Windham Regional Commission
Charge to the Clean Water Advisory Committee

The Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC), working in collaboration with the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) Natural Resources Committee, shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission and its Executive Board, relating to activities and policy development regarding the waters of the Windham Region, including:

- West, Williams, and Saxtons Rivers and their tributaries (Basin 11/13),
- the Deerfield, North and Green Rivers and their tributaries (Basin 12/13),
- and other direct tributaries to the Connecticut River (such as the Broad Brook, Whetstone Brook, Sacketts Brook, etc),
- 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 Windham Region, and serves in an advisory capacity to the WRC Executive Board and Full Commission.

The purpose of membership in the CWAC shall be to expand municipal and watershed organization stakeholder engagement in advising the WRC on the above matters. Members shall be:

- The Chair of the WRC Natural Resources Committee, who shall serve as Chair of the CWAC.
- Representatives of the Region's municipalities.
- Representatives from the Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District, Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC), Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC), the South Eastern Vermont Watershed Alliance (SeVWA), and other relevant regional watershed organizations.
- 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 municipality's 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. If the municipality has appointed a Commissioner to the WRC, it may also make that Commissioner its appointee to the CWAC. CWAC members shall serve until WRC is notified by the legislative body or participating organization that their appointment has ended, unless the member is also a town-appointed WRC Commissioner, in which case the appointment shall end when the member is no longer a Commissioner. 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. Appointments to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term.
Role of the CWAC

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

1. Provide programming advice related to the WRC’s efforts in outreach to towns and assisting the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources with basin planning and surface water management including, but not limited to:
   
a. WRC’s assistance to Vermont ANR and engagement of Windham Region municipalities in the development of tactical basin plans;

b. technical assistance and data collection activities, including information from watershed organizations, to inform municipal officials and the State in making water quality investment decisions;

c. supporting 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 and the WRC in prioritizing water quality improvement projects within the Windham Region to assure cost effective use of State and federal funds.

2. Undertake water quality-related technical assistance and policy implementation activities and coordinate activities with the WRC Transportation Committee, including but not limited to, activities related to implementation of Municipal Roads Stormwater General Permits;

3. The CWAC or individual subcommittees of the CWAC may also, as appropriate, conduct the following activities:

   a. review and recommend to the WRC Executive Board water quality program recommendations and priorities;

   b. review and recommend water quality studies;

   c. review completed WRC studies regarding water quality issues;

   d. participate in the consultant selection process to be retained for water quality related projects and programs;

   e. conduct other duties as assigned by the WRC Executive Board including recommendations to the Board as needed; and,

   f. establish sub-committees on an as-needed basis.