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Subject: *First Annual Five Town Naugatuck River Greenway Cleanup*

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, the First Annual Five Town Naugatuck River Greenway Cleanup will take place at locations along the banks of the Naugatuck River and Steele Brook in Thomaston, Watertown, Waterbury, Naugatuck, and Beacon Falls. The public is invited to join in this effort to clean up the future paths of the greenway trails. The Greenway Cleanup will be an annual event to keep the public involved and engaged in protecting and reconnecting with the rivers that define these communities.

The cleanup will be from 8:30 to 11:30 am, rain or shine. Volunteers are asked to report at assembly points in each of the five towns to be dispatched in teams to cleanup locations.

Assembly Points and Contacts:

Thomaston: Town Hall (Maura Martin at 860-283-9161)

Watertown: Recreation Dept., 51 Depot Street (Lisa Carew at 860-945-5246)

Waterbury: Waterbury Municipal Stadium (Kathy McNamara at 203-573-5871)

Naugatuck: Train Station / Historical Society (Sheila Baummer at 203-720-7071)

Beacon Falls: Volunteer Park / Senior Center (Tony SanAngelo at 203-735-1823)

Volunteers should be at least 12 years of age or older. Volunteers are asked to wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and bug spray to protect against tick bites. Please bring work gloves and water. Contact info and further information about the cleanup and the Naugatuck River Greenway can be found at <http://www.cogcnv.org/greenway/>.

The Greenway Cleanup is being coordinated by the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley as part of the planning for the Naugatuck River Greenway, a state designated greenway. The cleanup is sponsored by the Town of Thomaston, Town of Watertown, City of Waterbury, Borough of Naugatuck, Town of Beacon Falls, and the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley.