**2016 Vermont River Cleanup Event
Post-Event Press Release: Instructions and Template**

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**EMAIL SUBJECT LINE:** PRESS RELEASE: [Insert Press Release Title]

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE**

**CONTACT:**[Contact Name]
[Contact Title]
[Organization]
[Phone Number]
[Email Address]

**Volunteers Pitch in to Help [Organization] Clean Up the [XXX] River**

A river cleanup hosted by [Organization] on [date] brought [number] neighbors and friends together to get their feet wet and their hands dirty on behalf of river health. Working together, the group hauled [number] pounds of trash from the river and recycled or responsibly disposed of the materials. Local assistance was provided by Cleanup sponsors [list any local sponsors].

[Insert quote from a volunteer.]

[Organization] is busy throughout the year, so there are plenty more opportunities to get involved. [Describe a few key volunteer opportunities.]

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[Place organization’s boilerplate here: 2-5 sentence summary of the organization’s mission, including website and/or phone number.]

September is Vermont’s official River Cleanup Month, when groups throughout the state pitch in to haul trash from shorelines and riverbeds. Watersheds United Vermont, a statewide network of local watershed groups, coordinated activities statewide along with Source to Sea and American Rivers. You can find more information about these events at [www.watershedsunitedvt.org/vtrivercleanup](http://www.watershedsunitedvt.org/vtrivercleanup).

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