



*2012 Annual Report  
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association*

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*To promote and protect the integrity of the lands and waters of the  
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed  
Through Recreation, Research, Education and Stewardship*

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# Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association 2012 Annual Report

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*On cover: Lawson M. Cary, Jr. Memorial Fishway at Horseshoe Dam in Shannock, RI*

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*In recognition of his lifelong investment toward educating and inspiring recreationalists to responsibly fish the waters of this Watershed, with an emphasis on the stewardship of habitat and wildlife protection.*

*His practice and teaching of the noble art of fly-tying and fly fishing, the use of barbless hooks to minimize injury to fish, the policy of catch and release, and determination to leave as small a footprint as possible exemplifies WPWA's ideals.*

***Salomon Award***

**Harvey Buford**

*In recognition of his tireless volunteerism and significant achievements to conserve the natural resources and ecosystems of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed and the Town of Hopkinton, In furtherance of the goals and values of the Mitch and Betty Salomon Endowment.*

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*In celebration of the significant and lasting contributions she has made to protect the land, water, air, and biodiversity of the State of Rhode Island; and to recognize her exceptional ability to deftly navigate field, forest, wetland, and State House Hearing room with grace, wisdom, tenacity, and civility.*

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***IN MEMORIAM***

**In Memory of JOHN LEVANTI**

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Richard Taylor  
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### PARTNER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Appalachian Mountain Club  
Aquatic Resource Education Center (RIDEM)  
AmeriCorps  
American Rivers  
Army Corps of Engineers  
Bradford Printing & Finishing  
Carritas House and Corkery House  
Chariho Middle School  
Clark Memorial Library  
Coastal Resources Management Council  
Community Development Consortium  
CT Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Coventry High School  
Curtis Corner Middle School (SK)  
Eastern Mountain Sports  
Gateway Health Center, Youth Programs  
Greene School  
HopArts  
Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
Hopkinton Land Trust  
Kenyon Industries  
Kenyon Grist Mill  
Langworthy Public Library  
MA Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Metcalf Institute  
Mount Tom Land Trust  
Narragansett Bay Estuary Program  
Narrow River Preservation Association  
National Oceanographic & Atmospheric  
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Norman Bird Sanctuary  
Pettaquamscutt Historical Society  
Recreational Equipment Inc.  
RI Blueways Alliance  
RI Canoe and Kayak Association  
RI DEM, Forestry Division  
RI DEM, Division of Fish and Wildlife  
RI Dept. of Transportation  
RI Envirothon Competition  
RI Land and Water Partnership  
RI Resource Conservation & Development  
RI Resource Recovery Corporation

RI Trail Advisory Committee  
RI Environmental Education Association  
RI Natural History Survey  
RI NEMO Program  
RI Rivers Council  
RI Sea Grant  
Richmond Conservation Commission  
Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust  
Roger Williams Park Zoo  
RYSE School  
Salt Ponds Coalition  
Save The Bay  
South County Art Association  
South County Env. Advocacy Team  
Southern New England Paddlers  
South Kingstown Land Trust  
Southern RI Conservation District  
Thames River Basin Partnership  
Tomaquag Museum  
Town of Charlestown  
Town of Hopkinton  
Town of North Stonington  
Town of Richmond  
Town of Exeter  
Town of Stonington  
Town of Westerly  
Town of West Greenwich  
Trout Unlimited Narragansett Chapter  
United Fly Tyers of RI  
University of Rhode Island  
URI Coastal Fellow Program  
URI Cooperative Extension Service  
URI Watershed Watch  
USDA Natural Resource Conservation  
Service  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
US EPA, Region 1  
Volunteer Center of Rhode Island  
Washington County Land Trust Coalition  
Watershed Counts  
Westerly Land Trust  
Wheeler Middle School, N Stonington, CT  
Wood River Fly Tying Association

## *~ PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS ~*

### **RIVER RESTORATION**

#### *Fish Passage – Pawcatuck River*

- ~* Modifications to the fish passage weirs were completed ensuring that all resident and migratory species may pass through of the former location of the Lower Shannock Falls in Shannock. This was made possible with funding provided by the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the USDOC's National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Fuss & O'Neill Inc and MAS Building & Bridge Inc.
- ~* Construction of the Lawson M. Cary Jr. Memorial Fishway, a Denil Fish Ladder & Eelway at the iconic Horseshoe Falls Dam, was completed by WPWA allowing access for resident and migratory aquatic species to the Beaver River for the first time in centuries. This project was made possible with funding and technical support from USDOC's National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. Special thanks to landowner Jeffrey Marlowe, dam owner Francis Flynn, and resident historian Sanford Neuschatz for their support assistance in making this valuable and historic project a success. Also to Fuss & O'Neill Inc, Fuss & O'Neill Design Build, and MAS Building and Bridge, the RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, The Shannock Water District, and RI Dept. of Transportation for their contributions and cooperation.
- ~* Engineering, design and permitting for a rock ramp fish passage structure at the Kenyon Mill Dam was completed by WPWA thanks to significant funding provided by USDOC's National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration and the Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council. In the summer of 2013 the dam will be replaced facilitating access for migratory and resident aquatic species to Worden's Pond for the first time in hundreds of years. This project will complete restoration of the historic fish runs from the Atlantic Ocean to the headwaters of the Pawcatuck River. WPWA is proud to complete this work begun in the 1970's on the lower Pawcatuck River by the RI Dept. of Environmental Management and others. Special thanks to Kenyon Industries for their cooperative efforts to realize this momentous achievement.

### **SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION**

#### *Invasive Species*

- ~* In the summer of WPWA conducted a biological control for purple loosestrife in the Shannock section of the Pawcatuck River. This project was done as part of larger project to remove the dam at Lower Shannock Falls. 4,000 *Galerucella* spp. adult beetles were released in July. Spring and fall monitoring was done at the Shannock site for evidence of the effectiveness of biological control of the purple loosestrife. Evidence to date suggests that this type of biological control has very limited success in a river habitat.

## Water Quality Monitoring

- ↗ WPWA completed 25 years of water quality monitoring in the watershed. RIDEM regularly uses this data as part of their State of the Waters report.
- ↗ 25 volunteers monitored 12 lakes and ponds and 18 streams and rivers.
- ↗ WPWA staff conducted macroinvertebrate sampling at 6 river sites in the watershed.
- ↗ WPWA staff conducted temperature studies at 6 sites on the Beaver River and 4 sites on Brushy Brook.

### 2010-12 WPWA Monitoring and Study Sites in CT and RI by Town

Town	2010	2011	2012
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>			
<i>North Stonington (These sites are monitored under the North Stonington Citizens Land Alliance programs)</i>			
Asseconk Brook	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 1 sites
Green Falls Brook	WQ Sampling 3 sites	WQ Sampling 3 sites	WQ Sampling 3 sites
Shunnock River	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 4 sites	WQ Sampling 2 sites
Wyassup Lake	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>			
<i>Charlestown</i>			
Pasquiset Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Watchaug Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Pawcatuck River	WQ Sampling 4 sites	WQ Sampling 4 sites	WQ Sampling 4 sites
<i>Exeter</i>			
Boone Lake		Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Yawgoo Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Falls River	WQ Sampling 4 sites	WQ Sampling 4 sites	WQ Sampling 4 sites
Glen Rock Brook	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site
			Macro Sampling 1 site
Locke Brook	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site
Queen River	WQ Sampling 4 sites	WQ Sampling 4 sites	WQ Sampling 2 sites
Sherman Brook	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site
<i>Hopkinton</i>			
Alton Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Wincheck Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Ashaway River	WQ Sampling 2 site	WQ Sampling 1 sites	WQ Sampling 1 sites
Brushy Brook	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 2 sites
		Macro Sampling 1 site	Macro Sampling 1 site
			Temp Study 4 sites
Parameter Brook	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 1 sites
Pawcatuck River	WQ Sampling 3 sites	WQ Sampling 3 sites	WQ Sampling 3 sites
Tomaquag Brook	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site
Wood River	Macro Sampling 3 sites	Macro Sampling 3 sites	Macro Sampling 1 site

<b>Town</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b><i>Richmond</i></b>			
Alton Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Meadowbrook Pd	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Beaver River		Macro Sampling 1 site	Macro Sampling 1 site
Meadow Brook			Temp Study 6 sites
Pawcatuck River	WQ Sampling 2 sites	WQ Sampling 2 sites	Macro Sampling 1 site
White Brook	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 2 sites
Wyoming Pond	Lake Sampling		WQ Sampling 1 site
<b><i>South Kingstown</i></b>			
Barber Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Hundred Acre Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Usquepaug Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Worden Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Yawgoo Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
Chipuxet River	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site
Glen Rock Brook	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site
Pawcatuck River	WQ Sampling 2 site	WQ Sampling 2 site	WQ Sampling 2 sites
Queen River	WQ Sampling 2 site	WQ Sampling 2 site	WQ Sampling 2 site
		Macro Sampling 2 sites	
Sherman Brook	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site	WQ Sampling 1 site
Shickasheen Brook	WQ Sampling 4 site	WQ Sampling 4 site	WQ Sampling 4 sites
Tucker Pond	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling	Lake Sampling
White Horn Brook	WQ Sampling 2 site	WQ Sampling 2 site	WQ Sampling 2 sites
<b><i>Westerly</i></b>			
Pawcatuck River	WQ Sampling 7 sites	WQ Sampling 7 sites	WQ Sampling 4 sites

## ***RECREATIONAL PROGRAM***

### ***Paddle Programs***

- ↯*** Three paddles on the Wood River and one bioluminescent paddle on Ninigret Pond were attended by 35 participants.
- ↯*** Twelve folks learned to kayak at two full-day Introduction to Kayaking programs.
- ↯*** The Southern New England Paddlers (SNEP) held three paddle training nights at the WPWA campus for 30 beginner paddlers.
- ↯*** WPWA hosted 72 family members of actively deployed military personnel during 2 kayaking programs for Operation Military Kids.
- ↯*** WPWA provided kayaks and instruction for 62 students from RYSE School, Central Falls High School, and Gateway Health Programs.
- ↯*** Conducted paddles for the AMERICORP program and ASRI counselors.

### *Other Recreational Programs*

- ↯ Roger Masse lead 6 winter and spring birding walks for beginners.
- ↯ Litter Awareness, Opening Day of Trout Fishing Season at WPWA Campus
- ↯ Earth Day cleanups at 12 river access sites.
- ↯ Map and Compass workshop co-sponsored by Narragansett AMC.
- ↯ Two Family Fun Fishing events at the Carolina Trout Pond.
- ↯ Fly Tying & Fly Fishing classes led by volunteers from WPWA, Trout Unlimited & Wood River Fly Fishing Club.

## **EDUCATION**

### *Distinctive Programs*

- ↯ WPWA became a co-coordinator for the Project WET Program in RI.
- ↯ WPWA instructed at two Facilitators Training Programs for Project WET and Project Wild along with RIDEM Aquatic Resource Education Program and Audubon Society of RI.
- ↯ 63 fifth-grade students from Curtis Corner Middle School spent a day with WPWA at the Arcadia Management Area for a field trip that included, kayaking, macro sampling, and hiking.
- ↯ WPWA worked with the URI Non-point Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) program to conduct outreach on storm water issues through our website, newsletter, and school programs.
- ↯ WPWA provided training and field trip equipment for the SMILE program. WPWA assisted with training and attended two roundtable events held by RITES.

### *Other Education Programs*

- ↯ Earth Day Program at Wheeler School, North Stonington
- ↯ Chaired and judged the aquatic section for the RI Envirothon Competition
- ↯ Quest Montessori School classroom program
- ↯ Greene School water quality program
- ↯ Coventry High School field trip
- ↯ Chariho Middle School field trip
- ↯ Americorp field trip
- ↯ URI Hydrology class field trip
- ↯ URI Forestry Class
- ↯ Mentored a URI Coastal Fellows intern.
- ↯ WPWA conducted a naturalists workshop for Boy Scouts
- ↯ Hosted 3 URI Community Writing intern
- ↯ Served as Science Mentor for GEMS-Net

## CAPACITY BUILDING

### *Wild and Scenic Designation*

- ↯ In November 2011 Representatives Langevin (RI) and Courtney (CT) sponsored a bill, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act, to have the National Parks Service conduct a three year study to determine if the Wood, Pawcatuck, Chipuxet, Beaver, and Queen Rivers qualify for designation as Wild and Scenic rivers. Congressman Langevin and D. Poyer gave testimony in support of the bill at the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands in April 2012. The bill was heard by the full House on July 23, with Congressman Langevin again giving testimony in support of the bill. The House passed the bill unanimously.
- ↯ Senators Reed (RI), Whitehouse (RI), Blumental (CT) and Murphy (CT) introduced a companion bill in the Senate on July 23, 2012. The Senate did not take any action on the bill before the close of Congress at the end of the year.
- ↯ Representatives Langevin and Cicilline (RI) and Courtney (CT) have introduced H.R. 723 into the House in February, 2013. At the same time Senators Reed (RI), Whitehouse (RI), Blumental (CT) and Murphy (CT) introduced S349 into the Senate. Both bills have been approved to be heard in the appropriate committees and will be take-up this spring.

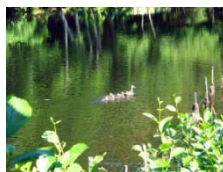
## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### *Campus Renovations*

- ↯ Hosted CCRI volunteers and students for a campus cleanup in March.

### *Projects and Presentations*

- ↯ WPWA worked with Watershed Counts to help develop freshwater indicators for rivers and streams.
- ↯ C. Fox gave two presentations regarding the Pawcatuck River Fish Passage Projects.
- ↯ D. Poyer gave two presentations at the Land and Water Summit.
- ↯ D. Poyer gave a presentation for RICKA concerning the Wild and Scenic bill.
- ↯ Hosted Artists on Campus
- ↯ Attended the Bi-state Water Quality Workshop for Pawcatuck River & Little Narragansett Bay
- ↯ Created two River Trails Maps for the Wood River with the RI Blueways Alliance.
- ↯ Conducted blowdown clearing on the Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers with a grant from RI TAC.
- ↯ Attended a CUSH cleanup press event to talk about the Wild and Scenic bill.



*Mallard Family on the Wood River*



### *Committee and Board Affiliations*

- ↯ EPA Wetland Outreach Committee
- ↯ Rhode Island Blueways Alliance
- ↯ Rhode Island Environmental Education Association
- ↯ Rhode Island Habitat Restoration Team
- ↯ Rhode Island River Restoration Working Group
- ↯ Rhode Island Trail Advisory Committee
- ↯ RIDEM Priorities Work Groups
- ↯ Watershed Counts Wetland Indicators Committee
- ↯ Wetland Restoration Strategy Committee

### *Publications and Digital Media*

- ↯ Volume 29, Numbers 1-4 of *Watershed* published, with a total distribution by mail of over 4000, and a global availability through our website.
- ↯ Upper and Lower Wood River Trail maps were published and are available for download at [http://wpwa.org/paddling\\_maps.htm](http://wpwa.org/paddling_maps.htm) or <http://www.exploreri.org/waterTrails.php>.



*WPWA Campus in Winter*

## *TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT*

Dear WPWA Members,

Coordination of the Pawcatuck River dam removal projects requires that significant amounts of money pass through the organization. Last year, almost one-half million dollars were received and spent on river restoration work. One of the requirements of the project is the WPWA must undergo a thorough A-133 audit each year. Our auditors (YKSM, Westerly, RI) carefully examine our books and business practices. I am pleased to report that the audit of the 2011 financial year found everything to be in order and the business practices of the WPWA met or exceeded the requirement for an organization such as ours.

Financial records for 2012 are being completed and will be sent to the auditors shortly. The audit assessment is typically done in the summer with a report filed in August or September. Preliminary analysis of the 2012 books showed income to be what was expected in our annual budget. Expenses were slightly higher than what was budgeted for 2012 to cover personnel costs incurred in transitioning staff in the Program Coordinator position.

The Treasurer extends his sincere thanks to the WPWA accountant, Ms. Kristy Armstrong, for the care she has taken in tracking our finances and the diligence she has shown in keeping the Treasurer, Executive Director, and Board informed of our financial position at all times. Thanks also go to the staff of the WPWA for their excellent work in keeping program costs down and working within the budgets we establish for the organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter August  
Treasurer

WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2011\*

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ 117,063
Accounts receivable.....	441,197
Inventory.....	8,051
Prepaid Insurance .....	<u>8,525</u>

Total current assets..... 574,836

Investments ..... 206,039

Endowments held in trust ..... 54,932

Property, plant and equipment, net..... 408,541

Other Assets

Land held for conservation .....	113,000
Construction in progress .....	<u>-</u>

Total other assets ..... 113,000

TOTAL ASSETS ..... \$1,357,348

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable.....	\$ 207,934
Accrued expenses .....	<u>576</u>

Total current liabilities..... 208,510

Net Assets

Unrestricted.....	978,431
Temporarily restricted .....	41,680
Permanently restricted.....	<u>128,727</u>

Total net assets ..... 1,148,838

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS..... \$1,357,348

*\* Due to the volume of federal funds managed by WPWA in 2012 and audited financial statement is now required as part of our annual financial reporting. This more detailed report of funds, assets, policies and procedures is not yet available.*