



Connecticut Source Water Collaborative Meeting Agenda
June 11, 2024

Business meeting at the Easton Lake Water Treatment Plant Conference Center (9am – 11:15am)
35 Buck Hill Road, Easton, CT 06612

Introduction – Eric McPhee, *Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH)*

Welcoming Remarks - Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani

Discussion/Brainstorming: Incorporating Source Water Protection into Local Land Use Planning and Decision-making

1. Current Status

Snapshot of Council of Government, Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR), Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO), Local Health Department and Municipal Agency considerations for source water protection. *(5-10 minutes each)*

Aaron Budris – *Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments*

Mike Dietz/Dave Dickson – *CLEAR & NEMO*

Sarah Coccaro – *Greenwich Assistant Director of Environmental Affairs*

Russel Melmed – *Director of Health, Chatham Health District*

2. Open Discussion - Challenges and Successes

- Pro-active versus reactive approach
- Targeted land conservation
- Relevant successes and failures in municipal decisions
- Bridging gaps for municipal source water protection and planning initiatives
- Updates to municipal/state plans of conservation and development (POCD)
- Awareness of drinking water supply areas
- Understanding regulatory tools
- Challenges of water supply areas in neighboring towns
- Clarification of authority (municipal/public water system/state)

3. Potential Tools

Denise Savageau – *CT Council on Soil and Water Conservation*

- Source Water Protection (SWP) White Pages

Eric McPhee – *CTDPH*

- Overview of the Source Water Protection Parcel Prioritization Mapping Utility

4. Grant and Funding Opportunities

Kira Jacobs – *Environmental Protection Agency Region 1 Source Water Protection Coordinator*

Denise Savageau – *Connecticut Council on Soil and Water Conservation*

Thomas Morgart – *Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture*

Lead into Treatment Plant/Reservoir Walking Tours

Current and Emergent Concerns of Drinking Water Reservoirs

Joe Welsh - *Aquarion Natural Resources Manager*

- Balanced Use (Recreation)
- Public Lands Abutting SWP Areas

Rob Turnbull - *Aquarion Forester*

- Forestry Management & Plans
- Marking Boundaries

Joshua Tracy - *Regional Water Authority Invasive Species Management Technician*

- Invasive Species & Climate
- Drone Utilization

Questions/Discussion of Future Topics

Tour of the Easton Lake Treatment Plant 11:15am – 12pm

Break for Lunch (on your own) 12pm – 1pm

Walking Tour of the Easton Lake Reservoir 1pm – 3pm

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