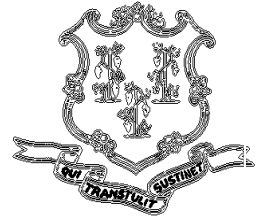




**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**



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Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Welcome to the Department of Environmental Protection's 2010 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program provided by the Wetlands Management Section. Municipal inland wetlands agencies and staff play a vital role in protecting Connecticut's wetland and watercourse resources and ensure the protection and preservation of Connecticut's valuable wetland and watercourse. Our goal is to provide you with current and defensible information so that you will be able to understand and implement the Connecticut's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (IWWA) in your town.

Our 2010 training program consists of three segments. Today's program is Segment 1. It is designed for the new agency member or staff person and will provide an overview of the various administrative, regulatory, and technical topics concerning the IWWA. Segment 2, scheduled for late May and early June, will review recent legislative changes and discuss relevant case law for the IWWA. Segment 3 will discuss GIS and geospatial tools as they relate to wetlands management and enforcement and will be offered in October. Classroom and hands-on instruction will be included.

I hope our 2010 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program will provide you with a valuable educational experience. The Department greatly appreciates your efforts. See our website for additional information and supplemental training materials (e.g. Segment 1, 2 and 3 presentations and handouts). The internet address for the DEP Wetlands Management Section is:

<http://www.ct.gov/dep/inlandwetlands>.

Yours truly,

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Commissioner