

2025 WATERBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLANNING

Waterbury Conservation Committee Mission: The Conservation Commission is a Town appointed Board of nine members that works under the auspices of the Planning Commission and the Select Board. It is the mission of the Town of Waterbury's Conservation Commission to preserve, protect, and enhance Waterbury's biodiversity; natural, scenic, and recreational resources; and other lands which have historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural, or archeological values in which the public has an interest and to assist in planning for the continuing benefit of the townspeople. WCC Bylaws AMENDED 041624

2025 Objectives:

- Iteratively define Waterbury's annual conservation priorities with engaged partners.
- Provide strategic recommendations to the Waterbury Planning Commission and Select Board that inform the 2026 town plan and bylaws
- Promote Waterbury's biodiversity, natural, scenic, and recreational resources and other lands, through communication and education, in an effort to grow residents' participation and interest.
- Recommend and advise 2025 conservation projects with engaged partners as needed or opportunities arise.
- Develop/Cultivate partnerships with other conservation organizations (State/Municipal/Non-Profit)

2025-2026 SMART Goals:

- **Budget & Funding:** Raise \$40,000 through town budget, grant, and/or private funding to support educational activities and a thorough natural resource inventory of the Town of Waterbury by June 2026.
- **Mapping & Surveying:**
 - Plan for and conduct an in-depth seasonal natural resources inventory for the Town of Waterbury. The purpose of the inventory is to map, assess and analyze the natural heritage elements deemed important for long-range preservation of biological diversity. Maps generated from these efforts will be included in the 2026 Municipal Plan update.
 - Assess which town owned lands have or need land management plans.
- **Community Outreach & Engagement:** Identify and implement three new channels for promoting WCC news and opportunities to engage the public by September 2025. (events, social media, earned media, emails, etc.)

- **Partnerships:** Identify at least 5 key partners required for the WCC to achieve its 2025 goals.

2025 WCC Meetings

- January 14, 2025
- February 12, 2025*
- March 12, 2025*
- April 15, 2025 (*tax day*)
- May 13, 2025
- June 10, 2025
- July 8, 2025
- August 12, 2025
- September 9, 2025
- October 14, 2025
- November 11, 2025 (*veteran's day*)
- December 9, 2025

**Moving standing meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday as the State of Vermont ANR Environmental Leadership Series occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of February & March*