

Niantic River Watershed Protection Compact

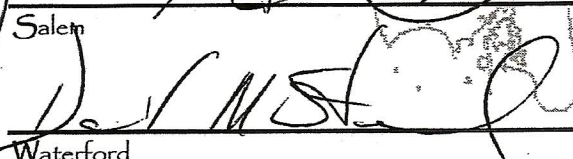
We the undersigned chief elected officials, on behalf of our municipalities, recognize that:

1. The Niantic River is a valuable natural resource that provides economic, social and recreational benefits to the residents of our respective municipalities,
2. Protection and restoration of the Niantic River Watershed will benefit the four watershed towns economically, socially and aesthetically,
3. Land use and development throughout the Niantic River Watershed is intrinsically tied to the ecological health of the Niantic River, and
4. Sound land-use planning and decision-making policies are necessary to safeguard the natural, social, economic, recreational and educational values of the Niantic River Watershed.

Therefore, the towns of the Niantic River Watershed voluntarily enter into this compact to acknowledge their commitment to work cooperatively to protect the Niantic River Watershed by:

1. Supporting the goals and recommendations of the Niantic River Watershed Protection Plan,
2. Participating as partners in the Niantic River Watershed Task Force (NRWTF), via the appointment of representatives to the Watershed Task Force Board of Directors as outlined in the NRWTF By-Laws,
3. Promoting wise land-use and planning decisions and policies, and
4. Working to ensure the long-term environmental health and vitality of the watershed, thereby enhancing the natural, social, economic, recreational and educational values of the Niantic River Watershed.

Signed by the Chief Elected Officials of the Niantic River Watershed Towns:

	3/11/11
East Lyme	Date
	3/16/11
Montville	Date
	3/16/11
Salem	Date
	1/18/11
Waterford	Date