

World Wetlands Day and Kick-off Event for the 50th Anniversary of the CT Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (1972-2022)

February 2nd, Noon to 1 p.m., [Virtual Event - Click Here to Register](#)

- 12:00 noon **Welcome – Jack Betkoski**, Vice-chair of the CT Public Utility Regulatory Authority and Chair, Water Planning Council (WPC)
- 12:05 p.m. **Opening – Katie Dykes**, Commissioner Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (invited)
- 12:10 p.m. **Brief History of the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act – Denise Savageau**, member State Water Plan Outreach and Education subgroup and President, Connecticut Association of Conservation Districts
- 12:20 p.m. **Wetlands and Watercourses and the State Water Plan**, A moderated discussion on the important role of inland wetlands and watercourses as it relates to the CT State Water Plan.
Moderator: Lou Rosado Burch, member State Water Plan Outreach and Education subgroup and CT Program Director for Citizens Campaign for the Environment
Panelists:
- **Graham Stevens**, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse at the CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection and Water Planning Council Member
 - **Lori J. Mathieu**, Public Health Branch Chief Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch CT Dept. of Public Health and Water Planning Council Member (invited)
 - **Michael Dietz**, Director, Connecticut Institute of Water Resources and State Water Plan Implementation Work Group member
 - **Representative Jonathan Steinberg**, CT General Assembly and Chair, Public Health Committee
- 12:50 p.m. **Year of Celebration – 50 years of Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Protection**
-What's next – May/June 2022
- 1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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