

River Ambassador's Report

SuAsCo Wild & Scenic

RSC Meeting

May 27, 2025

Meetings/Activities

OARS Coordination -

- Strategic Plan Update - Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee
- NECKRA Race Table

Concord Library Staff Day -

- With Concord DNR, CLCT, and OARS

Boat Ramp -

- Map restocking, trash removal, aquatic hitchhiker signs
- Back on the water!

Garlic Mustard Removal

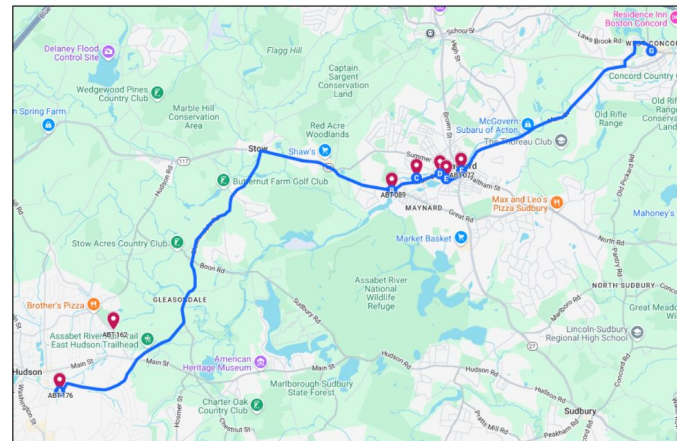
- Sudbury River Bank @ Elm St and Nashawtuc
- Concord River Bank @ Monument Street



Centennial Dam Lowell Fish Monitoring



Bacteria Monitoring- Assabet River, Maynard



MCI Concord Advisory Board

- Public Forum - April 30, 2025
- Attending Land Use Planning Meetings
- Of particular importance
 - River Access/Recreation
 - WWTP



Site Overview: Wastewater Treatment Plant



Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

- Built: 1975 with updates in 1992
- Buildings include Headworks, Filter, Sludge, Operations, Grit Chamber & Sheds

Technical Details:

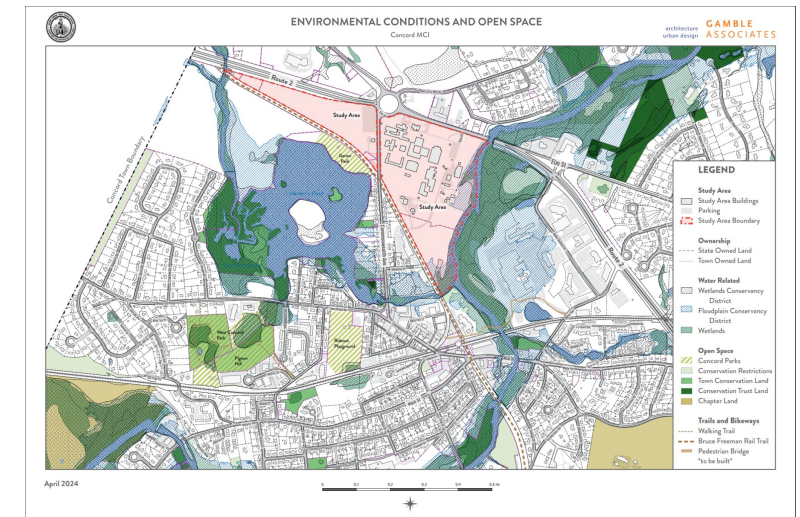
- Capacity 310k gallons/day
- Permit limit – Spec flow for minimum 150K gal/day; maximum capacity 310k gal/day
- Serves other state properties, including NECC Farm, State Police barracks, and MassDOT

Warner's Pond Task Force Meeting

- On May 22, the Warner's Pond Task Force voted to recommend to Natural Resources Commission
 - Retain Pond
 - Implement "Recurring Management Plan"
 - 5- year timeline
- No dredging or dam removal at this time

Vote:

- Endorse 7
- Against 1
- Abstain 2



Other Things Going on in Concord

Town Meeting - June 2

- **Second Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides**
- **Funding of Stormwater Enterprise Fund**
- **CPC**
 - **Thoreau School Athletic Fields and Playground**
 - **Gerow Park Improvements**
 - 1) Design, engineering, and cost estimation for three enhancements to the Park:
 - a. water access through a boat dock/launch and fishing pier structure(s);
 - b. an ADA-accessible and inclusive natural playground; and
 - c. Access paths and additional landscaping improvements associated with the water access and playground features
 - 2) Creation of a comprehensive Operations, Maintenance, and Capital Replacement plan and budget for the park based on already built features and the alternatives evaluated for the water access and playground features

River Ambassador Sunshirt

Need hats? Mugs?

T-Shirts ?

- Polyester only
- Color ?
- Design ?



RSC Sponsored Talk for Concord250

Discord on the Concord

UConn Professor Robert Thorson

Attendees

~20 attended live

~30 attended on zoom

72 downloads on Youtube



The Sudbury, Assabet and Concord
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River Stewardship Council



Future Events

Fairhaven Bay Walk with CLCT

June 1st with Rachel Wheeler and John Myers

Water Quality and Pollution Impacts in Our Rivers

June 17 with Concord Climate Action Committee

Summer Solstice Paddle -

June 21st at the Old Manse

With Concord250/Julia Khorana, Musketaquid, and Art for All

River Walk

July 23rd and monthly thereafter

GMNWR Dike Walk/Brewsters Woods ???