Tired of Tires in the Connecticut River

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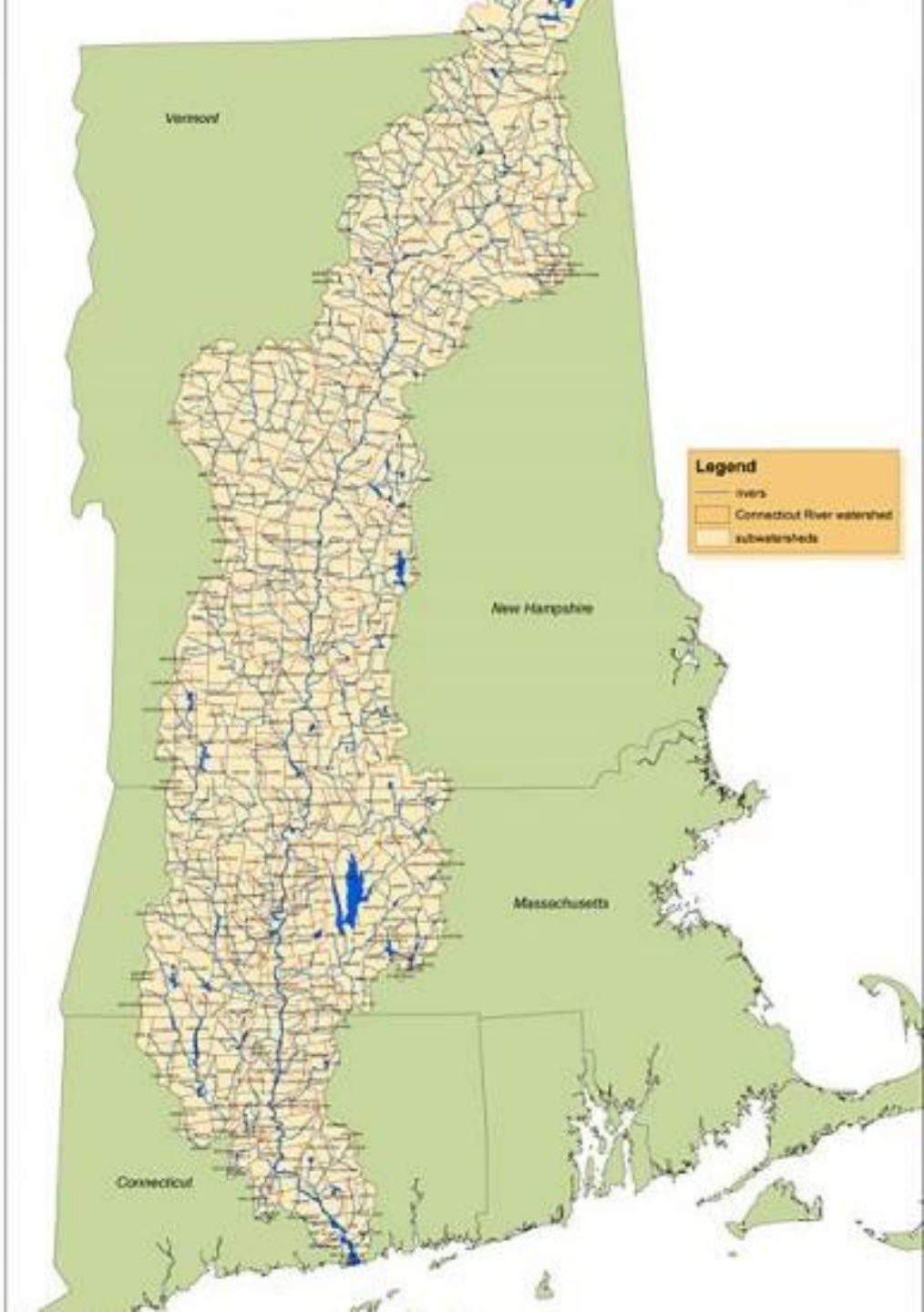
River Steward

Connecticut River Conservancy

- Membership based nonprofit organization
- We are the voice for the Connecticut River Watershed
- We collaborate with partners to
  - advocate for rivers,
  - prevent pollution,
  - restore habitat and promote enjoyment of your rivers



Source to Sea Cleanup 2019

7,994 plastic bottles
5,023 plastic containers
7,000 aluminum cans
4,778 glass bottles
5,850 nips

The Challenges

Overconsumption

Easy access to throw-away items

Lack of Producer Accountability

Waste disposal is the responsibility of individuals/ municipalities

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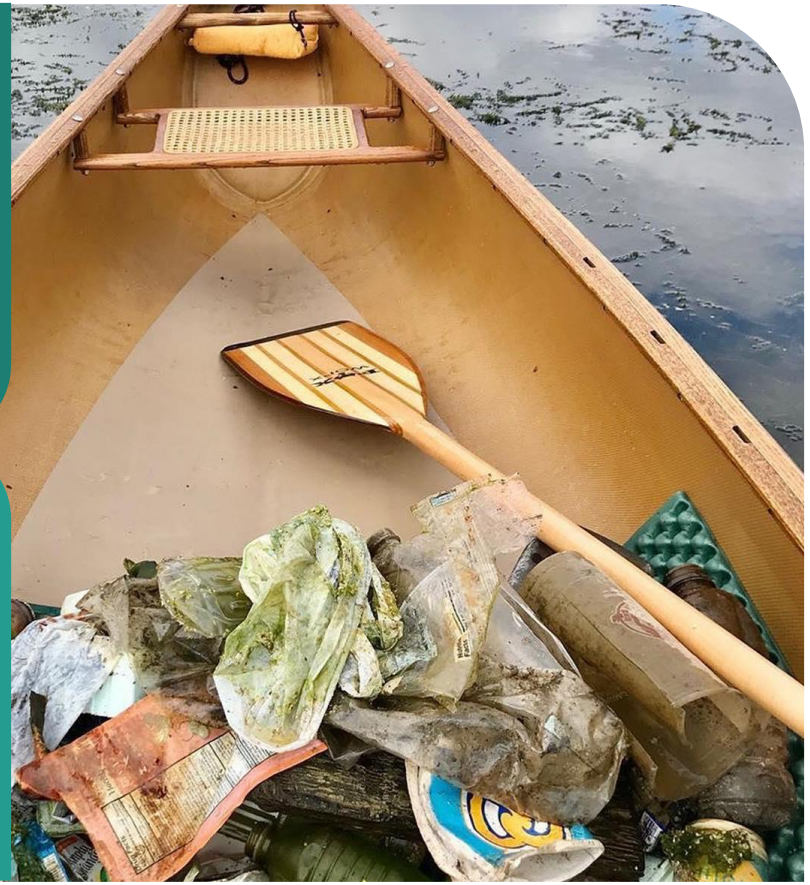
Poor Waste Management

Lack of recycling, composting programs in the USA

Transboundary Watershed

Various state laws and practices from state- to- state

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TRASH
BEFORE
IT STARTS
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Source to Sea Cleanup

- Trash in 2019:
  - 133,800 pounds of trash
  - Over 2.4 million pounds since 2004
- Tires in 2019:
  - 1,208 tires
  - Over 11,000 tires since 2004

Meadow Brook, Keney Park in Hartford 11.13.2020

Tire Dating

- 2018:
  - 298 tires were dated
  - 119 manufactured after 2000 = 40%
- 2019:
  - 226 tires were dated
  - 148 manufactured after 2000 = 65%

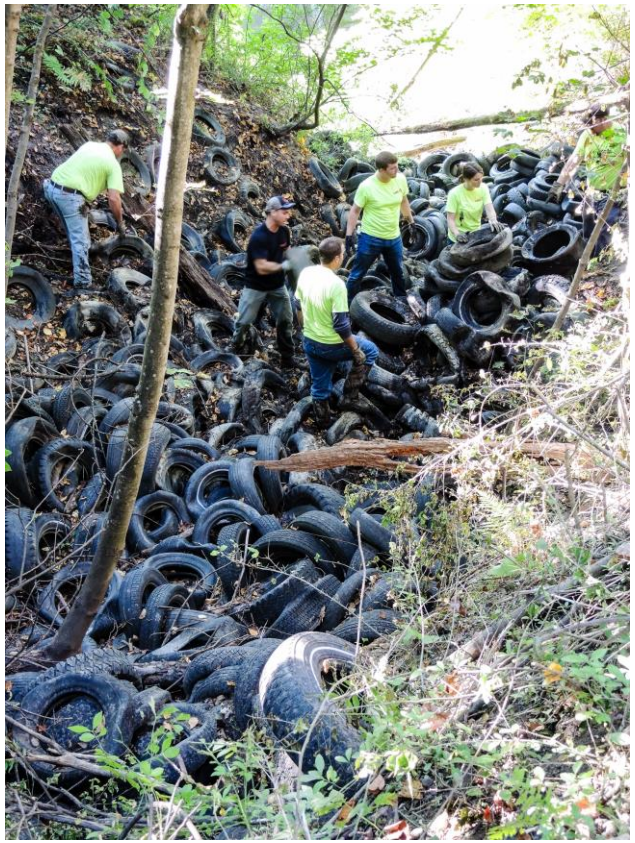
Impact of Tires on Rivers

- Leach into waterways
- Distrupt waterflows, disturb habitat
- At risk for hard to contain fires, attract vermine and mosquitoes

Stockpiling vs. Illegal Dumping

Stockpiling

Illegal Dumping



Stockpiling vs. Illegal Dumping

Stockpiling

- 94% of one billion stockpiled tires eliminated

Illegal Dumping

- 76% of tires "recycled"
  - Burned
  - Ground rubber
  - Civil engineering

Source:

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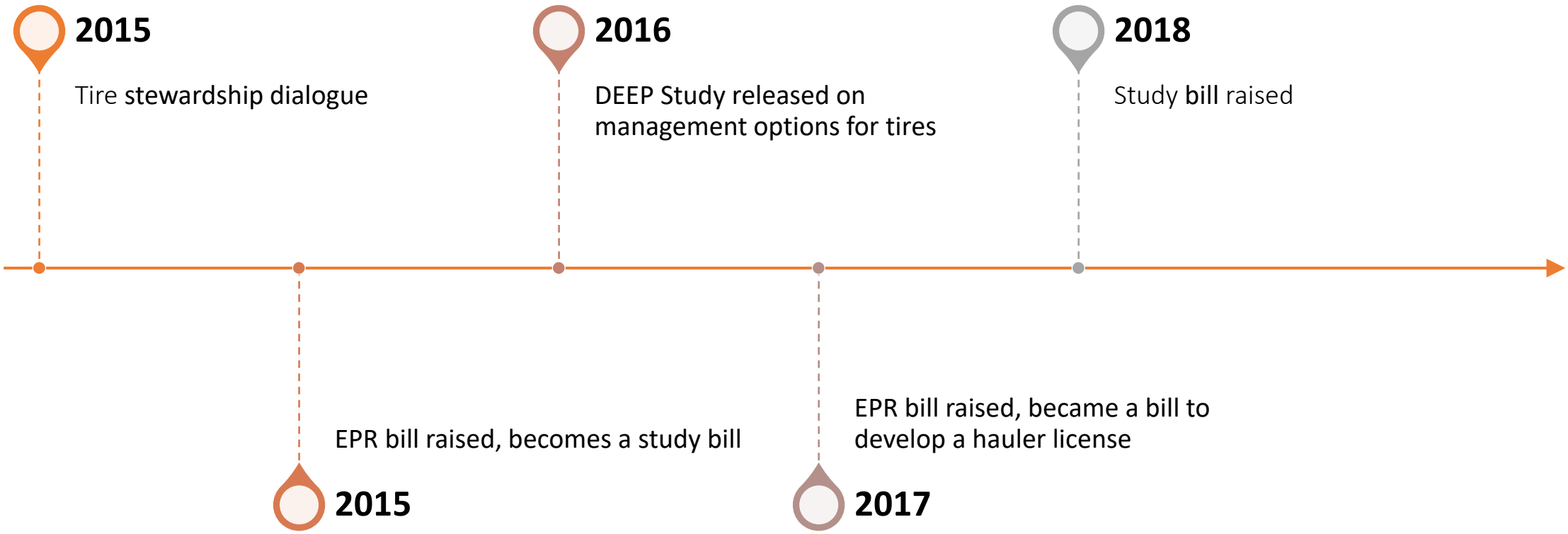
Tire EPR in Connecticut



2021 Legislation

- Hosted Tire EPR webinar with legislators (available on our youtube page)
- Building advocate, state and stakeholder support for EPR in 2021
- Working with legislators to introduce EPR language
- Will include elements as are included in paint, mattress, gas cylinder EPR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