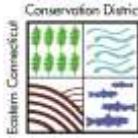


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Minutes

Anguilla Brook Bacteria Trackdown & WBP Stakeholder Meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1-2 PM Stonington Police Department Community Room 173 South Broad Street Pawcatuck, CT

1. Welcome/Introductions: Judy Rondeau of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
2. January 16, 2019 Meeting Notes Review: Attendees reviewed the notes from the January meeting. No additions or corrections were proposed.
3. Project review: Judy reviewed the goals of the project and provided a progress report on the status of each goal. Presently, Judy is finalizing the monitoring plan and sampling site selection.
4. Bacteria Sampling Sites: Subsequent to information provided by attendees at the January meeting, Judy revised the locations of several of the sites. Three interior sites (those not accessible at road crossings) still need to be vetted. Judy solicited additional information about those sites preparatory to field visits.
5. Bacteria Sampling Volunteers/Sampling Workshop: Pending completion and approval (by DEEP and EPA) of the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), a bacteria sampling workshop will be scheduled in late May. Judy will send an email to the group with workshop details for those who are interested in assisting with bacteria sampling. Sampling will be conducted once a week for 10 weeks beginning in June. We are waiting for the DPH courier schedule to be finalized to know what day of the week we will be sampling.
6. CT Trails Day Clean-Up and Walk: A small group of partners has initiated discussion about conducting a clean-up along Anguilla Brook and/or Wequetequock Cove on CT Trails Day, June 1st or 2nd. Recommendations for a site that is in need of a clean-up that has a suitable

parking/staging area are welcome. We would like to set up some informational displays as well, and welcome opportunities to pair the clean-up with a Trails Day walk if any partners have walks planned.

7. **Stream Walks and Volunteers:** Stream walks will be conducted mid-summer to early fall to identify stream conditions that could contribute to water quality degradation, such as the presence of storm water outfalls or other unidentified pipe discharges, or that indicate potential water quality issues may exist, such as odors or water discoloration or the presence of excessive algae or aquatic vegetation. A stream walk workshop will be held in late July.
8. **Long Island Sound Stewardship Grant:** With the assistance of Jon Mitchell, Pine Point School, and Jamie Vaudrey, University of CT, Judy prepared a proposal for this grant to partner with Pine Point School to develop a smartphone application to assist with the stream walk. Students will use the EpiCollect5 app to create digital templates to collect stream walk data, based on paper forms developed by USDA-NRCS. Additionally, if water conditions are noted during the stream walks that indicate that illicit discharges are entering a stream, Dr. Vaudrey will assist the students with analyzing water samples for optical brighteners (a laundry detergent additive) using equipment from her lab at UConn. Grant award announcements are scheduled for late April.
9. **Prospective Project Partners:** Since the January meeting, Judy contacted additional watershed stakeholders and invited them to participate in the project. Judy solicited additional recommendations, including watershed businesses that might be interested in participating in the project.
10. **Next Meeting:** July 17, 2019, Time/Location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy Rondeau
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