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US EPA selects Northwest Conservation District for Environmental Merit Award

A message from Sean Hayden, Executive Director

This summer we were pleasantly surprised when the New England Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) selected the Northwest Conservation District to receive an Environmental Merit Award in recognition of our exceptional work and commitment to the environment.

The EPA's Environmental Merit Award is an annual award that recognizes outstanding environmental advocates who have made significant contributions toward preserving and protecting natural resources.

Since the early 1950's, the District's mission has been to work to conserve the region's natural resources by providing technical services and educational programs to people living in northwestern Connecticut. We help communities achieve a path to a more sustainable way of living while improving the quality of life here in northwestern Connecticut.

NCD serve 34 communities and their residents solving a variety of conservation challenges including:

- Protecting drinking water, aquifer and wetland resources
- Promoting the use of all the principles of Low Impact Development measures
- Preserving open space and farmland



Curt Spalding—US EPA, Macky McCleary-CT DEEP, Dick Leavenworth, Curtis Read, Sean Hayden, Jean Cronauer at EPA in Boston

- Promoting energy efficiency & conservation policy, programs and appropriate technologies that reduce our collective carbon footprint.

I have worked for the Northwest Conservation District (NCD) for the past twelve years and continue to truly enjoy assisting the towns and residents of our District with their environmental management goals as the Executive Director.

Our special thanks to US Representative Elizabeth Esty for recognizing our accomplishments and nominating NCD for this award. As we continue to work very hard to maintain and improve the health of the environment here in the northwest corner, being recognized for these accomplishments is a welcome affirmation that we remain true to our mission.

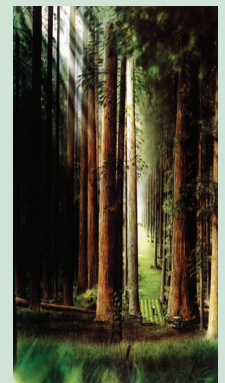
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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 - 5:30 TO 8:00PM
THE HISTORIC THOMASTON TRAIN STATION**

Come join us at our Annual Meeting for an evening of Celebration, Awards, Food and Libations

Hear our keynote speaker, Eric Rutkow, historian and author of *"American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation"* tell the extraordinary story of the relationship between Americans and trees across the entire span of the nation's history.

For reservations, call 860-626-7222 or register on our website, www.conservect.org/northwest



Through technical services and educational programs, we are protecting drinking water, aquifer and wetland resources

GRAVEL WETLANDS A CASE STUDY IN MORRIS

Does development always have to mean environmental degradation? I don't think so. Adding a Subsurface Horizontal Flow Gravel Wetland (Gravel Wetland) to a development project may be one of the most efficient ways to protect surrounding wetlands and water quality. Used for centuries in Europe for waste water treatment, gravel wetlands have a proven track record of being extremely efficient at removing most pollutants from stormwater runoff.

NCD assisted with the installation of the first Gravel Wetland in Connecticut. Harvest Moon Timber Frame wanted to build a pre-cut post-and-beam barn manufacturing facility adjacent to a drinking water supply stream in Morris, CT. The project created approximately one acre of impervious surface that required a primary stormwater treatment practice. Primary stormwater treatment practices are stormwater runoff management strategies that have proven to be the most efficient and capable at providing high levels of water quality treatment as stand-alone devices. We worked in collaboration with the Morris Inland Wetland Commission and the project design engineer to create an effective stormwater treatment system. Given the slope, soil conditions, and the proximity of the proposed development to a drinking water resource, it was decided that a Gravel Wetland would be the most effective measure for wetland and water quality protection.

Gravel Wetlands function as a biological filter similar to bioretention structures. However, instead of moving polluted stormwater vertically through one or two feet of soil media, a Gravel Wetland filters water horizontally through roots, soil and gravel for 30 or more feet. An anaerobic environment combined with a very

long filter path, makes Gravel Wetlands extremely efficient at pollutant removal. The Gravel Wetland was installed about one year ago, and it is functioning flawlessly. Regular inspections have occurred during all four seasons, and even in February (colder than normal this year) this Gravel Wetland, continued to function under the ice and snow.



Gravel Wetlands are one of many stormwater treatment measures considered for use in Low Impact Development (LID) projects. One of the principle goals of LID is to use structures that mimic natural systems to treat polluted stormwater where it is generated. Gravel Wetlands have a unique ability to strip out a broad spectrum of pollutants entrained in runoff in a relatively compact structure, making them an ideal primary treatment measure for both new development and retrofitting into developed areas. Comprehensive documentation of Gravel Wetlands can be found at the University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center's website www.unh.edu/unhsc. They have designed, built, and tested Gravel Wetlands for many years, and they have published both the pollutant removal efficiencies and the design specifications on their website.

Many streams and rivers in Connecticut are listed on the "Connecticut 303(d) Impaired Water" list. The number one source of water quality degrading

pollutants in CT is untreated stormwater runoff from impervious surface. To clean up these streams and rivers, the land use management community needs to start requiring primary stormwater treatment, such as Gravel Wetlands, for land use change projects that create polluted stormwater runoff.

This is important because most development projects become a permanent source of water quality degrading pollutants. The first step in mitigating this problem would be to incorporate the Stormwater Manual into municipal land use regulations. Then the land use management community can require that all land use change projects (development and redevelopment) be held to the major concepts and recommendations detailed in the Manual. In addition, the Stormwater Manual now has an LID Appendix that details the major principles and concepts of LID planning and design. I don't mean to imply that development can occur everywhere, because we now have the practices and principles of LID. All development has impacts on the environment that need to be balanced with a property owner's wishes, and LID is a paradigm that can help the land use management community minimize environmental degradation.

It has been proven many times over that developing land using the principles and standards of LID is cheaper, more efficient at water quality and wetland protection, and more attractive as compared with conventional development practices. The municipal land use management community should require the implementation of all the principles of LID on all permanent land use change projects. **In reality, there is no down side.**

** This article, by Sean Hayden, was published in the Spring 2013 "THE HABITAT" a newsletter of CACIWC, the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions Inc.*

RiverSmart Homes

Program support generously provided by the
Connecticut Community Foundation

Did you know that stormwater pollution is ranked as the number one cause of degradation of our rivers and streams? The stormwater runoff from an average sized house roof is over 1,000 gallons of water in just one 2 inch rain event! Even more runoff is generated by streets, driveways, sidewalks, patios and lawns.

NCD is working on a "Clean Water Starts at Home" campaign. Our goal is to increase public understanding of our everyday positive or negative impacts on water protection. We aim to motivate and encourage RiverSmart Home decisions and the adoption of concrete actions that protect and improve clean water and infiltrate stormwater on site.

We salute the Connecticut Community Foundation for their choice to devote resources to increasing environmental awareness, education and action.

This wide ranging project is being piloted in Watertown and Thomaston in the Naugatuck River Watershed and includes a variety of activities. We have shared some grant funds with local town libraries for purchase of educational materials on water supply and water conservation.



This fall we are also designing and installing demonstration rain gardens at public sites in Watertown and Thomaston. Rain gardens are simple, beautiful and attractive ways to clean and infiltrate stormwater right on site whether it's in your back yard or in a public park.

Rain gardens are also one of the many stormwater treatment measures considered for use in LID (Low Impact Development) to retain, store, filter and clean stormwater on site before it reaches our waterways or returns to groundwater.

At our Earth Day Plant Sale in April, we promoted native plants and hosted special displays on natives, invasives, the importance of pollinators, and organic land care. Other workshops are being held to include public officials, neighborhood groups, garden club members and local realtors.

Additional generous support for the rain gardens was provided by the Watertown Foundation and the CT. DEEP/Watershed Assistance Small Grant Program through Rivers Alliance.

We are working with many great partners including town officials, staff, commissioners, librarians, Water Companies, the Area Health District, interns and many volunteers like the Steele Brook Greenway Rangers. Follow the Seven Simple Steps, at right, to make yours a RiverSmart Home !

Clean Water Starts at Home

1. Help keep pollution out of storm drains. Storm drains lead directly to our wetlands and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, **ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN !**

2. Fertilize caringly and sparingly. Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our waters causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen that fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see if any fertilizer is needed.

3. Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil. Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil, and pesticides in the trash or down the storm drain, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.

4. Clean up after your pet. Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will be you a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.

5. Practice good car care. Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass. Washing your car on the street or driveway sends chemicals into waterways.

6. Choose earth friendly landscaping. Protect your pets, kids, and the environment by using pesticides sparingly. Water your lawn only when it needs it and choose **NATIVE PLANTS** for our wildlife.

7. Save water. Overwatering your lawn can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our rivers and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our waterways and save you money.

Preserving open space and farmland - NATIVE MEADOWS PRESERVE

In 2010, we acquired a spectacular 25 acre parcel, located in New Milford.



Nestled between the Housatonic River and U.S. Route 7, this site presented an ideal location for a wildlife preserve. It was and remains our belief that this preserve, now named “Native Meadows Preserve”, will benefit the whole region by protecting floodplain lands, restore important Housatonic River riparian habitat (both flora and fauna) and provide a variety of educational opportunities. Our original plans, as envisioned in 2010, included managing invasive plants, re-establishing native vegetation and creating trails, signage and possibly a viewing platform along the river. In recent years,

approximately 7 total acres of invasive plants have been managed. Although total eradication is near impossible, we have seen a drop in the total acres managed each year. This fall we anticipate treating approximately 4 acres of invasive plants.

A small trail system is also being established to allow visitors access to the property and the chance for some fantastic bird watching. In 2013, under the direction and stewardship of District staff member Michael Morin, and with the help of volunteers and District board members, 300 trees were planted along the river. Fields and trails are being mowed and native pollinator boxes have been erected and maintained. At the current time, signage for the property is in process and should be installed in October. This fall will also be the time to treat invasive plants and continue maintenance of the trails, tree plantings and fields. In the near future we will be investigating on-site parking options and a viewing platform along the Housatonic River.

As the District seeks to find ways to ensure the property’s continued success and preservation, we would encourage you to visit this site and enjoy its wide array of offerings just a short walk from downtown New Milford.

Partial funding for the Native Meadows Preserve project is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration programs of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Other funding is supported by a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For more info contact Michael Morin
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Promoting ENERGY EFFICIENCY and CONSERVATION for all citizens in our 34 towns

NCD AND NCCC- AN EDUCATION CONNECTION

Over the course of the past 5 years, NCD and Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC) in Winsted have developed a partnership that has supported the education of many students and community members of the northwest corner. In addition to the many other services that the NCD provides to towns and communities throughout our 34 towns, education is an important part of the mission of the district.

NCD has sponsored energy expositions and conservation workshops at NCCC as well as an environmental film festival. Sean Hayden has been leading NCCC natural resources students in the art of watershed assessment for a number of years and has also assisted the campus in site planning for various habitat restoration and rain garden projects. Finally, the NCD and NCCC have cooperated on working with K-12 schools towards developing more sustainable facilities and practices. In the near term, NCD and NCCC will be offering additional film festivals and

workshops for the community of northwest Connecticut. A new LID project spearheaded by Sean Hayden is in the works for the NCCC campus to reduce impact of the campus parking lots on the adjacent Still River. Over time, the partnership has proven to be fruitful, enlightening, and beneficial for the communities that NCD and NCCC serve.

We both envision this collaboration continuing into the foreseeable future!
Tara Jo Holmberg, Professor in Biology & Environmental Science, NCCC and NCD Board member.

Coming this Fall- A Cleaner Naugatuck River!

NCD has been awarded \$100,000 to construct a porous paved parking lot and companion rain garden in downtown Torrington. The City has been planning to transform a small gravel lot at the intersection of Route 4 and Migeon Avenue into a commuter lot ever since they acquired the land. A porous parking lot is just one of many initiatives Torrington is promoting to encourage the use of Low Impact Development.



Currently the gravel lot is eroding and depositing pollutants into the East Branch of the Naugatuck River. The goals of this project are to eliminate the sediment deposition in the river, to reduce the temperature of the water flowing into the river, and to filter all stormwater generated by the parcel which will eliminate pollutants from recharge water. This will be accomplished by using a gravel and sand filter bed underneath the porous paving stones forming the surface of the lot. Roof water from the adjacent business will be filtered through the rain garden.

NCD is receiving \$95,000 from the CT DEEP through a US EPA Clean Water Act 319 Nonpoint Source Grant. The Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut awarded NCD an additional \$5,000 to construct a functioning demonstration rain garden adjacent to the lot. These grants provide for educational components including interpretive signs and case study materials so that the community can learn how to redevelop a parcel in an environmentally sustainable way.

This demonstration project will balance the need for additional parking while providing a clean water source to the East Branch of the Naugatuck River. This project demonstrates how effective a small environmental nonprofit can be when we partner with municipal, state and federal agencies and a community foundation.

EnergizeCT.com

“One-Stop Shopping” for Energy Savings by Ray Furse

A major obstacle faced by consumers looking to trim energy bills has been the welter of confusing names and abbreviations for the very programs designed to help them. While that continues to be a problem, now at last the information consumers seek can be found through a single website: www.energizect.com

Check out the site to learn about the many attractive programs available to help conserve energy, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and save money.

Click on a category (RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, etc.) at the top of the page and you will be taken to a list of programs and solutions for your group. You can explore these one by one or click on the word PROGRAM to be taken to a questionnaire that should offer help for a specific situation. Each program is presented in a three-tab format, a PROGRAM OVERVIEW, a rundown on HOW IT WORKS, and very important, WHO IS ELIGIBLE.

Many homeowners interested in “going green” through solar energy have been discouraged by the high up-front cost. The new CT Solar Lease™ program offers a great opportunity to install a solar system with no money down and fixed monthly payments. You can start off paying a bit less than your current electric bill and lock in predictable bills for years to come, with buyouts offered at various times over the life of the system. The system is fully warranted and after the lease is paid off will continue to generate free electricity; warranted system life on some modules is 30 years! Call your local solar installer for more details.

Small Business or Non-Profit Leaders

Take the Smart Business Challenge

Improve your business with new, more reliable equipment. Uncover areas of wasteful energy loss. Be recognized as an energy leader. NCD, in partnership with Alcoa Foundation, is encouraging businesses to take part in the SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY ADVANTAGE (SBEA) program.

**HERE'S A CHANCE TO MODERNIZE, SAVE MONEY AND ENERGY,
IMPROVE HEALTH AND SAFETY PLUS REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT!
CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP.**

A utility-approved contractor will come to your business and perform a no-cost, no-obligation audit of your facility that includes lighting, HVAC and refrigeration systems. You'll receive a customized recommendation that shows how much energy and money you could save by upgrading to energy-efficient equipment. Incentives and low-interest financing are available to help you move ahead with those improvements (and you may choose to do all, some, or none).

Loan Payments are made on your electric bill and can be tailored to match the energy savings, so generate long-term savings without increasing monthly expenses. This program is truly the “no brainer” you have heard about!

NCD took advantage of the SBEA program at our offices. We were able to cut our electric usage in half. Our electric bill is lower even now during the loan paydown period. After that, we will enjoy the 50% savings and the satisfaction of conserving energy. Please contact jeancronauer@conservect.org for more info.

Rainbow, Brook and Brown Trout Stocking Order before Oct 25

Pick Up Sat.
November 2 from 9-10 am
at NCD in Torrington

Stock your pond or stream with Brook, Brown or Rainbow Trout Fingerlings (3 - 5")

The fish hatchery tanker truck will be at the NCD office 1185 New Litchfield Street (Route 202) in Torrington.

Please bring a box or cooler to hold the strong plastic bag of fish and plan to deliver your trout directly to their new home. Your children will love the experience and so will you!

Orders must be received by October 25th so we can secure DEEP stocking permits.



Trout are \$95 for 50 fish,
Each additional 25 fingerlings
\$40.00
after minimum 50 fish order
\$20 for 10 lb of Fish Food.

Details, maps and order forms
at www.conservect.org
Questions, please call
860-626-7222

RIVER NEWS from the The HOUSATONIC

The Housatonic River Commission (HRC) is now pursuing official "Wild & Scenic" designation of the river from the Conn./Mass. border to the Boardman Bridge in New Milford. HRC members will be meeting with town leaders and community members over the coming months to discuss the importance of protecting the river, answer questions about Wild & Scenic Designation, and get community support for the designation proposal.

This section of the Housatonic River was first found by the National Parks Service to be worthy of Wild & Scenic Designation in the late 1970s. The HRC is pursuing state ("Partnership Program") designation of the river rather than federal designation because it preserves local control over the management of the river. If federally designated, the river would be managed by the National Park Service.

Benefits of Wild & Scenic Designation:

- National, state and local recognition of the important values inherent in the river, its immediate environment, and its important aquatic role in Northwest Connecticut's ecosystem.
- Potential for federal funding and leverage opportunities to carry out management, education, investigation (historical as well as ecological), protection, and, possibly, local land acquisition.
- A designated river will remain free flowing although existing dams and obstructions can continue as part of the river system.

It is important to note that though new tools would be available to the HRC to protect the river if it is designated Wild & Scenic, no new permits or regulations are associated with it. Designation neither prohibits development nor gives the federal government control over private property. Recreation, agricultural practices, residential development, and other uses may continue.

The Partnership Program encourages river management that crosses political boundaries and promotes public participation in developing goals for river protection. If you have any questions about this, or would like to support Wild & Scenic designation in your town, contact the Housatonic River Commission members through their website at www.hrcct.weebly.com.

Submitted by: Jocelyn Ayer, Executive Director, NWCT Council of Governments

The FARMINGTON

The Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA) is celebrating its 60th anniversary. The FRWA serves 33 towns in the Farmington River Watershed covering 609 square miles of land in Conn. and Mass., 9 of those town served by NCD.

In 1994, 14 miles of the Upper Farmington River — stretching from Colebrook to Canton — was added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system through an act of Congress. The Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC) was created as part of the act to implement the Upper River management Plan.

In fall 2003, FRWA embarked upon an effort to have the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook similarly considered for this tremendous distinction. FRWA sought letters of support from 10 lower river towns and based on a strong showing of support, Congressional leaders introduced "The Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Study Act". With the help of CT legislators including Senators Dodd & Lieberman and Congressional Reps Nancy Johnson and John Larson, approval on a state level was achieved in November 2006. On November 27, 2006 bill, S. 435, was signed into law by President Bush. Thus began the Feasibility Study that involves volunteers from the 10 towns to oversee research in areas of interest and work with the National Park Service to develop a management plan to help protect the outstanding natural, recreational, and/or cultural values of this entire great river corridor so well protected by the FRWA's 60 years of stewardship.

Visit websites www.frwa.org and www.farmingtonriver.org for more info.

Working with the next generation of environmental stewards

ENVIROTHON --- 2013 A WINNING TRADITION CONTINUES

North American Envirothon is a good example of our ongoing partnership with other CT conservation districts and cooperating state, provincial, and federal natural resource agencies to provide a hands-on environmental and natural resource management education to high school students. "Envirothon is" dedicated to developing knowledgeable skilled and dedicated citizens who have an understanding of natural resources and are willing and prepared to work towards achieving and maintaining a balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment". Started in 1979 by Pennsylvania Soil and Water Conservation Districts as "Environment Olympic", the program grew rapidly across the continent and was started in Connecticut in 1992 by the CT Soils and Water Conservation Districts.

Since 1995, the Connecticut team attending the North American event has always represented CT so well.

Historically, CT Envirothon funding has come from other likeminded state, local and federal entities like ours. At NCD, we work with our sister CT Districts throughout the year to plan and present the local event for CT schools, private, public and even home schools. This year's competition, held in Sessions Woods, resulted in three teams from NCD's 34 service towns placing in the top 10 with Housatonic Valley Agriscience placing first for the second year in a row. The team went on to represent CT at the annual event in "big sky" Montana and continued their strong tradition of excellence by placing in the top ten North America teams for the second year in a row.



As a proud sponsor of the winning team, NCD acknowledges the efforts of educators like David Moran, to keep this signature program alive in the hearts of our future generations of leaders here in our District. As pictured, team members Matt Matusudaira (Cornwall), Becket Harney (Salisbury), Nate Brooks (Canaan), Jordan Long (Canaan) and Brian Saccardi (Cornwall) are all graduates and have moved on to the next stage in their lives. Matt is studying International Ecology at Harvard in Boston; Becket studying Natural Resources and Environmental Studies at Cornell; Nate, History at ST. Anselm College in NH; Jordan, Communications at Emmanuel in Boston; and Brian, Wildlife and Forestry at UNH in Durham. In Mr. Moran's words, "They were a dynamic and wonderful group of students and I really enjoyed working and learning together with them for four years. I believe each student will make a positive difference in their respective disciplines and life journeys"

Contact us to start an Envirothon team at your school.

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Recent projects that support our mission protecting both soil and water resources in our District include:

- * Improving wildlife habitat at a wildlife sanctuary purchased in 2011.
- * Providing technical and financial assistance to construct rain gardens, bioswales, stormwater wetlands and a

gravel wetland, all of which are protecting Northwest Connecticut's valuable water and wetland resources.

- * Supporting CT's Agricultural Community by providing environmental planning services.
- * Creating custom maps to assist municipalities with open space planning and land use change decisions that are protective of sensitive natural resources.

We are proud to have long standing partnerships working with municipalities, governmental agencies, and local organizations / groups which has made us the trusted independent voice, recognized and respected for our abilities to solve environmental problems.

Our dedicated Board, staff, volunteers and supporters like YOU have made all this work and success possible.

WE NEED YOU

Give Local

Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills

Join us Nov 12 and Nov 13

Mark your calendar

Plan to donate to NCD on this website

www.givelocalccf.org

This 36 hour campaign will provide us with funds TO PROTECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT, your water, wildlife, forests, open spaces, farmland and quality of life.

We at NCD will receive 100% of your donation of any amount PLUS your gift will be amplified by matching funds and cash awards.

This amazing campaign is made possible by the Connecticut Community Foundation to celebrate their 90th birthday of doing good for people locally !!!

Congratulations and THANKS TO CCF

Help us spread the word to your family, friends and others - donors can live anywhere. Please check our website or the give local site for updates and developing news.

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Conservation Calendar

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SEPTEMBER

- 14 - Start of " Rivers Alive" daily art exhibit, Washington Art Association, Washington Depot - www.washingtonart.org
- 28 Family Nature Day at White Memorial Litchfield - full of fun for all ages - www.whitememorialcc.org
- 28 CT FOOD BANK support event at the Hallock Orchard, Washington Depot - www.ctfoodbank.org

OCTOBER

- 5 Farmington River Annual Clean-Up from 9:30AM-2PM. Volunteers Needed. www.frwa.org
- 12 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Torrington WPCA on Bogue Rd - Sat from 9am-2pm. Call your Town Hall.
- 17 FRCC 9th Annual Open House and W&S Art Show - 4:30PM Squire's Tavern, Pleasant Valley - www.farmingtonriver.org
- 19 End " Rivers Alive" daily art exhibit, Washington Art Association, Washington Depot - www.washingtonart.org
- 25 Deadline for NCD Annual Trout Sale - see page 6
- 26 White Memorial Foundation 100th Anniversary: The Amazing Race! - www.whitememorialcc.org
- 30 Northwest Conservation District Annual meeting, Thomaston Train Station, 5:30 - 8PM - see page 1

NOVEMBER

- 2 NCD Trout Pick Up - Saturday from 9-10AM at our office, 1185 New Litchfield Road, Torrington
- 12-13 Give Local Campaign** www.givelocalccf.org - special online giving will grow your contribution. see page 7
- 13 NCD "Reading the Land" for Real Estate professionals - Torrington UConn Extension 8:30AM -12 noon.
- 16 2013 CACIWC Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference, Courtyard Hartford Cromwell - www.caciwc.org