

Overview of Naugatuck River Projects - February 2011

Torrington

- Downtown Redevelopment Project being led by Torrington Development Corporation
- Toro Fields River Access Proposal
- Low Impact Development Regulation
- Army Corps of Engineers Stream Channel Clearing

Harwinton

- Town purchased five acres along the Naugatuck River on Valley Road for public river access
- Half mile of public river access
- Naugatuck River Greenway will run along the east bank of the river in Harwinton

Litchfield

- No major developments along the Naugatuck River
- Town has security concerns about encouraging public use and access to the river
- Focusing efforts on Litchfield Community Greenway

Thomaston

- Clock Walk historic 1.1 mile loop walking trail
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineer working on a new plan for the Thomaston Dam, which will include recommendations for the Naugatuck River Greenway and potentially better river access.
- Thomaston Greenway Committee working on building the Naugatuck River Greenway

Watertown

- CT Transit Waterbury Bus Maintenance Garage Project will provide an easement for public river access.
- Existing dirt access road provides a ready built opportunity for the Naugatuck River Greenway
- Town working on a greenway trail along the Steele Brook. Steele Brook Greenway would eventually connect to the Naugatuck River Greenway.

Waterbury

- Beginning the design of phase 1 of the Waterbury Naugatuck River Greenway
- Establishment of Platt Park, as an access point for the river and greenway trail
- Waterbury Industrial Commons project to include an easement for the Naugatuck River Greenway and public river access

Naugatuck

- Naugatuck River Greenway from Linden Park to the Pulaski Pedestrian Bridge is scheduled for construction this year
- Renaissance Place mixed-use development is proposed for downtown Naugatuck

Beacon Falls

- Greenway Trail to be constructed on the river side of Main Street this year from the Depot Street Bridge to Route 42
- Route 67 and 42 Connector Road Study planning a greenway connection to Seymour
- Town received money from the Housatonic Restoration Project for expansion of River Bend Park
- Toby's Pond and Recreation Park provides new public access to the river
- CTDOT / Metro North Railroad bridge replacement this summer at Spruce Brook in the Naugatuck State Forest will allow river access to fishermen and kayaks and canoes

Seymour

- Tingle Dam Bypass, which will help restore 31 miles of River to migratory fish
- The Housatonic Wire Plant site has been proposed for cleanup and redeveloped for residential, retail, and office uses.
- Haynes has a proposal for a mixed-use development in northern Seymour / southern Beacon Falls, which includes a greenway along the Naugatuck. The proposal includes moving the Seymour Train Station north into the development.

Ansonia

- Construction on the Ansonia Riverwalk will continue this year and will extend north from the Derby line

Derby

- Derby Greenway continues to attract users and an extension to Shelton and Orange has been designed
- Derby received money to from the Housatonic Restoration Fund to clean up contamination on O'Sullivan's Island

National Heritage Area Proposal / Healthy Valley Initiative

- Proposal to designate 14 towns in the Naugatuck Valley as a National Heritage Area
- Highlight the Role that Naugatuck Valley Manufacturing played in American History
- Raise Region's Tourism Profile
- Obtain federal funding for recreational trails, public access, educational materials, and historical preservation