



Thames River Basin Partnership

Who Are We?

www.thamesriverbasinpartnership.org

Eastern Connecticut Conservation District
 USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
 The Last Green Valley, Inc.
 CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 USDA, Farm Service Agency
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 University of Connecticut, Cooperative Extension System
 Project Oceanology
 U.S. Geological Survey
 Connecticut Conservation and Development Council
 Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments
 Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
 Willimantic River Alliance
 The Nature Conservancy
 U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
 Trout Unlimited – Thames Valley Chapter
 Connecticut Audubon Society
 Atlantic Rural States Water and Wastewater Association
 Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc
 CT Non-point Education for Municipal Officials Program
 CT Department of Public Health
 Willimantic Whitewater Partnership, Inc.
 U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Connecticut College
 Coast Guard Academy
 Mitchell College
 Area Businesses/Industries
 Multiple Municipalities
 Other interested individuals and organizations will occasionally participate



What Is The Partnership?

The Partnership is a voluntary, cooperative effort to share resources and to develop a regional approach to resource protection. The Partnership grew out of the locally led workshops held by the region's Conservation Districts. Priority areas of concern for the basin are:

- Protect the region's agricultural and natural areas being threatened by land use changes;
- Protect ground and surface water quantity and quality being threatened and degraded by contamination;
- Protect the region's biodiversity; and
- Improve the coastal zone resource conditions.

Thames River Basin Partnership Program Highlights

Floating Workshops

FW I.	Enviro-Lab: Norwich nutrients
FW II.	Enviro-Lab: Sampling
FW III.	Enviro-Lab: wakes, security
FW IV.	Enviro-Lab: access, development
FW V.	West Thompson Lake sampling
FW VI.	Enviro-Lab: smart growth/conservation
FW VII.	Bus tour of the Shetucket River
FW VIII.	Natchaug River Watershed
FW IX.	Hypoxia in Long Island Sound
FW X.	Poquetanuck Cove
FW XI.	Featuring the French River
FWXII.	Willimantic River 40 Years After the Clean Water Act
FWXIII.	CT Changing Coastline
FWIV.	Pachaug: The River Be Dammed

Education and Information

- Website: www.thamesriverbasinpartnership.org
- Quarterly e-Newsletter *Partners in Action* Report
- Brochure: Partnering to Protect Poquetanuck Cove
- Canoe/Kayak Trail Guide for Poquetanuck Cove
- Coventry Rain Garden How-To PowerPoint

Projects

- Poquetanuck Cove *Phragmites* Control Project

Workshops and Events

- Low Impact Forestry Harvesting
- Brownfields Workshop
- Creating Partnerships For Community Conservation
- Geographic Information Workshop
- Vernal Pool Workshop
- Forested Streamside Buffer Workshop
- Celebrating Agriculture
- Poquetanuck Cove Tour
- Low Impact Development Workshop
- Backyard Water Wise
- Coventry Rain Garden Installation
- Rain Barrel Promotion

Streamwalks

- Recruited volunteers, provided training, and completed a 51 mile streamwalk along the Quinebaug River
- Recruited volunteers, provided training, and completed a 70 mile streamwalk along the Shetucket River
- Recruited volunteers, provided training, and completed a 90 mile streamwalk along the Willimantic River
- Partnering with The Last Green Valley Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program

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