



The Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council has hired two seasonal River Ambassadors to provide a presence on and around the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers, and promote stewardship and understanding of local riverine resources. The River Ambassadors will administer projects and activities related to Wild & Scenic River designation, engage with the river users at popular access sites and on the water, and help monitor conditions on the rivers. The 2022 team is excited to embark on this inaugural year of the River Ambassadors Program!

Lead River Ambassador – Marlies Henderson

Born Dutch, but naturalized. Radical conservationist. A Leo, a leader, explorer, writer and NAI Certified Interpretive Guide. Advocating for the outdoors, hiking, pedaling and paddling – with groups or solo. Outdoor awareness grows a sense of place; builds community and engages people. Mindful to preserve the last bits of wilderness in suburbia for the sake of sustainability; building a physical and social network of connections to complete the Bay Circuit Trail through Billerica, MA with an awareness campaign using local press and local access television. Mobilizing grassroots, and negotiate with property owners, local businesses, Town Government, State agencies and media. Making waves, determined to run a tight ship with poise, with the objective to hold on to what is good and preserve it for posterity. Believes with Henry David Thoreau and Benton MacKaye that "the meaning of living is not toil and hardship, but sport and quest!"

Chief Seattle said: the earth isn't ours; we borrow it from our kids. Any other opinions are my own.

Without the tireless support of my husband Brian, and the inspiration gained from raising three successful children, Wouter, Anneloes and Liam, I would not be living this: My best life!



Assistant River Ambassador – Katherine Sorrows

I love hiking, canoeing, and being outside. I enjoy identifying dragonflies on walks with my grandmother. I studied geology and biology and am particularly interested in conservation and environmental education. I have training in wilderness canoeing and trip leadership and love opportunities for informal education with the public. I am an Earth Science teacher. I am excited to work with the River Stewardship Council and get to know the Concord, Sudbury, and Assabet rivers better, and meet people who appreciate these wonderful resources. I grew up in Middlesex county, canoeing and running along the Concord River, and appreciate this opportunity to spend more time on the river.

