

Roxanne Maher

From: Naomi Rodriguez
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 9:40 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Fw: Fall Highlights from the Lantern Hill Valley lakes

Hello Roxanne,

Could you please forward this email to the whole Town Council Group. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Naomi Rodriguez

From: Lantern Hill Valley Alliance <betsy@thelhva.ccsend.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2024 7:35 AM
To: Naomi Rodriguez <NaomiR@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Fall Highlights from the Lantern Hill Valley lakes



**Highlights of Fall in the
Lantern Hill Valley**



Water Fest Day Event 2024

If you missed Sept 21st, the Waterfest Day 24 celebration was fantastic! The weather cooperated with us, although the forecast suggested it might not. 20+ people of all ages took the opportunity to hike the "Hill," a guided hike up Lantern Hill. By the time they returned, the Grahams beachfront was bustling with activities—

[for more details and pictures](#)

The LHVA needs you! Please support us with [your membership or donations](#). Consider helping on a committee for our lakes; several options are available. >>> [Committee info here](#). Any of our board members would be thrilled to speak with you.

Two Amazing Opportunities to Help Shape the Future of CT's Wildlife Plan and the Long Island Sound!! Your opinions Count!

CT SWAP 2025
Connecticut State Wildlife
Action Plan

Protecting our wildlife and habitats together

The purpose of the CT SWAP is to provide guidance and vision for wildlife conservation in Connecticut. It does this by:

- Identifying and addressing the Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and their habitats.
- Identifying threats and actions needed to maintain species diversity and protect habitat.
- Encouraging participation and partnerships with conservation organizations at local, state, and regional levels to enhance opportunities for implementation of actions to help wildlife.

SGCN
The Draft list currently has 546 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) which are typically a native species with declining populations, or subpopulations expected to benefit from strategic conservation attention.

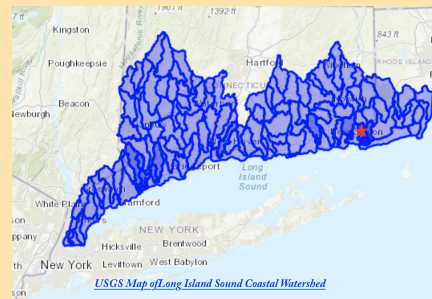
SAPS
The Draft list currently has 503 State Assessment Priority Species (SAPS) which require more research & monitoring.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has created web pages to distribute updates on the draft wildlife action plan and solicit your input. If you would like additional information, scan the QR code below.

Reptiles 16 Amphibians 16
Birds 81 Fish 39
Plants 284 Invertebrates 130
Mammals 31
Amphibians 1 Birds 12
Reptiles 2 Fish 12
Plants 279 Invertebrates 183
Mammals 16

CT DEEP is updating its Wildlife Action Plan for the next ten years through 2035. They would like to hear from you about their proposed updates. Please take a moment or two to weigh in—Your voice matters!

<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/ct-wildlife-action-plan/provide-input-to-the-ct-wildlife-action-plan>



Did you know we are part of the Long Island Sound Coastal Watershed? The Long Island Sound Study Partnership has released its Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan draft for the next ten years. The plan is looking for public input from you until November 22nd.

<https://longislandsoundstudy.net/about/ccmp-revision-updates/>



Welcoming Autumn to the Lantern Hill Valley Lakes

Nearby, the autumn scenery on the Lantern Hill Valley lakes—Long Pond, Bush Pond, and Lantern Hill Pond—has been breathtaking. Take a moment to unwind and appreciate the tranquil stillness, where the water perfectly mirrors the surroundings.

HYDRILLA - THE WORD STRIKES DREAD IN THE HEART OF THOSE HELPING CARE FOR OUR CONNECTICUT LAKES AND RIVERS!

HYDRILLA, A THREAT THAT WAS NOT YET FOUND AT THE LONG POND BOAT LAUNCH THIS JULY, IS LOOMING IN THE VICINITY OF AMOS LAKE AND PACHAUG POND! THIS AGGRESSIVE INVASIVE SPECIES IS MAKING ITS WAY FROM THE CT RIVER, ITS ORIGIN, TO OUR LAKES, AND ITS **RELENTLESS SPREAD SINCE 2016**, ACROSS CONNECTICUT'S WATERS IS HAVING A DEVASTATING IMPACT!

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION BY EITHER **CALLING OR WRITING YOUR CONNECTICUT STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE..** IT IS CRUCIAL THAT YOU CONVEY YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING THE WELFARE OF YOUR LAKES AND RIVERS. THESE NATURAL RESOURCES NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO AUTHORIZE CT DEEP TO IMPLEMENT PROACTIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF OUR LAKES AND RIVERS.

REMEMBER YOUR VOICE IS POWERFUL--AND IT MATTERS--MAKE IT HEARD! TOGETHER WE CAN COMBAT THE HYDRILLA INVASION!

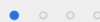
Aquatic Invasive Species in Connecticut

Interactive Web App



Welcome! Explore waterbodies across Connecticut to discover where aquatic invasive species have been documented. This tool, maintained by the **Office of Aquatic Invasive Species (OAIS)** at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), provides up-to-date information on aquatic invasive species throughout the state. The **Home** page is regularly updated as new data becomes available, and the **Survey Data** page is updated annually.

To make the most of your experience, use the < and > arrows to navigate through instructions for various tools.



Connecticut's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species has launched a new site -- **Learn about Aquatic Invasives** -- check out the lakes near you or ones

you want to visit. This site is an excellent resource for learning about the aquatic plant life in the water bodies you plan to explore, ensuring that you don't accidentally transport invasive species into a waterbody or back to your favorite lake or river!



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