

Funding Received for Stormwater Mapping in Salem, East Haddam and Lyme

On November 12, the Long Island Sound Futures Fund 2010 grant recipients were announced by the U.S Environmental Protection Agency. The Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee partnering with the Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, and the three towns of Salem, East Haddam and Lyme received a \$37,046 grant to conduct stormwater mapping and planning.

Patricia Young, Program Manger for the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee, said that the original idea for the grant came from a desire to work with the three watershed towns to address a gap in infrastructure mapping that would benefit both the towns and the Eightmile River. Mapping will include infrastructure location and condition, proximity to sensitive resources, such as streams, and design options to address any substandard stormwater outlets.

A combined 220 linear miles of municipal roadways will be included in this project. "Being able to address stormwater issues is a major priority of the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan, which is the guiding document for the Eightmile's Wild and Scenic River designation, said Anthony Irving, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee. We are delighted that this grant will help us take a big step forward,"

"The RC&D Council is thrilled to be working with the communities of the Eightmile River on this important mapping and planning effort", said RC&D President John Guskowski. "Finding creative partnerships to better understand and manage our valuable resources, has been key to our organization's mission."