Robin Sears, the new Executive Director at Williamstown Rural Lands. We have enjoyed working with RL in the past and look forward to working with you in the future. And in fact, we will be sharing an intern with our sister organization this summer.

North Pownal Bridge. Board members expressed enthusiasm for news of VT State funding to build a footbridge across the Hoosic in North Pownal. The bridge will connect parking on the East side of the River with town-owned Strohbridge Recreation Area, 700 acres with existing trails and logging roads. The Pownal Parks and Rec Committee will contract with a Vermont-based firm specializing in trail construction and improvement, including creating better access to the Taconic Crest Trail.

Visit the HooRWA blog to review Bill Moomaw's recommended native tree species to plant to help mitigate against climate instability. And check out wildseedproject.net for their native trees list which includes shrubs.



Black Cherry leaves and flower buds
Photo credit: Arianna Alexandra Collins



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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.

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