

2008 Swift River Local Advisory Committee Annual Report

The Swift River Project continues to be our main focus.

The goal is to realign the Swift River as it approaches the Conway Scenic Railroad Bridge. There have been erosion issues there for years and with the help of DES the Swift River Local Advisory Committee (SRLAC) is getting closer to accomplishing our goal.

The SRLAC as part of the NH Rivers and Management Program was proud to be recognized, along with our fellow Local Advisory Committees (LAC), for volunteerism at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Earth Day Awards in Boston in April. At this ceremony we received The President's Award. In November we were also recognized, along with fellow LAC members, by Governor John Lynch for our work in river protection and volunteerism.

The SRLAC, with the support of and with much assistance from the National Forest Service, had our annual Swift River Cleanup. This was our 11th year and it was a huge success! The weather was great and many volunteers turned out. We ended the day with a cookout at Lower Falls on the Kanc.

The SRLAC also put a lot of effort into creating a logo and letterhead.

The SRLAC meets the first Monday of every month at 5:00 pm at the White Mountain National Forest Saco Ranger Station in Conway, NH. For more information, please contact Bob Parrish, SRLAC Chair at 447-2655 or rlparrish@roadrunner.com.

The Swift River Local Advisory members are Bob Parrish, Terry Miller, Frank Wolfe, Kathy Carrier and Chip Boisvert.