

Draft Naugatuck River Greenway Routing to be Presented at Public Workshops

Waterbury, CT – The Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley (COGCNV), in cooperation with the towns of Beacon Falls and Watertown, will host two public workshops for the Regional Naugatuck River Greenway Routing Study. At the workshops, a preliminary Naugatuck River Greenway trail route will be presented for public comment. The Naugatuck River Greenway is a recreational biking and walking trail that will run 44 miles from Torrington to Derby. COGCNV's study looks at potential routings of the greenway trail through Thomaston, Watertown, Naugatuck, and Beacon Falls. The completed study will serve as a blueprint, which the four municipalities can use to design and build the greenway.

At the workshops members of the public will be encouraged to share their thoughts on the preliminary routing and on greenway components such as parking, boat launches, and fishing access. Comments, questions, and issues raised at the workshops will be incorporated into the final draft report. Everyone, including children, is welcome to attend and get involved in the project.

The public workshops will be held on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, March 23, 2010** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Woodland Regional High School, 135 Back Rimmon Road, Beacon Falls, CT, and
- **Wednesday, March 24, 2010** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at John Trumbull School, 779 Buckingham Street, Oakville, CT.

Both workshops will have the same format. Each will begin at 7:00 PM with an informal interactive open house session. A brief presentation will begin at 7:30 PM, followed by a discussion period. COGCNV and members of the study team, led by Alta Planning + Design, will be available at both workshops to discuss the study and answer questions. Refreshments and a children's activity table will be provided.

The workshop in Beacon Falls will emphasize the southern portion of the greenway. The workshop in Watertown will focus on the northern portion. Any member of the public, however, can attend either workshop and provide input on any portion of the corridor.

Additional information about the study, as well as directions to the two workshops, is available at <http://www.cogcnv.org/greenway/index.html>. Questions or comments may be directed to Senior Planner Sam Gold, via email at greenway@cogcnv.org or phone at (203) 757-0535.

Note: An American Sign Language (ASL) translator can be provided at the workshops. Please notify COGCNV at least 48 hours in advance to request a translator.