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USACE CONNECTICUT RIVER HYDRILLA RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT
PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER MEETING
MIDDLETOWN, CT

Interested parties, stakeholders, and abutters are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England District, in partnership with the Lower Connecticut (CT) River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) & the CT Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), is conducting a research and demonstration project to better understand and control the invasive aquatic plant hydrilla (*hydrilla verticillata*) that is currently spreading throughout the lower CT River and its tributaries. A public stakeholder meeting will be held at the end of June (details below) to notify interested parties and stakeholders about the USACE project and to give more details about the research that is being done to assist the local communities in their efforts and planning to reduce current populations of hydrilla and to contain further spread outside of its current known locations. Several water exchange and plant biology studies will be conducted during spring/summer of 2023. Depending on the results of these studies, the use of registered aquatic herbicides may be conducted in 2024. Sites selected to be part of the research and demonstration project are Keeney Cove, Mattabeset River, Chapman Pond, Chester Boat Basin, Selden Cove, Portland Boat Works and Deep River. More details about hydrilla and the USACE demonstration project can be found at the USACE website:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-Topics/Connecticut-River-Hydrilla/>



Meeting & Presentation Details: This meeting is the first in-person community meeting planned by USACE. The meeting will be presented with an online/virtual hybrid option to allow for attendees to log in from home to hear more about the project and the concerning impacts associated with hydrilla in the CT River. The meeting presentation will conclude with a question-and-answer period. In addition, ways to get more information or to become more involved in the process will be discussed. The in-person meeting location has limited seating capacity, so virtual attendance is encouraged to allow for greater attendance by interested parties.

Meeting Details: June 29, 2023

Start time: **7 p.m.**, followed by a question & answer period

Where (in-person): Middletown Municipal Building, 245 deKoven Drive, Middletown, CT.
Please respond if you plan to attend in-person to: CTRiver-Hydrilla@usace.army.mil

Virtual (WebEx) Registration Link: <https://limnotech-430.my.webex.com/weblink/register/r1aa1b5c56d2db2c6785f68cc22a5637a>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.