



## QUESTIONS FOR NOMINEE TO CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

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### CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION (CGS §§ [25-99](#) AND [25-100](#))

- The commission is established under the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Compact formed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.
- Each state appoints three members.
- It is intended to promote interstate comity, assure adequate storage capacity for impounding river waters to protect against flooding, and to be an interstate agency to cooperatively control flooding.

### NOMINEE QUESTIONS

1. Since the Connecticut River cuts between or through several states, how do the flood control practices of other states affect Connecticut's flood control needs?
2. What impacts, if any, have the Federal Emergency Management Agency's updated flood maps had on flood control efforts along the Connecticut River?
3. How do land development patterns impact flooding? Does the commission interact with local planning and zoning agencies to address flooding concerns?
4. Have Connecticut's commission members considered coordinating with other commissions or entities, such as the interstate Thames River Valley Flood Control Commission, to further address flood control issues?



5. According to the commission's most recent [annual report](#), ensuring the commission has full membership has been an issue in the past. Is it difficult for states to find individuals with relevant experience willing to serve on this commission? How does the lack of a full membership affect the commission's ability to do its job?
6. The [annual report](#) also states that the commission will be monitoring Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) efforts to relicense hydroelectric dams or license new power development and FERC's consideration of new gas delivery pipelines along the Connecticut River or in its tributary areas. What are the commission's concerns regarding these projects?
7. How will your experience serving on the American Heritage River Commission benefit this commission? Are there similar issues facing both commissions?

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Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission, *Annual Report, July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015*.

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