

**Water Utility Lands
Providing Source Protection
and Open Space**

Wednesday, November 12, 2003

I wish to reserve _____ tickets @ \$20 per person
(Includes lunch and conference. Parking is additional.)

Number of persons attending: _____

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Other attendees (Please list):

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Total enclosed: \$ _____

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8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
Stanley Room, Third Floor

8:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks, Claire Bennitt
President, Natural Resources Council of Connecticut

Regulatory Framework, Moderator: Claire Bennitt
President, Natural Resources Council of Connecticut

- **Dr. Gerald Iwan and Lori Mathieu**
CT Department of Public Health
 - Water Company Land Classification System
 - The Abandonment Process
 - Water Supply Planning
 - Source Water Assessment Program

- **Jack Betkoski, Commissioner,**
CT Department of Public Utility Control
 - How Private Water Utility Land Sales are Approved
 - Ratemaking Treatment and Factors Considered for Private Water Companies

Framing the Issue, Moderator: David Leff
Deputy Commissioner, CT Department of Environmental Protection

- **Julie Belaga**
 - The Endangered Lands Coalition Perspective
- **Betsy Gara**
Executive Director, Connecticut Water Works Association
 - The Water Utility View
- **Gian-Carl Casa, Director of Legislative Services**
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
 - The Municipal Perspective

Break

Legislative Issues,
Moderator: Rep. Pat Widlitz (D-Guilford)

- **Curtis Johnson, Senior Attorney,**
Connecticut Fund for the Environment
 - The Endangered Lands Coalition Initiative
- **Maureen Westbrook, Vice President, Administration and**
Government Affairs, The Connecticut Water Company
 - Water Utilities' Perspective

11:45 Lunch

Keynote Speaker
Daniel J. VanAbs, Ph.D. PP/AICP, Manager
Watershed Protection Programs,
New Jersey Water Supply Authority
“Partnering for Protection”

Collaborating for Preservation,
Moderator: Lynn Werner
Executive Director, The Housatonic Valley Association

- **David Leff, Deputy Commissioner,**
CT Department of Environmental Protection
 - Initiatives at the State Level
- **Tim Northrop, State Director,**
The Trust for Public Land, Connecticut Office
 - Tools for Open Space Preservation and Water Quality Benefits
- **Michael Ziska, Esq, Murtha Cullina, LLP**
 - Zoning as a Preservation Tool?

Eminent Domain and the Takings Issue,
Moderator: Sen. John McKinney (R-Southport)

- **CT Attorney General Richard Blumenthal**
 - The State Perspective
- **Paul McCary, Esq., Murtha Cullina, LLP**
 - The Water Utility Perspective

2:30 Group Breakout,
Moderator: Dr. Marc Taylor
Chairman Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition
Small Group Discussions

Group Reports

4:00 Wrap Up Discussion,
Moderator: Dr. Marc Taylor
Chairman, Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition

About the Program

The abandonment of reservoirs as well as the sale and development of water company lands is a hotly debated topic in Connecticut. Because water utility lands are considered by the state, towns and environmental organizations as desirable open space properties, questions have arisen as to whether water utilities should be permitted to abandon reservoirs or sell land.

This conference will address important issues such as:

- *What are the laws governing the abandonment of reservoirs?*
- *Should the legislature impose permanent conservation easements on water company lands?*
- *What's the local perspective?*
- *How can utilities, interest groups and lawmakers work together to preserve lands as open space?*

Please join us in discussing these important questions. The conference will provide you with balanced, up-to-date and factual information on the issues involving water utility lands including ways to partner for preservation and a lively discussion on the constitutional issues of takings and permanent conservation easements.

Who Should Attend?

Municipal leaders, lawmakers, public officials, water utility professionals, land managers, town planners, planning, zoning, inland wetlands and conservation commissioners and land trust and environmental organization members.

Directions:

From I-84 East (Waterbury):

Exit 35 (left exit) onto Route 72 East. Take third exit, marked Main Street. At the end of the exit take a right and travel one block to Chestnut Street. Turn right onto Chestnut Street and travel one block to Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street and ITBD is one block on the right.

From I-84 West (Hartford):

Exit 39A onto Route 9 South. Take Exit 27 - Chestnut Street (left exit). At the end of the exit take a right onto Chestnut Street and proceed through the second light to Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street and ITBD is one block on the right.

From South (Route 9, 91, or 15):

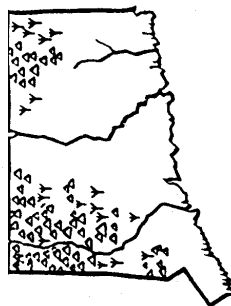
Travel north on Route 9 to Exit 26 (Downtown New Britain Exit). Go straight at the end of the exit and left at the second traffic light onto Chestnut Street. Go through one traffic light to Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street and ITBD is one block on the right.

Municipal Parking Garage (Chestnut Street):

Parking is available in the municipal parking garage on Chestnut Street. There is a \$4 fee for parking.

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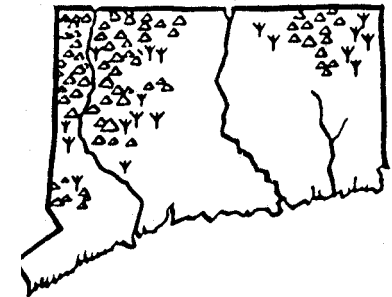


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The Stanley Room
Central Connecticut State University
185 Main Street, New Britain, CT

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