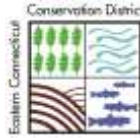


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Minutes

Anguilla Brook Bacteria Trackdown & WBP Stakeholder Meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2020 1-3 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. October 16, 2019 Meeting Notes Review: Attendees reviewed the notes from the October meeting. No additions, corrections, or revisions were proposed.
3. Project Update: Judy reviewed project goals and provided a status report of each goal.
 - a. Bacteria Sampling: Judy presented the results of the bacteria sampling and data analysis. Anguilla Brook and the unnamed stream that flows into Wheeler Brook met CT water quality standards, while Wheeler Brook and Donahue Brook did not. Judy reviewed the data and discussed potential sources of bacteria in each watershed.
 - b. Streamwalk Summary: Streamwalks were held in October and November. Wequetequock Cove, Donahue Brook and Wheeler Brook were assessed. Anguilla Brook and the unnamed stream were not assessed since they met water quality standards. Conditions that could contribute to or indicate water quality or habitat degradation were documented during the streamwalks. Photos were taken of the conditions and GPS coordinates were obtained. Judy reviewed maps of the streamwalk results, including maps depicting the conditions relative to land use/land cover. The group discussed potential sources of bacteria and other contaminants.
 - c. Next Steps: Next steps will include a windshield survey to further narrow down potential sources, site visits to discuss management practices, and pollutant load modeling preparatory to the development of the watershed plan.
4. CT DEEP Integrated Water Resources Management – Eric Thomas, CT DEEP: Unfortunately, Eric was unable to attend the meeting. Judy shared some information Eric provided, including a poster on nutrient loading to the Pawcatuck River and Little

Narragansett Bay, and a Pawcatuck River Watershed Story Map. Links to these documents will be available at the ECCD Anguilla Brook project webpage.

5. SE CT Water Quality Project Expo: ECCD and The Nature Conservancy are in the process of organizing this event for mid- to late winter.
6. Next Meeting: April 15, 2020, Time/Location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Rondeau". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Judy Rondeau
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