

## New Fund Gives PRWC Donors More Options

The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition is pleased to announce that a new fund has been established at the Connecticut Community Foundation of Waterbury, to benefit the work of the Coalition in protecting and preserving the Pomperaug Watershed. The donor-advised nonprofit fund is called The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition Inc. Fund.

The new fund's purpose is to add one more way in which supporters can provide financial assistance toward the Coalition's mission. The fund operates as follows. An individual wishing to donate to the fund may do so by simply making a donation directly to the Coalition, and designating that donation for the fund. The donation becomes a part of the fund, which is managed by the Foundation; the

Coalition is the beneficiary of income earned by the fund.

By establishing the new fund, the Coalition is significantly expanding the opportunities for giving that it offers. The fund is the cornerstone of a Giving Program for the Coalition that lets supporters tailor their giving to their own particular needs. Financial support to the Coalition Giving Program can come through membership, donations to the annual appeal, and major gifts. Donations may be in cash, securities, insurance, or property. The gift can be an IRA conversion, which is currently tax free. The gift can also be into the existing Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition Inc. Fund, or it can be part of a personal fund or trust, such as a charitable remainder trust. And the gift can also be a bequest. With the establishment of the new fund, the Coalition can assist a potential donor with any of these giving alternatives.



**Ann Merriam Feinberg  
Connecticut Community  
Foundation, with Ben Leach,  
Marc Taylor and Cris Schaefer,  
PRWC**

Just call the office at 203-267-1700 if we can help you in any way with these opportunities for giving.

The Coalition wishes to express its sincere thanks to Benton and Dorothy Leach who have created the new fund through a generous initial donation. We would also like to thank the Connecticut Community Foundation which worked closely with us in helping establish the new fund.

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## Three Year Study Provides Scientific Look at What Makes for Good Fish Habitat

Do you know what a Habitat Rating Curve is? Or a Habitat CUT Curve?

Well, neither did we, but we are learning. On November 27, Piotr Parasciewicz, Director of the Northeast Instream Habitat Program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, presented to the Coalition some of the results of his three year fish habitat study on the Pomperaug Watershed and a review of his methodology. His work, contracted by the Coalition, is an attempt to take a very complex subject – what makes for good fish habitat in a watershed – and boil it down into simple data which is quantifiable and useable by local towns in determining how to maintain good fish habitat while still achieving all of the development needs of the communities.

Good fish habitat in our Watershed is just another indicator of good environmental quality in our towns. The presence of a healthy trout population signifies many things – healthy aquatic insect life, ample oxygen, and a good supply of cold clear water.

Piotr's team of scientists has spent three years in our Watershed compiling very detailed data on eight species of fish, in three stages of their life cycle, at ten sites on the Pomperaug, Nonnewaug, and Weekeepemee rivers. A computer model of the Pomperaug fish habitat has been developed by Piotr called "MesoHABSIM" (simulation of fish habitat in a small "meso" area.)

From the model we will get Rating and CUT Curves. A Rating Curve shows what percent of the river is good habitat at various flow levels of the river. A CUT (Continuous Under Threshold Curve) shows how long fish

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can reasonably survive a low flow level without being harmed.

During 2007, the Coalition will be bringing the fish habitat studies to the public so that we can all have a better understanding of how to continue to protect the fish and aquatic life in our fine rivers and aquifer.

## Hello, I'm Patti Doyle

I am the newest member of the staff, taking the position that became open upon Marion Griswold's recent retirement. I bring many years of clerical and administrative experience to my role as Administrative Manager as well as an eagerness to learn about the important work being done by the Coalition to preserve our valuable water resources.



My husband and I have three grown children and two grandchildren; we live in Oxford with our 114 pound Alaskan Malamute, Amber, who keeps us from suffering empty-nest syndrome!

I look forward to becoming an important contributor to the success of the Coalition's mission.

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## Holly Gillette Helps Monitor Aquifer Level

Did you know that the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), continually monitors the water level of the Pomperaug aquifer in Woodbury and Southbury every week? Each week, Coalition volunteer Holly Gillette visits four of the five local monitoring wells, collecting data for the USGS database, in Reston, Virginia.



There's a history behind Holly's weekly rounds. For years, one of the "invisible" activities of the Coalition has been to do weekly water-level checking of our local aquifer. We say the activity is "invisible" because many of you drive right by the well heads around town every day and don't even realize they exist, or know what they're for.

Of the five local well heads, most are just a dark green metal pipe extending about four feet up out of the ground. If you look closely, you can see them at the following locations: Well # SB30 is a pipe on the lawn of the church at the corner of Routes 6 and 67; Well # SB39 is a pipe on the right-hand side of the parking lot at Bennett Park; # SB42 is a cubicle with a disc at the end of Hunters Ridge Road; # SB41 is a pipe at the entrance to Hinman Park; and # WY1 is a concrete well head behind a house across the street from Woodbury's Curtis House.

All the wells require a visit by Holly weekly except the Hunters Ridge well, which automatically records water level and transmits the data by satellite to the USGS database. The USGS aquifer-level data for well # 42 is available to you in real time at [www.pomperaug.org](http://www.pomperaug.org). Just click Links on the web page, then click USGS well 42.

Aquifer well monitoring is just another service that the Coalition provides to the towns and to the USGS to help protect and preserve the Pomperaug Watershed. The level of the aquifer relates to the fullness of the rivers since the aquifer and rivers are all connected. The rivers feed the aquifer (that's called "losing reaches"), while the rivers are also fed by the aquifer ("gaining reaches"). The work of the Coalition, and of Holly Gillette, is an important part of the larger process of assessing the health of the precious aquifer from which we all draw our water.

## THANK YOU TO 2006 DONORS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our January through December 2006 donors. Your support made it possible for us to have a very full year of new events and activities to protect and preserve our Watershed. The support included many individuals and organizations who have been long term donors. We thank you gratefully for being repeat donors.

In response to our October membership appeal, the 2006 donor list included many people who decided to become members as well as annual appeal donors. Thank you for deciding to join. It helps our organization in many ways to have a large and active membership.

In addition, donations from new corporate sponsors allowed us to embark on two new exciting membership events – Fishing Appreciation Day and Canoe/Kayak River Run – and to conduct an all-resident membership drive. We welcome these new sponsors and partners!

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## **Coalition Annual Report by Executive Director**

Hello friends and supporters of the Coalition. It's hard to believe, but I've been here a year now. It's been a great experience. I feel very fortunate to be a part of such a worthy cause.

The organization continues to grow and strengthen. Our first order of business continues to be to generate new scientific data on the Pomperaug Valley rivers and aquifer, and to use this data to encourage all constituents to make the best water management decisions possible. The University of Massachusetts and the U.S. Geological Survey will complete their computer models of the Pomperaug Watershed in the first quarter of 2007. Our challenge then becomes to fully utilize these models to assist with local water management decisions. We are also looking for new grants that will help us further enhance our scientific strength, with a vision of developing a local Pomperaug Watershed institute.

Our next priority during 2006 was to increase the financial and volunteer strength of the Coalition. Thanks to your support for our new Fishing, River Run Canoe/Kayak, and Macroinvertebrates events, our membership grew during the year by about 50 percent. It's been a delight to see our 50 or so new volunteers and 20 new corporate sponsors help us run these new river events. Another financial plus has been the addition of our new Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition Inc. Fund at the Connecticut Community Foundation (see page 1).

While all this was going on, the Coalition continued daily to help residents and organizations solve local environmental problems and make environmentally sound development decisions. These activities ranged from providing advice on algae, beavers, sediment, and chlorine, to providing assistance in the environmental design of new commercial areas.

With the calendar year 2006 at an end, we once again thank Marion Griswold, who retired in October, for her six years of wonderful contributions to the Coalition, and we welcome Patti Doyle as our new Administrative Manager.

We look forward to another year of vigorous activities to protect and preserve the Pomperaug Watershed, one of the finest water supplies in the State of Connecticut.

Cris Schaefer