



Public Information Meeting

Pomperaug River Watershed Based Plan

August 22, 2018



Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- Describe the watershed plan update process
- Summarize watershed conditions and issues
- Present draft plan recommendations
- Seek additional community input to help finalize the plan







Project Team

Project Leaders

- Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC)
- CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP)
- Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.
- PRWC Land Use Committee
 - Town land use departments
 - Local conservation organizations
 - Regional, state, and federal agencies

The project of updating the Pomperaug Watershed Management Plan to an EPA 9-Element Watershed Based Plan is funded in part by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection through a United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant as well as by the Connecticut Community Foundation

Project Funding

- US EPA and CTDEEP Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant
- Connecticut Community Foundation





Project Goals

- Update the 2006 Pomperaug **River Watershed** Management Plan
 - Consolidate previous and ongoing work under one plan
 - Meet EPA's required Nine Elements
 - Improve chances for funding and implementation

EPA Nine Elements

- **Impairment**
- Load Reduction
- Management Measures
- Technical & Financial Assistance 4.
- **Public Information & Education**
- Schedule
- Milestones
- 8. Performance Criteria
- 9. Monitoring

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Pomperaug Watershed Management Plan

The Pomperaug River Watershed and Aquifer

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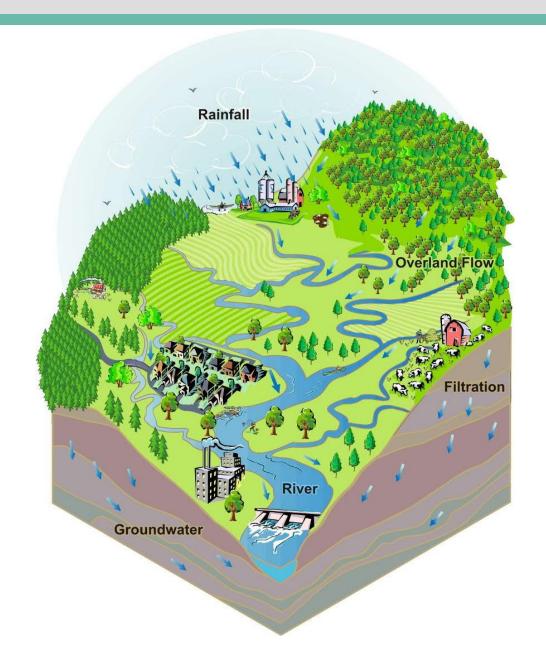




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What is a Watershed?

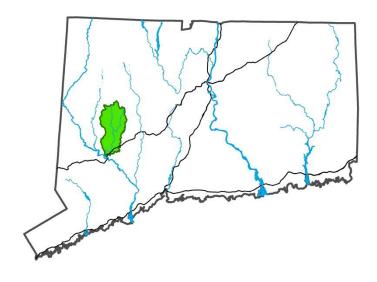


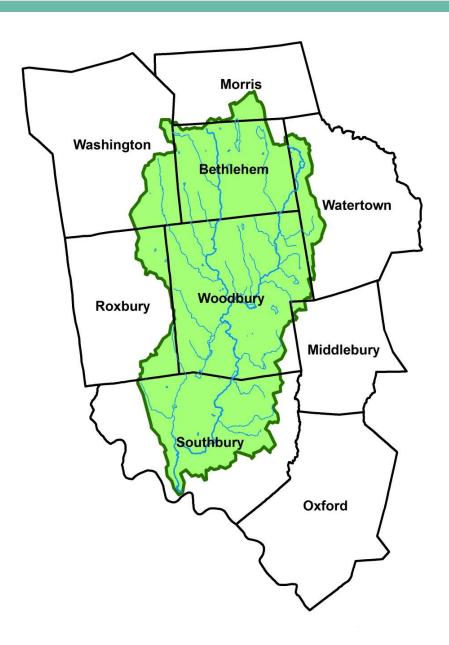




Pomperaug River Watershed Overview

- 90 square-mile Regional Basin
- Portions of 8 towns

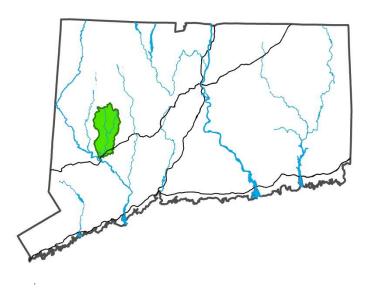


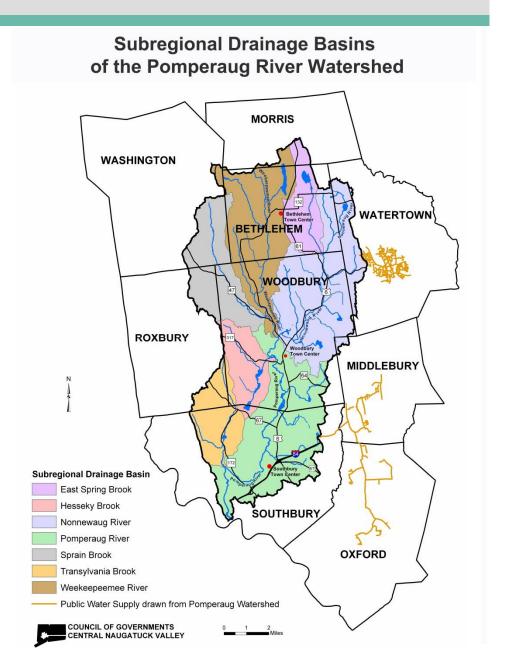




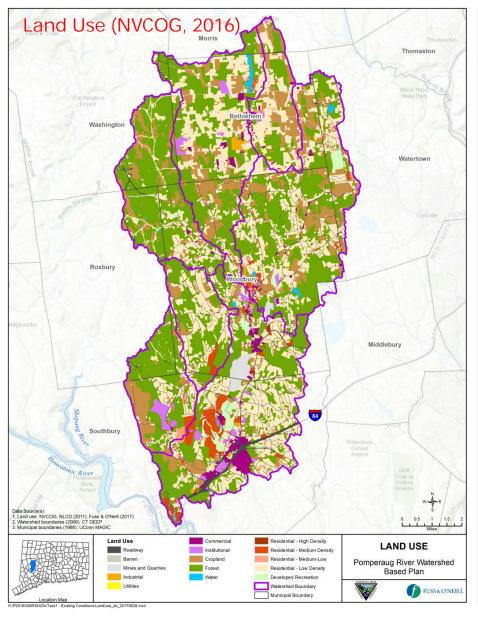
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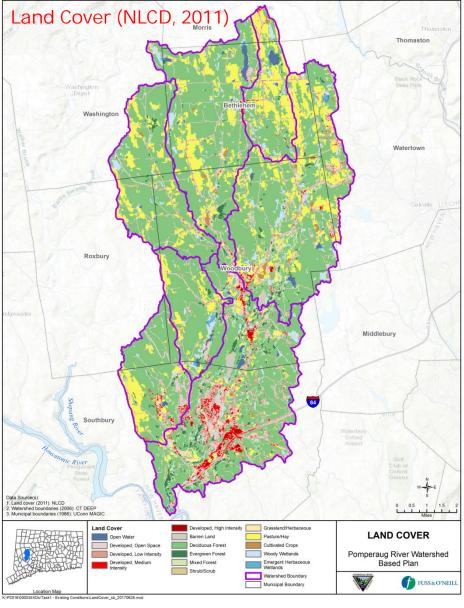
- 7 major Subregional Drainage Basins
- Major tributaries



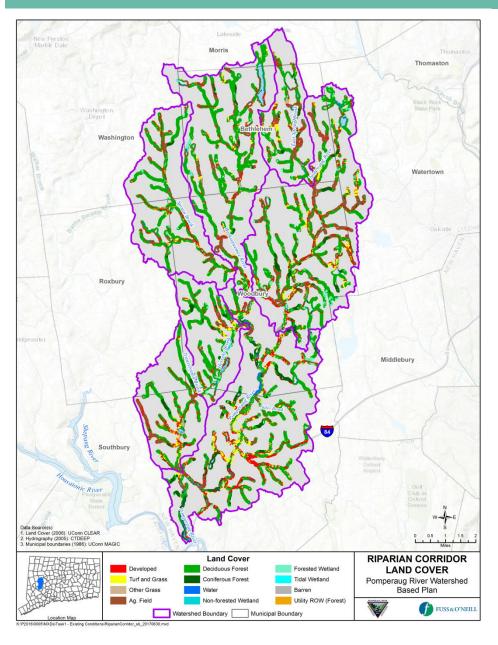


Land Use / Land Cover





Riparian Corridor Land Cover



- Natural buffers filter and infiltrate runoff, reduce flooding, and provide habitat
- UConn Center for Land Use Education And Research (CLEAR), 2006 Statewide Analysis
- 300-foot buffer either side of stream centerline
- All mapped perennial and intermittent streams in watershed



Riparian Corridor Land Cover

- Mostly forest and wetland
- Pomperaug Subregional Basin more developed than agricultural
- Other Subregional Basins show the opposite pattern

Land Cover Category	East Spring Brook	Hesseky Brook	Nonewaug River	Pomperaug River	Sprain Brook	Transylvania Brook	Weekeepeemee River
Developed, Other Grasses, Barren	10.33	10.33	12.05	22.05	11.74	17.63	9.89
Agriculture, Turf & Grass	30.38	14.91	26.76	14.54	15.98	20.13	19.36
Forest, Wetland, Water	59.29	74.76	61.20	63.41	72.28	62.24	70.74
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

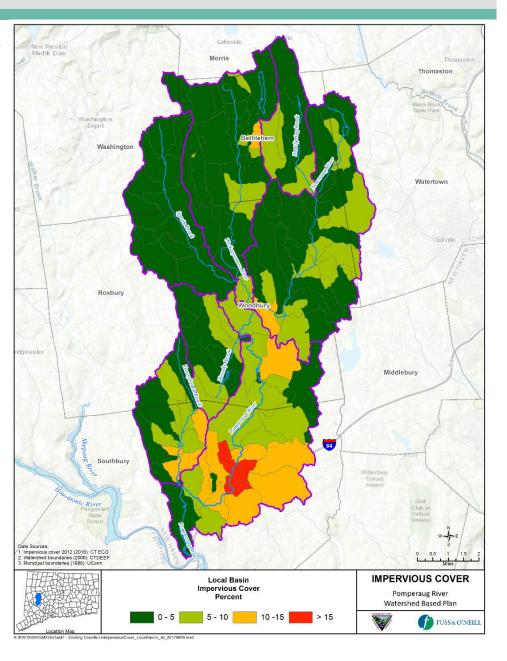




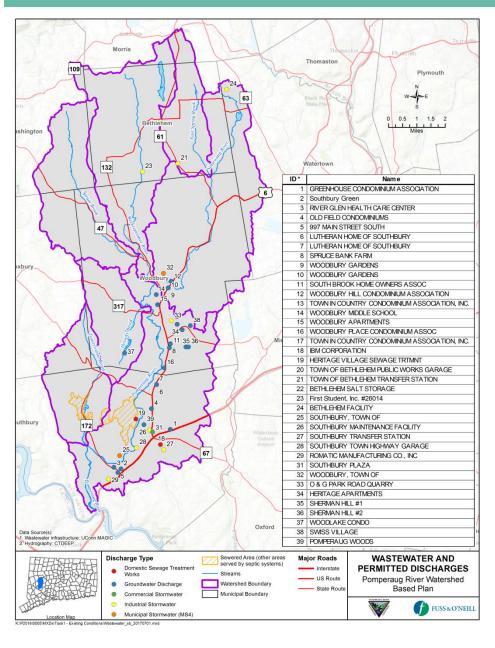
Impervious Cover

- 2012 statewide data, 1-foot resolution
- Analyzed by Local and Subregional Drainage Basins
- 12% "impacts" threshold
- Pomperaug Regional Basin: 5.6%
- Pomperaug Subregional Basin: 9.8%
- Local Basins: 9 exceed threshold (some 20-30%)





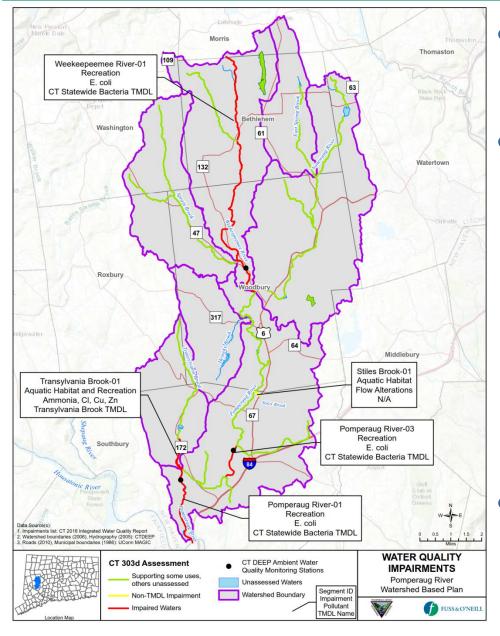
Wastewater and Other Permitted Discharges



CTDEEP

- Point discharges (versus nonpoint)
- Discharge permits database, 2016
- Sewered area, 1997
- 39 permitted dischargers
- Sewage treatment plants
- Large permitted septic
 systems

Surface Water Quality



- CT 2016 Integrated
 Water Quality Report
- Designation based on "impaired" uses
 - Recreation (swimming, fishing, and boating)
 - Aquatic habitat
 - Fish consumption
 - Drinking water supply
- Very limited data set



Surface Water Quality Impairments

- Five impaired segments
 - Pomperaug River (2)
 - Weekeepeemee River
 - Transylvania Brook (3)
 - Stiles Brook

- State-wide Bacteria
 TMDL
 - Pomperaug River
 - Weekeepeemee River
- Transylvania Brook TMDL

Impaired Water Body	Impairment	Pollutant of Concern	TMDL Name	Length (mi)
Pomperaug River-01	Recreation	E. coli	CT Statewide Bacteria TMDL	2.74
Pomperaug River-03	Recreation	E. coli	CT Statewide Bacteria TMDL	1.31
Stiles Brook-01	Aquatic Habitat	Flow alterations	TMDL not required	0.25
Weekeepeemee River-01	Recreation	E. coli	CT Statewide Bacteria TMDL	9.61
Transylvania Brook (Southbury)-01	Aquatic Habitat and Recreation	Ammonia, CI, Cu, Zn	Transylvania Brook TMDL	1.6
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Transylvania Brook (Southbury)-01	Recreation	E. coli	Proposed for TMDL	1.6





Physical Alterations

- Altered stream channels, floodplains, and riparian corridors
 - Dams
 - Gravel removal operations
 - Groundwater withdrawals
 - Land development



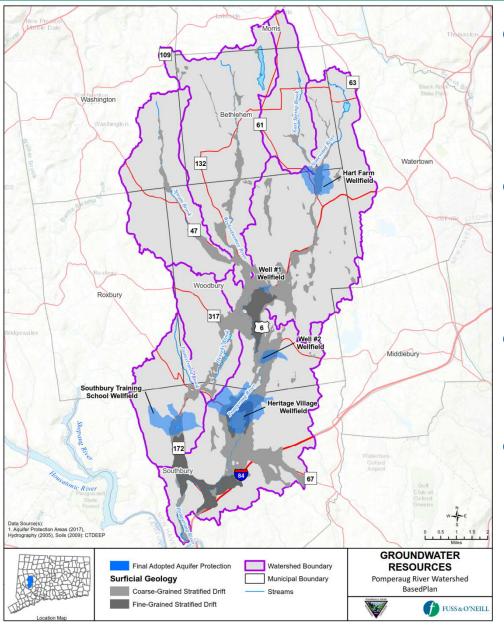
- Proposed Stream Flow Classifications
 - Standards for maintaining minimum flows in rivers and streams







Groundwater Resources

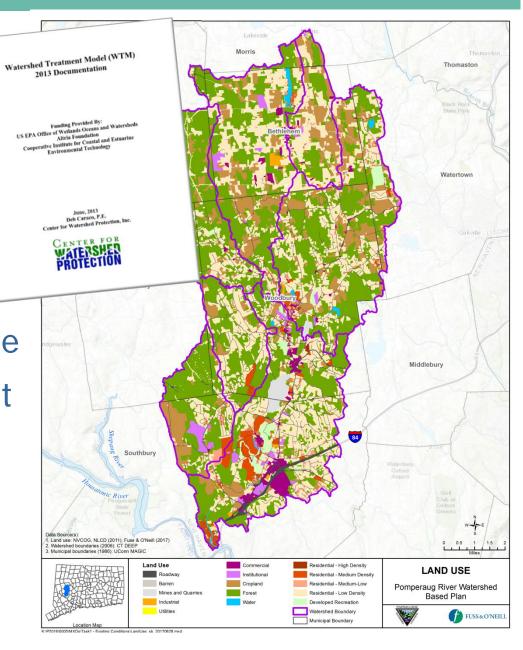


- Significant prior study of groundwater resources
- Strong connection between groundwater and surface water
- High yield sand and gravel aquifers
- Susceptible to contamination, depleted wells, low river flows

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Pollutant Loading Model

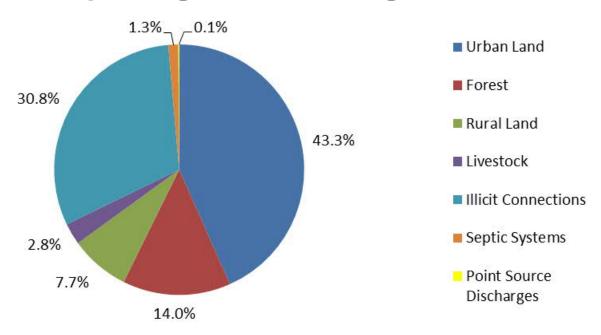
- Watershed Treatment Model (WTM) – surface runoff pollutant loads
- Annual loadings of bacteria, nutrients, and sediment to surface waters
- Primary sources land use
- Secondary sources point sources, septic systems, illicit discharges, etc.





Modeled Relative Bacteria Sources

Pomperaug River Subregional Basin



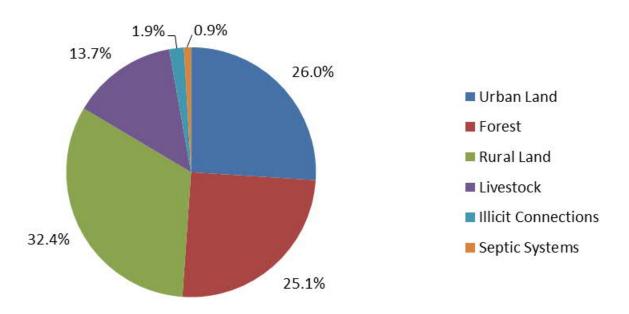
- Stormwater runoff from developed land
- Illicit connections from residential and commercial land use
- Source controls, structural stormwater BMPs, education and outreach, illicit discharge detection and elimination





Modeled Relative Bacteria Sources

Weekeepeemee River Subregional Basin



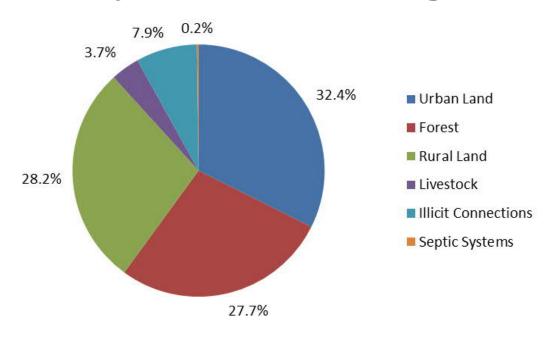
- Stormwater runoff from agricultural land use and some developed land use
- Agricultural BMPs (livestock and manure management)





Modeled Relative Bacteria Sources

Transylvania Brook Subregional Basin



 Stormwater runoff from mix of agricultural and developed land uses





Visual Field Assessments

- Investigate suspected bacteria sources in areas with impairments
- Identify restoration, pollution prevention, and retrofit opportunities
- Standardized field protocols
 - Stream reaches
 - Neighborhoods
 - Hotspots







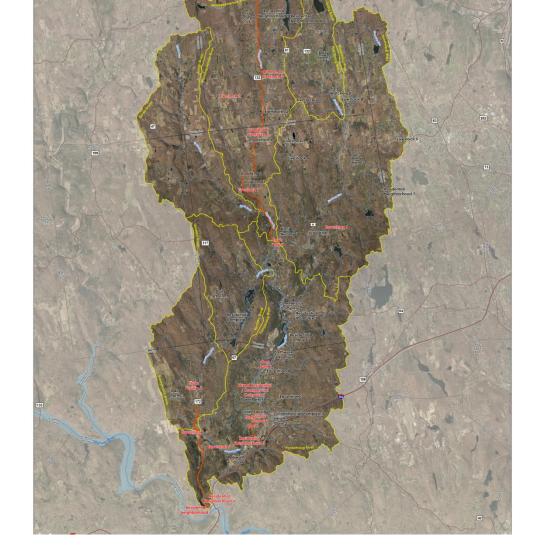






Pollution Hotspots/Areas of Concern

- Identified by LUC and PRWC
- Roughly 60 sites identified
- Potential bacteria sources
 - Urban stormwater
 - Agricultural land adjacent to streams
 - Streambank erosion
 - Manure management
 - Septic system issues
 - Significant point discharges
 - Waterfowl, pet waste





Site-Specific BMP Selection Matrix

BMP Prioritization Matrix for Potential Areas of Concern

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New Site ID (Impaired Segment)	Location Description	Bacteria Sources	Potential Best Management Practices (BMPs)	Other Recommendations and Notes	Relative BMP Pollutant (Bacteria) Removal	Relative Cost	Maintenance Requirements	Field Visit Conducted	BMP Concept Development	Photo
Mixed Residential / Commercial Complex 1 (Pomperaug-03)	Heritage Road, Southbury	Stormwater runoff	Underground infiltration in ROW Bioretention cells where feasible Pervious pavement at older parking lots (e.g. Meeting House) needing maintenance	Heritage Village should be included as a priority area in the Town of Southbury's MS4 Stormwater Management Program, including IDDE program implementation Conduct a stormwater BMP retrofit inventory/feasibility study for Heritage Village, which would support Southbury's efforts to reduce and disconnect DCIA as required by the MS4 Permit	High:	High	High	Yes	YES - LARGE	
Wastewater Treatment Facility 1 (Pomperaug-03)	Heritage Road, Southbury	Wastewater treatment plant	 Conduct additional ambient water quality monitoring at new sampling locations to determine extent of impairment and possible source(s) of bacteria 		N/A	Low	N/A	Yes		
Commercial Complex 1 (tributary to Pomperaug-03)	East side of intersection of Route 6 and Main Street South, Southbury (South of Bullet Hill Brook)	Stormwater runoff, waste management, past septic issues	Incorporate LID retrofits into site redevelopment Underground infiltration, permeable pavement Inspect septic systems for failure (due to size this falls under DPH or DEEP jurisdiction)	Cover dumpsters with roof Review stormwater control plan, if exists Heavily channelized stream Conduct survey for potential illicit discharges from businesses in plaza	High	High	High	Yes		
Business District 1 (Pomperaug-03)	Main Street South Corridor, Southbury (particularly concentrated at Municipal Complex west of the intersection with Peter Road	Stormwater runoff	Develop and implement GI/LID "master plan" for Main Street South corridor LID retrofits of municipal and commercial properties and within the municipal ROW between Route 6/Southbury Plaza and South Britain Road (Route 172) Potential municipal sites include:		High	High	High	Yes		
Health Care 2 (tributary to Pomperaug-03)	Intersection of Main Street South and Garage Road	Dry weather discharge (pavement stained)	Follow up sampling of dry weather discharge and removal of any illicit connections found		Medium	Low	Low	Yes		

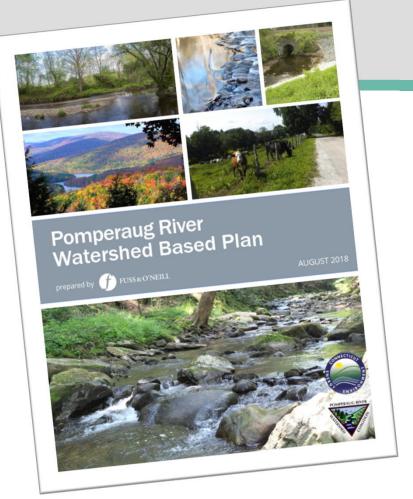




Watershed Based Plan

Plan Objectives

- Update baseline of water quality and land use conditions
- Evaluate contributing factors to impairments
- Identify water quality monitoring needs
- Establish community buy-in
- Identify and prioritize strategies to reduce pollutant inputs to impaired rivers and streams
- Incorporate proactive measures to protect/maintain high quality streams

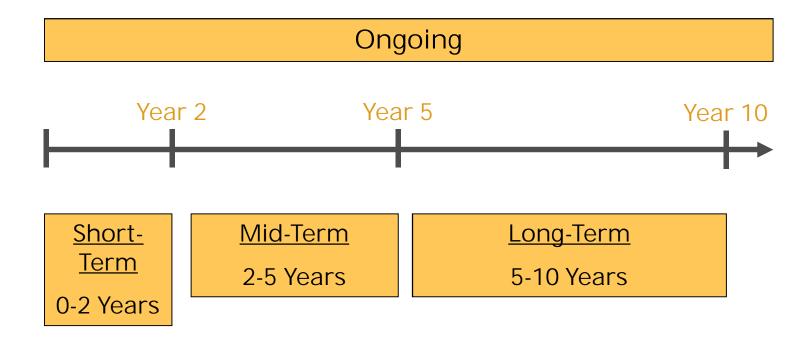






Framework of Recommended Strategies

- Watershed-wide strategies
- Site-specific concepts/demonstration projects
- Timeframe



Requires coordination and efforts by many partners





Capacity Building

Strengthen and build local capacity to implement the watershed management plan

- 1. Endorsement of the plan by municipal partners
- 2. Identify and pursue additional funding sources
 - Private foundations
 - CTDEEP/EPA Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants
 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Long Island Sound Futures Fund
 - Connecticut Clean Water Fund (Green Infrastructure)





Funding Sources



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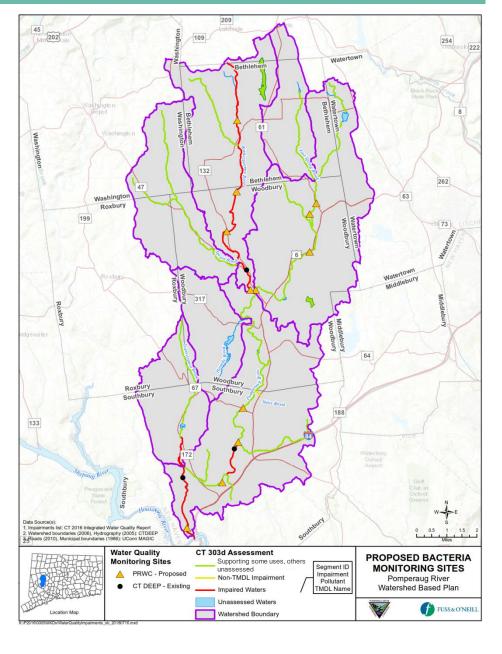
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Proposed Bacteria Monitoring Program

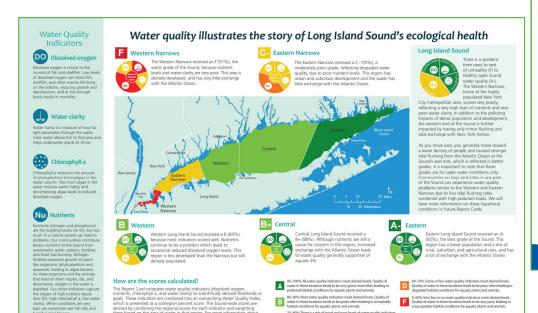
- Monthly sampling April October
- Approximately 14 stream locations
 - Upstream and downstream of potential sources
 - Bracket and isolate sources of pollution
 - Baseline for future WQ improvements
- Fecal indicator bacteria E. coli
- Wet and dry weather conditions
- Complement MS4 Permit monitoring and investigations

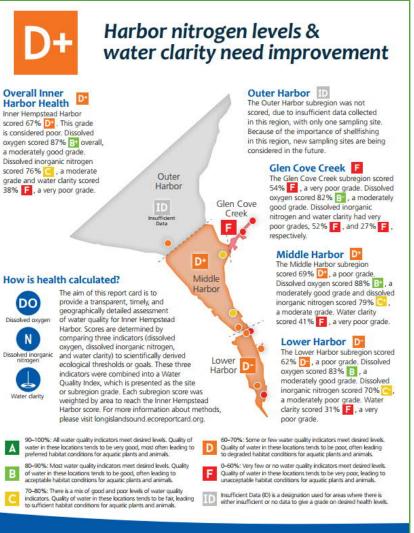




Water Quality Report Card

- Disseminate information to the public
- Scores determined by comparing water quality indicators to scientifically-derived goals

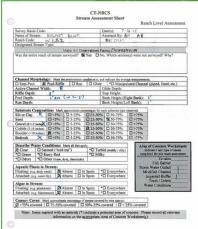






Streamwalks and Track Down Surveys

- Streamwalks last performed in 2010
- NRCS visual stream assessment protocols
- Conduct "track down" surveys of identified pollution sources
- Develop subwatershed action plans for priority subregional basins
 - Pomperaug River
 - Weekeepeemee River
 - Transylvania Brook



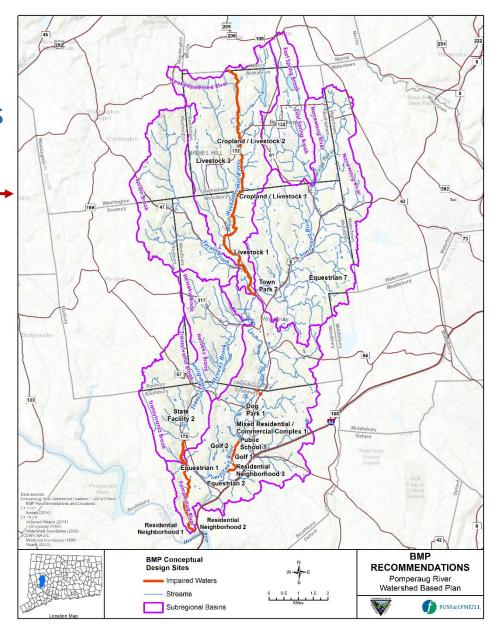








- Many opportunities for GI/LID in the Pomperaug
- Implement GI and LID retrofits on public land
 - Site-specific retrofit concepts
- Require the use of GI and LID for new development and redevelopment (MS4 Permit requirement)

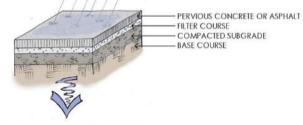




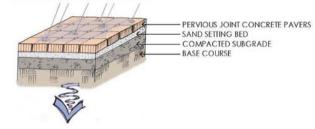
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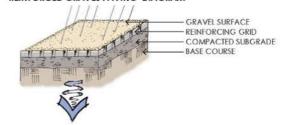




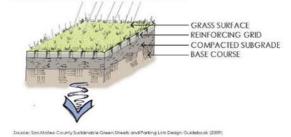
PERVIOUS JOINT PAVER DIAGRAM



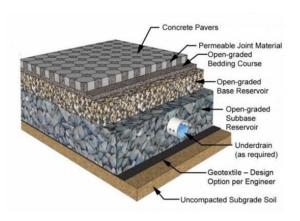




REINFORCED GRASS PAVING DIAGRAM









Bioretention/Infiltration











Underground Solutions

- Parking lots
- Public right-of-way









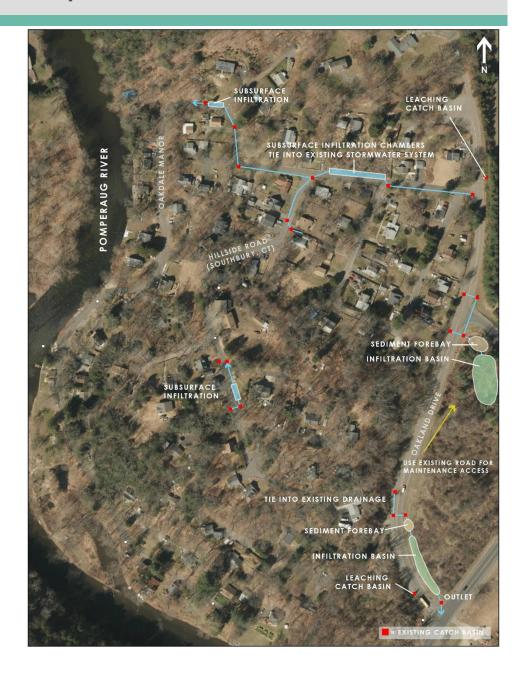




Site-Specific BMP Concepts

Residential Neighborhood

- Oakdale Road, Southbury
- Lower Pomperaug River
- Estimated Costs:
 - Subsurface Infiltration: \$80-170K
 - Infiltration Basins: \$50-100K

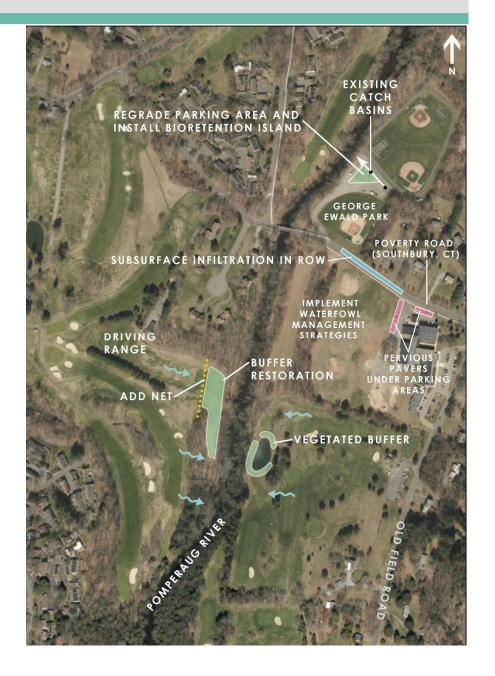




Site-Specific BMP Concepts

Golf Courses, School, Town Park

- Poverty Road Crossing, Southbury
- Pomperaug River
- Estimated Costs:
 - Bioretention: \$26-56K
 - Subsurface Infiltration: \$175-375K
 - Permeable Pavement: \$13-29K
 - Buffer Restoration: \$8-18K





Mixed Residential/Commercial

- Heritage Village, Southbury
- Pomperaug River
- Significant opportunities,
 GI/LID retrofit master planning
- Estimated Costs:
 - Bioretention: \$29-63K
 - Subsurface Infiltration: \$100-210K
 - Infiltration Basins: \$170-360K
 - Water Quality Swale: \$16-35K
 - Permeable Pavement: \$110-240K





State Facility

- Southbury Training School, Southbury
- Transylvania Brook
- Incorporate GI/LID into potential future reuse or redevelopment plans
- Estimated Costs:
 - Permeable Pavement: \$170-360K
 - Bioretention: \$155-230K
 - Water Quality Swales: \$60-130K
 - Buffer Restoration: \$12-26K



BIORETENTION

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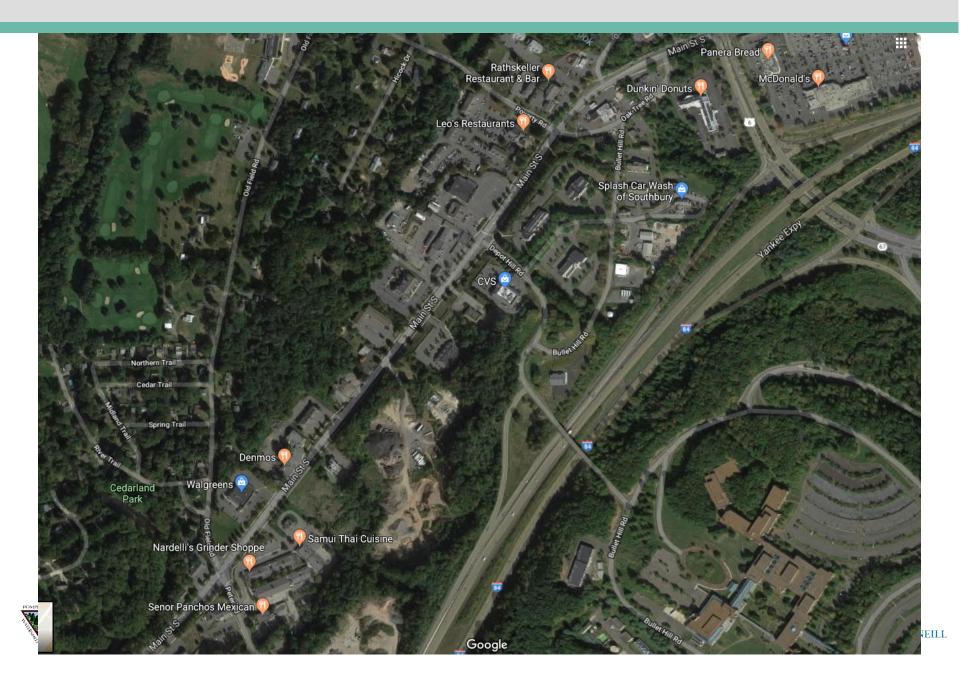
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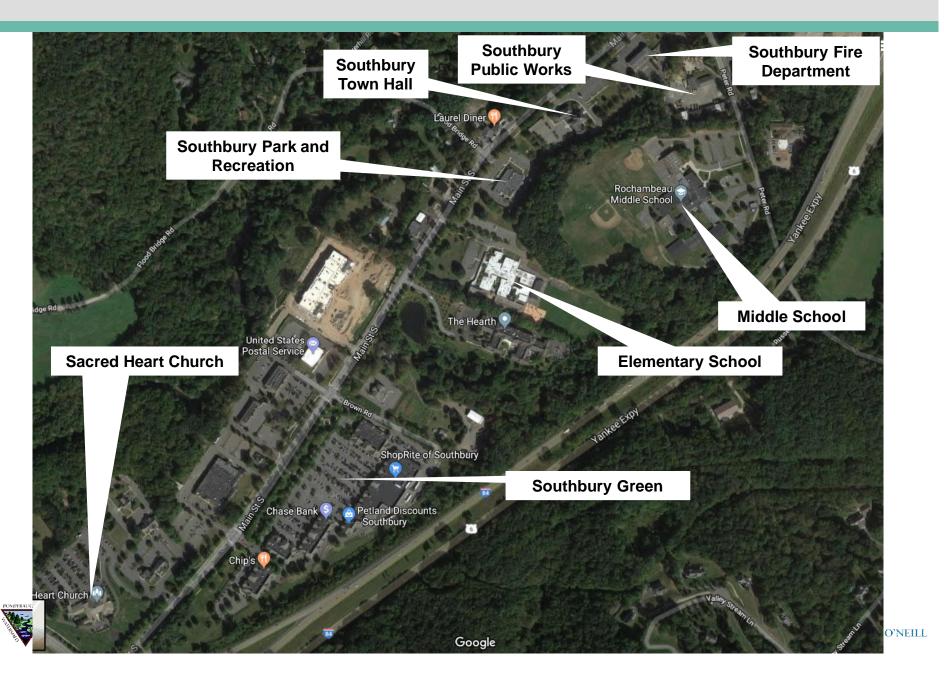
GRAVEL POND



Main Street South Corridor - North



Main Street South Corridor - South



Homeowner BMPs

- Promote residential BMPs by homeowners, including River Smart practices
- Encourage disconnection of rooftop runoff
 - Redirect roof leaders to lawn areas and through the use of dry wells, rain barrels or rain gardens







Reroute your downspout so your yard or rain garden absorbs and filters the runoff from your roof.



Disconnecting your downspout is a simple and effective way of reducing stormwater runoff. (Photo from grandbuilding.ca)

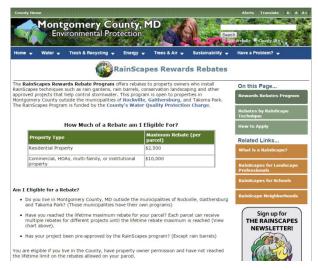


Homeowner BMP Incentive Programs

- River Smart "Pledge"
- Other Incentive Programs
 - Stormwater Fee Discounts or Credits
 - Rebates and Installation Financing
 - Workshop and Give-Away Programs
 - Certification and Recognition Programs
 - Municipal sponsored public workshops



Lake Champlain BLUE® Certification Program



Montgomery County, MD Rainscapes Rewards





Municipal Stormwater – MS4 Permits

- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits
 - Southbury and Woodbury (effective July 2017)
 - CTDOT (effective July 2019)
- Regulates the <u>quality</u> of stormwater discharges











Municipal Stormwater – MS4 Permits

Some overlap between Watershed Based Plan and MS4 permit

- Southbury and Woodbury continue to implement MS4 Stormwater Management Programs
- PRWC review and comment on draft CTDOT Stormwater
 Management Plan
- PRWC work collaboratively with Southbury, Woodbury, and CTDOT
 - MS4 Stormwater Program Implementation
 - Coordinate PRWC water quality monitoring with MS4 outfall monitoring
- NVCOG exploring possibility of providing regional MS4 training





Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

- Requirements for MS4 regulated communities
- Implement IDDE Programs
 - Southbury, Woodbury, CTDOT
- Focus on "Priority Areas"
 - Discharges to impaired rivers/streams
 - Area with high amounts of impervious cover

- Illicit discharges can have a big impact on water quality
- IDDE is more cost-effective than structural stormwater treatment
- IDDE is the "low-hanging fruit"











Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems

Failing or sub-standard septic systems can impact surface and groundwater quality

- Inventory, map, and prioritize State-regulated systems in the watershed
- Encourage regular maintenance by homeowners
- Consider changes to state/local requirements, point-of-sale inspections and upgrades

Septic Systems

- Small systems (<2,000 GPD) regulated by local health districts
- Medium systems (2,000-7,500 GPD) reviewed and approved by CTDPH
- Large systems (>7,500 GPD) regulated by CTDEEP







Stream Buffers

Naturally vegetated areas adjacent to streams, ponds, and wetlands

- Encourage "backyard" buffers
- Implement priority buffer restoration projects on public land
- Include incentives and/or requirements for stream buffers in future land use regulation updates (MS4 Permit)

Benefits of Stream Buffers

- Promotes infiltration of runoff
- Filters pollutants
- Regulates stream water temperature
- Provides habitat for plants and animals







Dog Park

- Pomperaug River, Southbury
- Buffer Restoration, Parking Lot Stormwater Retrofit, Pet Waste Station
- Estimated Costs
 - Buffer Restoration: \$3-6K
 - Infiltration Basin: \$20-40K





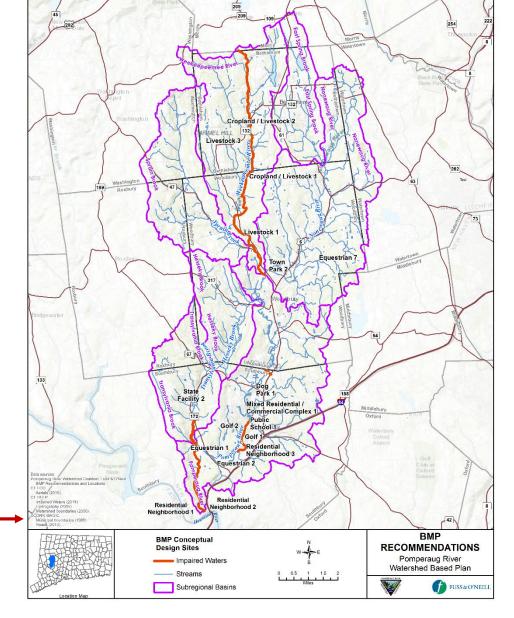
Town Park

- Weekeepeemee, Nonnewaug, & Pomperaug Rivers, Woodbury
- Buffer Restoration, Parking Reconfiguration, Additional Pet Waste Disposal along Trail
- Buffer restoration explored in 2010 Yale study
- Estimated Costs
 - Buffer Restoration: \$40-90K
 - Jacks Bridge Rd. to Judson Ave.





- Agricultural operations can be a source of pollutants to surface waters and groundwater
- Partner with equestrian and livestock facilities
- Focus on pastures as well as paddocks, barns, and storage areas
- Potential Agricultural BMPs
 - Vegetated buffers, filter strips
 - Livestock exclusion fencing
 - Manure collection and storage
 - Filter berms
- Site-specific retrofit concepts





Manure/Nutrient Management

- Manure piles, paddock areas
- Locate manure storage areas and paddocks away from streams, cover manure piles where possible









Vegetated Buffers, Filter Strips, Exclusion Fencing

- Many farms located close to streams or have streams flowing through them
- Livestock access to streams
- Drainage channels flowing through paddock areas





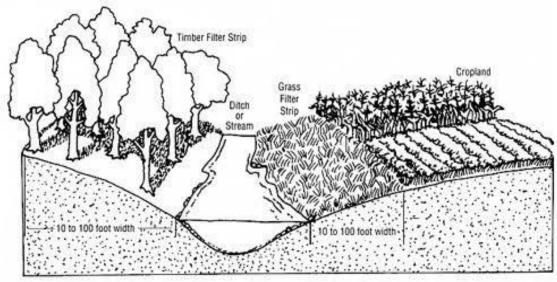








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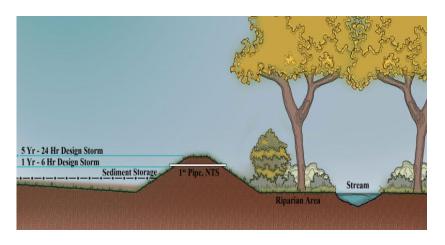




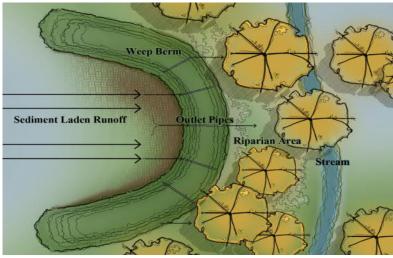


Filter Berms

- Gravel or compost berm placed at downgradient edge of field, manure storage and composting facilities, and livestock areas
- Filter runoff and enhance infiltration











Livestock Farm, Bethlehem

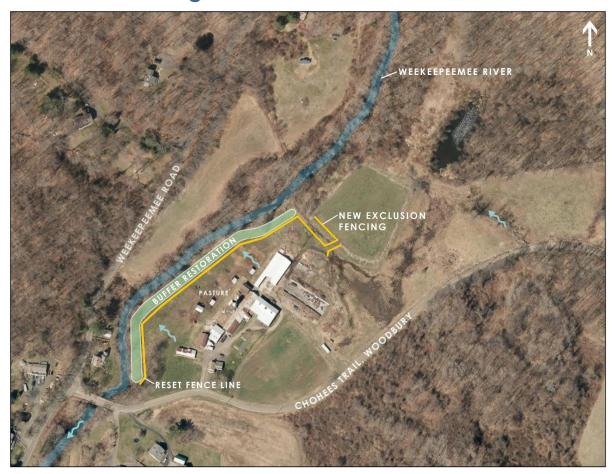
- Dowd Brook, Tributary to Weekeepeemee River
- Buffer Restoration and Paddock Reconfiguration
- Optional Filter Berm
- Estimated Costs
 - \$30-70K





Livestock Farm, Woodbury

- Weekeepeemee River
- Buffer Restoration, Exclusion Fencing
- Estimated Costs
 - \$25-55K





Equestrian Facility, Southbury

 Transylvania Brook and Pomperaug River near Audubon Center at Bent of the River

Buffer Restoration, Exclusion Fencing/Paddock

Reconfiguration

Estimated Costs

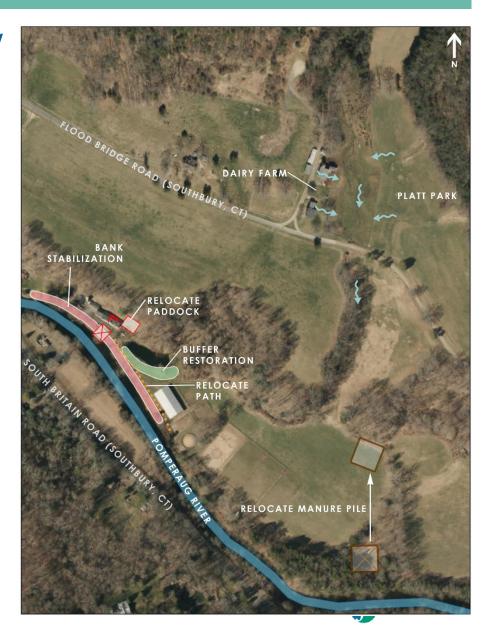
• \$40-60K





Equestrian Facility, Southbury

- Pomperaug River
- Manure Pile Relocation (completed)
- Paddock Relocation
- Buffer Restoration and Bank Stabilization
- Estimated Costs
 - \$50-100K





Comments on Draft Plan

- Plan will be available for download from PRWC website
- Submit email or written comments to PRWC by September 7:

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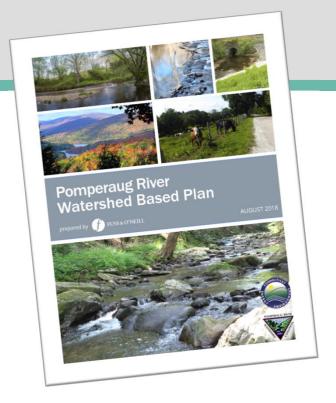
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Thank you for your input and time!



