

Recreation/Conservation/Education Activities Along the Naugatuck River

RIVER IMPROVEMENT	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHY	WHO to CONTACT
	Inventory debris in the river, using mapping, video, or photos		Anytime	Help with prioritizing areas most in need of cleanup	Naugatuck River Revival Group: Kevin Zak, 203-530-7850, NRRG_sh@yahoo.com
	Clean up the river to remove hazards (such as shopping carts, pipes, cables, and barrels) and debris		Anytime	Make river safer for fishing and recreation. Beautify the river.	Naugatuck River Revival Group: Kevin Zak, 203-530-7850, NRRG_sh@yahoo.com
	Pre-race Cleanup (4 th Annual Naugatuck Valley River Race)	Race course: Waterbury – Beacon Falls	April 30, 2011		Naugatuck Valley Outdoor Club: Dave Faber, david@4outdoors.com
	Clean up riverbanks to remove trash and debris	Naugatuck Anywhere along river??	This spring and fall Anytime	Make river safer for fishing and recreation. Beautify the river.	Naugatuck River Watershed Assn.: Bob Gregorski, bobflybox@sbcglobal.net Naugatuck River Revival Group: Kevin Zak, 203-530-7850, NRRG_sh@yahoo.com
	Cut Japanese knotweed, a highly invasive, bamboo-like plant, along the Naugatuck River	Naugatuck Other locations	This spring, summer, and fall Before plants go to seed	Protect native species. Beautify the river.	Naugatuck River Watershed Assn.: Bob Gregorski, bobflybox@sbcglobal.net Naugatuck River Revival Group: Kevin Zak, 203-530-7850, NRRG_sh@yahoo.com
	Prevent and remediate riverbank erosion	Naugatuck	This spring, summer, and fall	Stabilize banks. Prevent soil from washing into river.	Naugatuck River Watershed Assn.: Bob Gregorski, bobflybox@sbcglobal.net
	Install video cameras at locations where shopping carts and debris are often dumped into or along the river	To be determined		Discourage vandals from throwing shopping carts and other items into the river	Naugatuck River Watershed Assn.: Bob Gregorski, bobflybox@sbcglobal.net

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Erect, inventory, and clean out nesting houses and platforms for riverine birds, such as tree swallows, wood ducks, and osprey	Middlebury and Naugatuck	This spring, summer, and fall		Naugatuck River Watershed Assn.: Bob Gregorski, bobflybox@sbcglobal.net
Install trash racks into storm drains to catch trash before it enters the river	Waterbury		Prevent trash from entering river.	Naugatuck River Revival Group: Kevin Zak, 203-530-7850, NRRG_sh@yahoo.com
Wrap wire fencing around deciduous trees that provide a canopy over the river	To be determined		Prevent trees from being felled by beavers.	Naugatuck River Watershed Assn.: Bob Gregorski, bobflybox@sbcglobal.net

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RECREATION	Create hiking trails from Waterbury/Thomaston line northward				
	Create water trails, with kiosks or signs about trail information and wildlife viewing possibilities				
	Steele Brook Greenway – An approximately 4.6-mile greenway/walkway along the brook	Oakville to Watertown — <i>Lower segment</i> runs from Pinshop Pond Dam upstream to bridge at old sewer treatment plant. <i>Middle segment</i> extends from bridge to Heminway Pond. <i>Upper segment</i> extends from pond northward to Watertown Land Trust property.	Construction begins in 2011 on middle segment between French St. and Echo Lake.	Recreation. Promote economic and community development and environmental protection.	Town of Watertown: Chuck Berger, phone, berger@watertownct.org
	Thomaston Clock Walk — a one-mile loop, marked by a clock face symbol, through downtown. The walk is an early part of the planned Naugatuck River Greenway that will extend the length of the river valley.	Thomaston			Thomaston Greenway Committee?
	4 th Annual Naugatuck Valley River Race (Kayak & Canoe Race Day, & Beacon Falls River Festival)	Waterbury – Beacon Falls	May 7, 2011	Enjoyment of the river and festival	Naugatuck Valley Outdoor Club: Dave Faber, david@4outdoors.com Beacon Falls merchants: Bob Bradley, rbradley04@snet.net

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Naugatuck River Watershed Assn.: Bob Gregorski, bobflybox@sbcglobal.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency access for river rescue personnel ▪ Access for installation of flotation booms by DEP emergency response units and fire department personnel to capture toxic fluids in the river ▪ Safe pathways to the river for DEP fisheries personnel when stocking trout and salmon ▪ Suitable launch and take-out locations for kayakers, canoeists, and tubers; these sites would be part of the water trails system being developed for the Naugatuck River (by whom?) ▪ Safe and appropriate access to the river for anglers, wildlife observers, and the general public ▪ Safe and proper access for educational and other river activities 			<p>Create walkways to allow access to the river from greenway trails</p>	
Trout Unlimited N-P and Naugatuck River Watershed Assn.: Bob Gregorski, bobflybox@sbcglobal.net	<p>Help emergency personnel and recreational users locate specific areas of the river</p>		South of Thomaston Dam	Name major fishing pools, runs, and rapids	
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				Create a Naugatuck River website, with information on access areas, parks, greenways, etc.	

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EDUCATION / AWARENESS	Hold an annual Naugatuck River Day, with fun and informative events, such as paddling, boat race, fishing demonstrations, cultural and environmental displays, etc.				
	Hold a Naugatuck River photo contest				
	Hold a Naugatuck River essay contest				
	Hold an art contest using objects found in the Naugatuck (e.g., trash)				
	Create an inspirational video or slideshow of the river, its wildlife, and people enjoying it (paddlers, anglers, etc.)				
	Creating an educational program to be shown to students regarding conservation/ecology aspects of our environment, with a focus on the Naugatuck River and its tributaries				
	Developing river-related educational projects for college and high school ecology/conservation students				

