



**Conservation Technical Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting: Monday, March 18th, 11 am
Hanson Room #2, Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport, CT**

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Attendees introduced themselves. The sign in sheet is attached.
2. Connecticut's Changing Recycling Market
 - Mike Zemruski, Director of Solid Waste & Recycling in Fairfield, gave an overview of the rising costs of recycling.
 - What was once profitable to the town is now costing the town money due to new restrictions on what % contaminated material China is willing to accept.
 - Education of residents in the region could help curb recycling of contaminated materials.
3. Mill River Watershed Management Plan
 - Brian Carey, Conservation Director in Fairfield, gave a presentation on the Mill River Watershed Management Plan.
4. Monroe Open Space Mapping
 - Mark Hoover, GIS Specialist at MetroCOG, detailed the scope of the project that is being initiated.
 - MetroCOG will map conserved and preserved lands designated by the Town of Monroe and CT DEEP
 - Easements will also be mapped, and supporting documentation (deeds) will be linked to parcels and easements in online viewer.
5. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan & Workshop Update
 - Meghan Sloan, Planning Director at MetroCOG, updated the group on the progress of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Several workshops have been conducted with member municipalities
 - Draft planned to be released in mid-April
 - Tentative public meeting set for April 18th
6. DEEP Legislative Update



- Mark Hoover provided gave an overview of current State legislative efforts
- More info can be found at the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters
<https://www.ctlcv.org/>

7. Other Business

- Rich Rosen, President of the Nutmeg Chapter of Trout Unlimited, notified the group of a cleanup/fishing day on the Pequonnock River. Details to follow.
- Don Watson updated the group on a new educational sign that will be placed at the Old Mine Site

8. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.