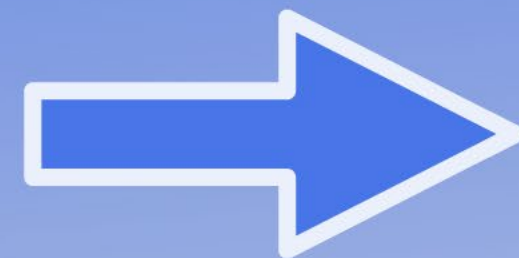


WELCOME!

We'll get started around 1:00 PM! Please grab lunch and get settled in



Connecticut Equity & Environmental Justice Advisory Council (CEEJAC)



An advisory council to the Commissioner of DEEP on environmental justice issues. Contact DEEP.CEEJAC@ct.gov

What does the Council do?

The Council provides DEEP with up to date and on the ground learnings from CT residents and communities so that the agency can adapt and develop programs and policies that are accessible and inclusive and that address local needs.

We need to hear from you and the communities that you serve about:

- ✓ new or expanded facilities, like waste incinerators
- ✓ trash and recycling
- ✓ affordable energy and energy efficiency programs
- ✓ accessing the outdoors – beaches, state parks, green spaces
- ✓ state's air quality and your health



Become involved with CEEJAC by:

- Sharing your story and expertise
- Attending a meeting to learn more

Learn more about CEEJAC's Subcommittees



Energy & Technology Subcommittee

Chair: Jayson Velazquez, CT Green Bank

Topics: Energy affordability, energy efficiency



Land Subcommittee

Chair: Yaw Darko, CT Land Conservation Council

Topics: Brownfields, remediation, conservation management, urban green space



Air & Transportation Subcommittee

Chair: Alex Rodriguez, Save the Sound

Topics: Air quality, air monitoring, permitting and enforcement, clean transportation access



Water Subcommittee

Chair: Cierra Patrick, City of Groton

Topics: Water quality, watershed planning, coastal access, coastal resilience, flooding



Waste Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Diane Lauricella, Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition
Adrienne Farrar Houel, Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises

Topics: Waste management strategies, new and expanding facilities, permitting, enforcement, and public hearings

Scan here to visit our
webpage to learn more
about members, work, and
upcoming meetings





Announcements from CT DEEP

Community Fishing Waters program:
Upper Fulton Park Pond (UFPP) and
Lakewood Lake (LL/Great Brook Reservoir)
Waterbury, CT

**Only municipality to host 2 of CT's 18
such waters and the largest one (LL)**

- ✓ **Fish put in to be eaten/taken/caught**
 - ✓ **Learn-to-fish events**
- ✓ **Natural-resource livelihood provisions**
- ✓ **Outdoor-recreation lively opportunities**
- ✓ **Civic, municipal and neighborhood allies**



CT DEEP puts Channel Catfish
in LL and Trout in UFPP



Provide Public Comment on Proposed EV Charging Locations

DEEP awarded \$14.6 Million from US Federal Highway Administration to install:

- 8 dual-port Level 2 charging stations
- 96 single-port direct-current fast chargers



Please provide public comments on the proposed installation at these two sites:

- Wilbur Cross Athletic Complex in New Haven (12 single-port DCFCs installed in Complex parking lot at Mitchell Drive); and
- Alumni Park/Town Green Park in East Hartford (two dual-port Level 2 chargers installed in Park parking lot at Main Street).



Stay Involved with CEEJAC

If you are interested in joining CEEJAC as a Council Member or Subcommittee Member, please see any DEEP Staff Member.

All Council and Subcommittee Meetings are posted on our webpage – we hope you'll join us!



Scan the code to visit the CEEJAC webpage



DEEP announced the release of \$680,000 in state grants to support assessment and remediation of contaminated properties in four municipalities.

Shelton Economic Development Corporation: \$165,200 grant to conduct environmental assessment and planning work at the 5.78-acre Shelton Canal Lock Restoration area. This funding will support the Shelton Economic Development Corporation's efforts to transform the abandoned canal corridor into a public greenway.

Town of Woodstock: \$150,000 grant to conduct environmental assessment and planning work at a property located on Route 198. This funding will support the Town's plan to redevelop the 4-acre parcel into the Town's first municipal park.

Town of East Hampton: \$250,000 grant to conduct cleanup activities at the 3 Walnut Avenue property. This funding will support the Town's plan to redevelop the 1.53-acre property into a public park.

Town of East Hartford: \$115,000 grant to conduct cleanup activities at Shea Park. This funding will support the Town's efforts to improve the safety and usability of the 8.9-acre public park.



DEEP Funding Opportunity: Urban Forest Resilience Grant Program

Eligible Entities: local government entities

Purpose: restore urban and community forests

Amount Award: 50:50 non-federal match required (includes cash, services, in kind contributions); Max Award \$30,000; Total Funding Available = \$230,000

Potential Project Ideas:

- Remove dead, declining, or hazardous trees and stumps
- Replant new trees to restore tree canopy
- Required 2 trees planted for every 1 tree removed

Contact Erin.Alvey@ct.gov

Deadline
August 4, 2026



Scan the code for
more information
or [click here](#)

EJ Funding Navigator

New England Environmental Finance Center has launched an **EJ Funding Navigator** to easily find funding opportunities

NEEFC Funding and Financing Navigator > List

Group Filter Sort Q ...

Program Name	Funder	Deadline	Topic	Brief Description	
Mutual of America Foundation Community Partnership Aw...	Mutual of America Financi...	July 1st 2025	Community Resilience	The Mutual of America...	
National Fish Passage Program	USFWS	Rolling	Marine Resources Agri	The National Fish Passage...	
Agricultural Management Assistance	NRCS	Rolling	Agriculture Public Heal	Producers may construct o...	
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient...	USDOT Federal Highway A...	February 24 2026	Community Resilience	The Promoting Resilient...	
Charitable Giving Donations	Kroger	Quarterly Applications on...	Public Health Agricultu	Kroger is focusing on...	
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants in Verrmo...	USDA	Rolling	Water Quality Climate	This program helps eligibl...	
DWF Foundation Grant	DWF Foundation	June 30th 2025	Community Resilience	The DWF Foundation (also...	
Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and H...	USDA	Rolling	Planning Community R	Provides funding to very...	
nd Grant Program	USDA	Rolling	Public Health Technical	Provides funding for clean...	



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access the funding
navigator or [click
here](#)



Take part in a Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan for Inland CT

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG), Capitol Region COG (CRCOG), Northeastern Connecticut COG (NECCOG), and Northwest Hills COG (NHCOG) will use this survey to help local roads and bridges better withstand extreme weather events, particularly flooding.



Scan the code to
participate in a
short survey



Housekeeping

CEEJAC Quarterly Meeting

June 23, 2026

Restrooms – Available on each floor

Drinking Water – Water Fountains are
available

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Password: mmgallery (all lowercase)

Questions? Find a DEEP Staff Member



WELCOME

**CEEJAC Quarterly Meeting
June 23, 2026**

What is CEEJAC?

Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council advises the Commissioner of DEEP on incorporation of environmental justice across DEEP's programs, policies, and activities.

What does the Council do?

Through Subcommittees and Public Meetings, the council brings together community leaders and DEEP staff to learn, strategize, and build solutions.



**Air & Transportation Subcommittee
EV and eBike Panel
April 2024**

CEEJAC's Mandate

Executive Order 21-3

1. **Integrates environmental justice considerations into DEEP's programs, policies, and activities** in order to improve the health and environment of EJ Communities (including rulemaking, permitting standards and processes, compliance and enforcement, science and data, and equitable program implementation)
2. Provides **mechanisms for EJ Communities to meaningfully participate** in the placement or expansion of certain facilities in their communities
3. Develops a **plan for community engagement and stakeholder outreach**
4. **Strengthens DEEP's partnerships** with government agencies, other states, tribes, local governments, and community leaders regarding EJ issues

Ground Rules

1. Listen respectfully, without interrupting
2. Listen actively and with an ear to understanding others' views
3. Only have one conversation at a time
4. Be mindful to give others an opportunity to speak
5. Focus on the task at hand rather than the position
6. Avoid off-topic conversations
7. Criticize ideas, not individuals
8. Commit to learning, not debating
9. Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language
10. Avoid assumptions about any member of the workgroup

Agenda

Connecticut Equity and
Environmental Justice
Advisory Council (CEEJAC)



1:00 PM Welcome and Introduction to CEEJAC

1:10 PM Opening Remarks from *City of Waterbury*

- **Trayvonn Diaz, Community Outreach Manager**
- **Aisling McGuckin, City Health Director**

1:25 PM Remarks from *DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes*

- **Council Leadership Announcement**

Council Activities & Discussion

1:55 PM Group Activity

2:10 PM *Meeting Waterbury Groups and Individuals*

2:25 PM 10-mins Break

2:35 PM Reports from CEEJAC Subcommittees

3:05 PM Subcommittee Work Session

3:30 PM EJ Discussion

Thank you!

Community Tour Site Hosts



Event Coordination



City Hosts



Opening Remarks

Trayvonn Diaz

Community Outreach Manager

Aisling McGuckin

Director of Public Health



Remarks from

Katie Dykes

DEEP Commissioner and CEEJAC Co-Chair

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EJ Highlights

- Development and expansion of the Equity and Environmental Justice Office at DEEP
- Passing of Public Act 23-202 “Cumulative Impacts Bill” in 2023
 - Continued work on developing regulations, including creating two stakeholder working groups (Industry & Advocates)
- Creation of CT EJScreen v2.0 with UConn CIRCA in 2022
 - Upcoming New Cumulative Impacts Tool and updated EJScreen
- CEEJAC’s work on Urban Green and Community Garden grant program, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition program, Urban Community Forestry, Solar for All, CHEAPR, Nature-based Solutions, Integrated Water Planning Management 2.0



CEEJAC Leadership Announcement



Dr. Mitchell speaking at 2021
Transportation and Climate Initiative
Press Conference

Welcome to Emma Cimino, Acting
Commissioner
and Cierra Patrick, CEEJAC Co-Chair

Thank you Dr. Mark Mitchell for your leadership
on CEEJAC these past 4 years!

Group Photo

Council and Subcommittee Members (first)

Full Group with all attendees (second)



Reflection Activity

Prompts to Reflect on Tour Experience:

1. **What did you learn?**
2. **What surprised you?**
3. **What do you want to learn more about?**

- **5 mins individual reflection**
- **15 mins group reflection**
- **10 mins share out**

Platt Park, corner of S Main St and Platts Mill Rd

Site Host: Kevin Zak, President of Naugatuck River Revival Group

Site Description: Learn about the work of the organization aimed at watershed cleanup and education.

George Tirado, Sr Park, 313 Mill ST

Site Host: Jim Nardoizzi, Executive Director & Mansi Doshi, Project Manager Waterbury Development Corporation

Site Description: This site will tell the story of redevelopment of a former brownfield site turned into a multi-use recreational field.

Lakewood Park Beach, Farmwood RD

Site Host: Rodrigo Pinto, Urban Fishing Coordinator, CT DEEP

Site Description: [Community Fishing Waters](#): This interactive walk will explore the challenges and opportunities in urban fishing waters.

Adams St, Waterbury

Site Host: Kevin Taylor, Executive Director of NEST CT

Site Description: [Adams St Development Project](#): NEST Adams St is a redevelopment project for homeowners that combines modern builds and energy efficiency models.

Riverside Cemetery, 496 Riverside ST

Site Host: Jonathan Dean, CT Department of Transportation Project Manager

Site Description: [The New Mix](#): CTDOT's vision for the future of the I-84/Route 8 "Mixmaster" interchange

Connecticut Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant



• Program Overview

The U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program** is funding electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in seven (7) communities across Connecticut.

Grant funding was awarded to CT DEEP and chose Gravity as project contractor through an RFP. Fuss & O'Neill is a key partner focused on design and environmental planning.

• Community Benefits

Main benefits of increasing fast charging infrastructure through the CFI Grant:

- **Easier access** to EV charging, especially in rural and low-income areas and areas impacted by air pollution
- **Faster charging** times with DCFC equipment
- Support EV adoption to **reduce tailpipe pollution and improve air quality**

• Sites & Chargers



Twelve (12) CFI sites

- **Ninety-six (96)** direct-current fast chargers (DCFC)
- **Eight (8)** dual-port **Level 2** charging stations

For more information, visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/air/mobile-sources/cfi-grant> or email DEEP.MobileSources@ct.gov



Meet & Greet Waterbury Residents and Organizations

10 Min Break



Agenda

2:35 – 3:05 PM (30 mins) Subcommittee Report Outs

3:05 – 3:30 PM (25 mins) Subcommittee Work Session

3:30 – 3:50 PM (20 mins) Facilitated Discussion – What does it look like to support and attract healthy development in EJ Communities?

3:50 PM Closing

Reports from CEEJAC Subcommittees

Connecticut Equity and
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Air & Transportation Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Alex Rodriguez and Robert Goodrich

Major Priority Areas:

- Rebuild subcommittee membership
- Elevate outreach on clean transportation benefits (e.g. electric school bus, public transit, EV)
- Work with DEEP + DPH on community-based air quality monitoring program
- Set achievable outreach goals around data sharing (e.g. Ozone and PM data, School absenteeism and air quality, difference between enforcement and regulatory standards)
- Collaborate with Energy/Tech and Waste Subcommittees on Healthy Homes initiatives and development of CT's EJ regulations

Subcommittee Needs:

- Aligning information about federal standards with state goals and policies regarding air quality
- Defining how ozone and PM data can be used for community engagement
- Realigning geographically reference grade equipment for bus depot polluters
- Defining enforcement vs regulatory standards

Future Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Topics:

July 29, 5:30 PM - Seasonal Changes and Air Quality & Debrief on 2026 Legislative Session

Community Partner: Junta For Progressive Action in New Haven

October 7 - Indoor Air Quality and Our Schools & Data Walk

Community Partners: CT Education Association, CT Department of Public Health, Local School Officials in Hartford, CT



Energy & Technology Subcommittee

Chair: Jayson Velazquez

Major Priority Areas:

- Open co-chair position & rebuilding subcommittee membership
- Cross-subcommittee collaboration on clean energy
 - Ex: collaborations with Air and Transportation that covered:
 - Energy efficiency, weatherization, workforce development, and health
 - Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Benefits Analysis
- Education and awareness building on:
 - Local industry technologies and workforce programs
 - New clean energy priorities
 - How to effect change and opportunities to engage

Subcommittee Needs:

- Understanding from state agencies about programs intersecting with energy affordability and quality of life
- Increase membership and capacity to engage in advisory services
- Continue building awareness of energy landscape

On the Horizon:

- Intersectional conversation on renters and energy affordability
- Opportunities to provide comments to on SCEF and Community Solar successor study
- Understanding Rate Cases, what it means for energy affordability and Connecticut residents



Land Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Yaw Darko and Jhoni Ada

Major Priority Areas:

1. Revisiting the statutory changes that this subcommittee provided input on related to DEEP's OSWA and UGCG funding program;
2. Exploring Affordable Housing including DEEP's work and intersection with urban conservation, Community Land Trusts
3. Continuing our Community Resource Hours to share information on upcoming programs and for participants to ask DEEP program staff questions about potential projects/initiatives.



Water Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Cierra Patrick and Ashley Stewart-Brown

Major Priority Areas:

1. State Programs, Policy, Reports, and/or Planning

Initiatives: Understand CTDEEP's water programs and how existing programs can help EJ communities

- Water Access - Accessibility of waterways for recreation
- Water Quality - improve water quality in/for EJ communities
- Stormwater, Flooding, and Climate Resilience - reduce climate impacts of flooding in urban EJ communities
- Watershed health, land use, and biodiversity
- funding and implementation

2. Connect with EJ communities around water interests/needs (survey)

3. Provide EJ-informed recommendations to CTDEEP's water management and programs

This Year:

- Coastal Access Guide
- Nature-Based Solutions Report

Future Topics:

- Resilience Improvement Districts - Economic Development and Resilience
- State Water Plan
- CTDEEP Funding Programs
- PFAS - Federal and State updates



Waste Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Diane Lauricella and Adrienne Farrar Houël

Major Priority Areas:

1. Expand Subcommittee membership to include wider geographic representation and a Regional COG
2. Facility permit renewals and new applications: Continue research, review, and provide outreach.
3. Enforcement methods and support: Continue to research, advise, and educate residents.
4. Cumulative Impact regulations: Research, advise, prepare an outreach strategy and create comment talking points.
5. Outreach Plan and Action: Target select areas of concern and prepare quarterly outreach events (online or in-person).
6. Facility Neighborhood Relationships: Research and create a potential "Good Neighbor Program."

Subcommittee Needs:

1. Cross-pollinate with the Air, Water, Energy, and Land Subcommittees when needed.
2. Build better communication and awareness of DEEP's waste management plans, programs, and projects.
3. Understand the Cumulative Impact regulatory timeline, CEEJAC expectations, and the public outreach program.

On the Horizon:

- Waste Facility Idling trucks: Methods to reduce emissions and provide neighbor support – TBD in Fall 2026
- Continuing Series: How Local Zoning Enforcement affects neighborhood concerns near waste facilities – TBD in Fall 2026

Subcommittee Work Session

Connecticut Equity and
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Supporting and attracting healthy development: From tax incentives to tax increment financing (TIF) to grants

*Discussion Facilitated by Water Subcommittee Co-Chairs:
Cierra Patrick and Ashley Stewart Brown*

- How can we balance the need for community development, revenue generation with potential pollution exposure, redlining, and gentrification?
- What financing or funding mechanisms benefit and protect environmental justice communities?
- What special considerations are needed for the community and for our CEEJAC subcommittees?

Resiliency Improvement Districts (RIDs)

Connecticut's Resiliency Improvement Districts (RIDs) are **structured financing mechanisms** that allow municipalities to **fund climate resilience infrastructure using incremental property tax revenues** generated by improvements within the district.

These districts are designed to address climate impacts such as sea level rise, rising groundwater, extreme heat, wildfire, drought, or flooding.

The RID framework is similar to tax increment financing (TIF) districts used for economic development, providing a climate-focused analog to existing financing tools.

[Public Act 25-33](#)

Discussion:

So, what does this mean for EJ communities across CT?

How can this council think about tools like this and its use and impacts on EJ and vulnerable communities?

Thank you!

**Commissioner Katie Dykes, Council Co-Chair;
Dr. Mark Mitchell, Council Co-Chair; and
Subcommittee Leadership;**

- **Alex Rodriguez & Robbie Goodrich (Air & Transportation)**
- **Diane Lauricella & Adrienne Farrar Houël (Waste)**
- **Jayson Velazquez (Energy & Technology)**
- **Yaw Darko & Jhoni Ada (Land)**
- **Cierra Patrick & Ashley Stewart Brown (Water)**

**Complete our
Post-Event
Survey!**



See you in September!



**Community Fishing
Access at Community
Fishing Waters such as
Lakewood Lake in
Waterbury**

**Rodrigo Pinto as CT DEEP
Urban Fishing Coordinator**

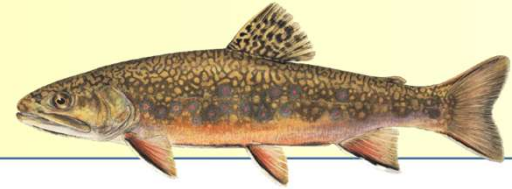


Outline

- ✓ **Community fishing access at Community Fishing Waters (CFWs) such as Lakewood Lake**
- ✓ **CFW program and its Urban Fishing Coordinator (UFC)**
- ✓ **Lakewood Lake as one of the 18 CFWs**



Community Fishing Waters (CFW) program and its Urban Fishing Coordinator (UFC)

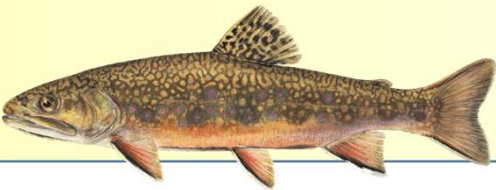


Program

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 - Piloted in Bridgeport at Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond) during 2006
 - Fully fledged and also expanded to Hamden at Lake Wintergreen (West Rock Ridge State Park), Hartford at Keney Park Pond, and Norwich at Mohegan Park Pond during 2007

	CFW Program	
Ends (e.g., fish caught or EJ under- service in envtl. quality)	To promote natural-resource and outdoor-recreation opportunities in CT's major population centers and urban neighborhoods	

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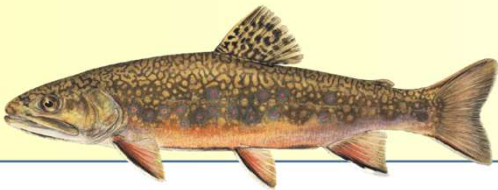


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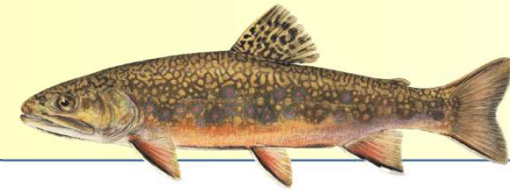


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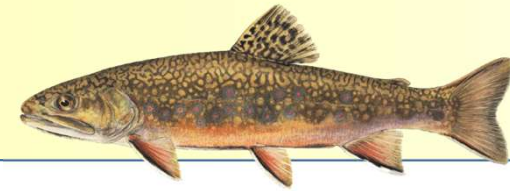


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Urban waters (11.5) and municipalities (10.5)	Exurban waters (6.5) and municipalities (6.5)
Bridgeport—Bunnells Pond	Ansonia—Colony Pond
Bristol—Birge Pond	Derby—Pickett's Pond
Danbury—Rogers Park Pond	Enfield—Freshwater Pond
Hartford—Keney Park Pond	Hamden—Lake Wintergreen
Meriden—Mirror Lake (Hubbard Park Pond)	Manchester—Center Springs Park Pond
Middletown—Rowan's Pond (Butternut Park Pond)	Southington—Crescent Lake
New Britain—Stanley Quarter Park Pond	Wallingford(+)—Allen Pond (Wharton Brook Park Pond)
New Haven—northern Beaver Park Pond/Lagoon	
North Haven(+)—Allen Pond (Wharton Brook Park Pond)	
Waterbury—Lakewood Lake (Great Brook Reservoir) —Upper Fulton Park Pond	

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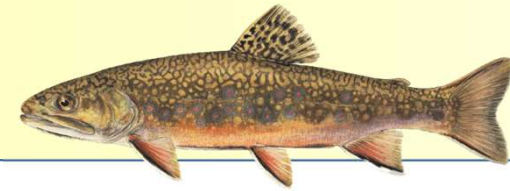


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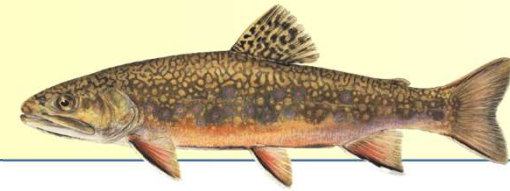


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Means (e.g., fishing effort, EJ under-representation in governing the envt., fisheries decision-making)	By allying with civic groups, municipal leaders, and local inhabitants, the program also maximizes community involvement	“Primary role will be to establish meaningful connections within urban communities to develop and implement strategies designed to work toward ultimate elimination of ‘under-represented groups’”

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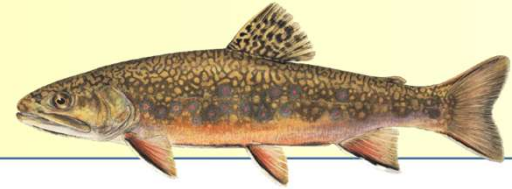


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Municipal Park jurisdictions (15)	State Park jurisdictions (3)
Ansonia—Colony Pond Bridgeport—Bunnells Pond Bristol—Birge Pond Danbury—Rogers Park Pond Enfield—Freshwater Pond Hartford—Keney Park Pond Manchester—Center Springs Park Pond Meriden—Mirror Lake (Hubbard Park Pond) Middletown—Rowan’s Pond (Butternut Park Pond) New Britain—Stanley Quarter Park Pond New Haven—northern Beaver Park Pond/Lagoon Southington—Crescent Lake Waterbury—Lakewood Lake (Great Brook Reservoir) Waterbury—Upper Fulton Park Pond	Derby—Pickett's Pond in Osbornedale State Park Hamden—Lake Wintergreen in West Rock Ridge State Park Wallingford/North Haven—Allen Pond (Wharton Brook Park Pond) in Wharton Brook State Park

Community Fishing Waters (CFW) program and its Urban Fishing Coordinator (UFC)



Urban Fishing Coordination

- Coordination of the CFW program
 - Mobilizes 18 designated (ex)urban lakes and ponds into 'beloved community' sites that increase (ex)urban inhabitants' fishing rates,
 - Involves community members with
 - sampling of all fish in the 18 [CFWs](#) and
 - stocking or repopulating of trout into the CFWs,
 - Landscapes natural-resource and/or outdoor-recreational access to fishing CFW shores,
 - Coaches communities of CFWs on how to fish, and
 - Tends to CFWs' freshwater aquatic habitats in more ways than through the repopulating of the CFWs with channel catfish whose bottom feeding also provides a cleaning service to the water quality of the ecosystem

Lakewood Lake as one of the 18 CFWs



Lakewood Lake sized as one of the 18 CFWs

- The 18 CFWs listed alphabetically by municipality in categories of small (12), medium (2) or large (4) based on size in acres are
 - Small: Ansonia—Colony Pond = 3.6 | Danbury—Rogers Park Pond = 2.0 | Derby—Pickett's Pond = 9.0 | Enfield—Freshwater Pond = 8.0 | Hartford—Keney Park Pond = 3.0 | Manchester—Center Springs Park Pond = 5.8 | Meriden—Mirror Lake (Hubbard Park Pond) = 7.4 | Middletown—Rowan's Pond (Butternut Park Pond) = 2.9 | New Britain—Stanley Quarter Park Pond = 6.4 | New Haven—northern Beaver Park Pond = 8.5 | Wallingford/North Haven—Allen Pond (Wharton Brook Park Pond) = 7.4 | Waterbury—Upper Fulton Park Pond = 2.1
 - Medium: Bristol—Birge Pond = 11.8 | Norwich—Mohegan Park Pond = 14.0
 - Large: Bridgeport—Bunnell's Pond = 42.0 | Hamden—Lake Wintergreen = 58.0 | Southington—Crescent Lake = 51.2 | **Waterbury—Lakewood Lake (Great Brook Reservoir) = 60.0**

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Lakewood Lake sized and stocked as one of the 18 CFWs

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Waterbury—Lakewood Lake (Great Brook Reservoir) = 60.0
- The 18 CFWs listed alphabetically by municipality and categorized by stocking of Channel Catfish (2), TROUT (2) or both (14) are
 - CC: Southington | **Waterbury's Lakewood Lake (Great Brook Reservoir)**
 - T: Wallingford/North Haven | Waterbury's Upper Fulton Park Pond
 - CC & T: Ansonia | Bridgeport | Bristol | Derby | Danbury | Enfield | Hamden | Hartford | Manchester | Meriden | Middletown | New Britain | New Haven | Norwich

Lakewood Lake as one of the 18 CFWs



Charrette, focus group and/or workshop: How can Lakewood Lake promote more environmental justice with less under-representation of and under-service to Waterburians among fishers?

- What site conditions would be desired for these purposes?
 - Ends/vision of desired conditions
 - Means prioritized and categorized
- What programmatic constraints does the site present?
- What are the access points and circulation at the site?
- What cultural and natural resources does the site produce?
- How do Waterburians actively and passively use the site?
 - Fishers?
 - Housing encampment users?
 - Outdoor eaters, gatherers and/or de-facto cooling-center users?
 - Waders and/or swimmers?
 - Watercraft users such as canoeists, kayakers and/or powerboaters?
- How is the site maintained?
- How is the site accessed for any emergencies?



Outline

- ✓ **Community fishing access at Community Fishing Waters (CFWs) such as Lakewood Lake**
- ✓ **CFW program and its Urban Fishing Coordinator (UFC)**
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