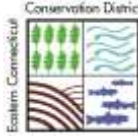


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Minutes

Anguilla Brook Bacteria Trackdown & WBP Stakeholder Meeting Wednesday, July 17, 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. April 10, 2019 Meeting Notes Review: Attendees reviewed the notes from the April meeting. No additions, corrections, or revisions were proposed.
3. Project Update: Judy reviewed the goals of the project and provided a progress report on the status of each goal. Bacteria sampling is underway and planning for stream corridor assessments is underway. Once the physical assessments are complete, Judy will review the data and begin drafting the watershed-based plan.
4. Bacteria Sampling Update: Stream bacteria sampling began on June 24th and will continue for 10 successive weeks. Judy reviewed the data to date. Because sampling has just begun, no bacteria hotspots (sites with consistently high bacteria levels) have been identified. Once sampling is complete, Judy will review the data and evaluate surrounding land use for potential bacteria sources for any sites identified as hotspots.
5. Stream Corridor Assessments/Workshop: Stream corridor assessments will be conducted during the summer months while stream levels are low. A protocol developed by CT Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will be used to identify conditions that could either contribute to water quality issues (stormwater outfalls, erosion) or indicate that a water quality issue exists (algae, bad odor). A training workshop for volunteers will be held at the end of July or beginning of August.
6. Stream Clean-Up and Walk: A proposed stream clean-up along Anguilla Brook and/or Wequetequock Cove for CT Trails Day in June was nixed due to anticipated competition from other Trails Day events. After discussion, it doesn't appear there is a great need for a

clean-up along the lower portions of Anguilla Brook (Rt 1 south) or Wequetequock Cove, Discussion shifted to the possibility of holding an outreach day with partner organizations to raise awareness.

7. Long Island Sound Stewardship Grant: Unfortunately, ECCD did not receive this grant. However, ECCD will work with Jon Mitchell and Pine Point School students, and Jamie Vaudrey from UConn, to develop an EpiCollect5 template for the stream corridor assessments. The students will use the templates to conduct a stream corridor assessment on Donahue Brook, which is located next to the school.
8. Next Meeting: October 16, 2019, Time/Location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy Rondeau
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