



**The Thames River Basin Partnership
Floating Workshop #21
Friday, June 18, 2021 (rain date June 25, 2021)
Bluff Point
Depot Road
Groton, CT
1 – 5 PM**

Coastal Embayments of Southeastern Connecticut

Registration is now open for the 21st annual Thames River Basin Partnership Floating Workshop. The cost of this year's Floating Workshop is \$20 to cover the cost of the event insurance. Pre-registration is required.

The southeastern Connecticut shoreline includes some of the most picturesque places in the state. The water quality in eastern Long Island Sound has been given an A+ rating by the Save the Sound organization, yet many of our coastal embayments are not meeting Connecticut Water Quality Standards, especially for direct consumption of shellfish. For this year's workshop, we will focus on causes and impacts of the water quality degradation, and actions being taken to restore these areas for humans and nature.

We will begin this year's workshop at the Bluff Point State Park boat launch, where we will embark on a paddle tour of the lower Poquonock River out towards Baker Cove. Each participant will need to provide their own boat, paddle, life jacket and water bottle. We will land on Bushy Point Beach, where a series of presentations will overview basics of estuarine ecology, shellfish biology and water quality impacts on coastal embayments. We will also be including hands-on activities. Following the land-side presentations, we will paddle towards the mouth of Baker Cove, the location of one of the case studies featured during the talks, then paddle back to the boat launch. Total length of the paddle is approximately 3 miles in protected, calm waters (though wind could be a challenge).

This year's Floating Workshop is funded in part The Last Green Valley and in partnership with the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District. For more information, call Jean Pillo at 860-774-9600 extension 24 or email at Jean.Pillo@Comcast.net

Registration must be received by June 15, 2021. Any late registrations must be confirmed through Jean Pillo. Parking at the site is limited to 20 vehicles, but if needed, we will arrange for a shuttle system to get more boats on the tour. Please make your check payable to the **Eastern Connecticut Conservation District**, and mail it with the completed registration form below to:

TRBP Floating Workshop, c/o ECCD, 238 West Town Street, Norwich CT 06360

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Floating Workshop Registration

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Organization _____ Phone _____

Email address _____ Amount Enclosed _____

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