



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Lynde Point Marsh Restoration Project Event

WHAT: The CT Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CWRP) is a proud sponsor of the restoration of the Lynde Point Marsh in Old Saybrook. Other participants in this project include the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the US Environmental Protection Agency, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, the CT Department of Environmental Protection and Ducks Unlimited. Construction began earlier this year, and is scheduled to be completed this fall. When completed, ten acres of valuable saltmarsh will be restored, providing valuable habitat for many wetland species.

WHO: The Honorable Rob Simmons, United States House of Representatives
Mark Tedesco, Director, Long Island Sound Office, US Environmental Protection Agency
Sue Essig, Chief, Division of Habitat Conservation, US Fish & Wildlife Service
Arthur J. Rocque, Jr., Commissioner, CT Department of Environmental Protection
Mark Pratt, Ducks Unlimited
Jean LaVecchia, Vice President, HR&ES, Northeast Utilities
Bill Webster, Lynde Point Land Trust

WHERE: Mr. Bill Webster's Home, Fenwick Borough of Old Saybrook, CT

WHEN: Friday, October 17, 2003, 9:30 A.M.

BACKGROUND:

The CWRP is a voluntary program designed to foster collaboration between the federal government, state agencies and private corporations. Its objective is to stop and reverse the degradation of America's wetlands and other aquatic habitats. The CT CWRP is currently sponsoring projects at Jordan Millpond Dam in Waterford, and Barn Island Wildlife Management Area in Stonington. It has previously provided support to the fishway at Ed Bill's Pond in Lyme.

As part of the CWRP, private corporations that participate in this program donate either funds or in-kind services for restoration of wetlands or other aquatic habitats. These contributions are used as match for federal and state funds to undertake aquatic ecosystem restoration efforts. Projects that receive funds from the CWRP are approved Coastal America projects and federal agencies assist in their proper execution. Northeast Utilities and Duracell are co-chairing the CWRP Chapter in Connecticut. At present, CWRP is active in 10 states, and includes over 150 corporate and 80 NGO partners. Participation in the CWRP is strictly voluntary and flexible. It is not regulatory-driven and it is not involved with enforcement or mitigation programs.

DIRECTIONS:

1. From CT Turnpike/Interstate 95, take exit 67 for Rt. 154 to Old Saybrook. .
2. From the exit ramp, continue South on Middlesex Tpk. (Rt 154) 0.2 miles
3. At the juncture with the Boston Post Road (Rt. 1), bear right on the Boston Post Road (Rt. 1) 0.4 miles
4. Past the post office on your left, bear left on Main Street (which is still Rt 154), go 1.5 miles
5. Main St. becomes College St. Continue on College Street for 0.6 miles
6. Turn Right on Bridge Street (marina is in front of you) and follow over the causeway for 0.2 miles
7. On the other side of the causeway Bridge St. becomes Maple Avenue, go 0.6 miles
8. Turn left on Nibang Ave, and follow for 0.2 miles
9. At the fork in the road, stay to the left on Sequassen Ave, go 0.7 miles to 112 Sequassen Ave. This is the last house at the end of the lane. The salt marsh under restoration will be on your right.

Parking:

Please park on the right side (marsh side) of the road and walk to 112 Sequassen Ave. A tent will be set up in the yard for this event.