

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Black and Ottauquechee Rivers DRAFT Tactical Basin Plan released for public comment by Agency of Natural Resources.

Springfield, VT – The Agency of Natural Resources has released the DRAFT Tactical Basin Plan for the Black and Ottauquechee Rivers and the Connecticut River and adjacent tributaries (Basin 10) for public comment. Meetings to gather public comment are being held in Cavendish, West Windsor and Woodstock.

The Tactical Basin Plan provides an overview of the health of these watersheds and a description of ongoing and future priority steps to restore and protect the quality of its surface waters and aquatic habitat. The Plan uses comprehensive water quality monitoring and assessment information to develop high priority projects for implementation and will provide opportunities for all stakeholders in the Basin to pursue technical and financial support for water quality improvement.

Over 40 objectives are laid out to guide implementation over the next five years addressing monitoring needs, protection strategies and restoration projects throughout the Ottauquechee and Black River watersheds, Neal, Hubbard, Lulls, and the two Mill Brooks and along the Connecticut River.

The DRAFT plan can be obtained at: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/map> or to receive a printed copy of the draft plan call 802-289-0633.

For further information or to submit comments contact Marie Levesque Caduto, VT DEC, 100 Mineral St., Ste 303, Springfield, VT 05156 or Marie.Caduto@vermont.gov. The deadline for submitting comments is February 16, 2018.

Meeting Schedule:

January 23

6:30 – 8:00 PM

West Windsor Town Office

22 Brownsville-Hartland Road, Brownsville, VT 05037

January 29

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Woodstock Town Office

31 The Green, Woodstock, VT 05091

January 30

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Cavendish Town Office

37 High St., Cavendish, VT 05142