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Protecting your Environment and Safety

The MDC owns over 33,000 acres of land throughout 15 towns in Connecticut. These include our reservoirs, watersheds, hiking and recreational areas, forests, parks and more. Our police force has a dedicated team of sworn police officers who protect this property – and ultimately our water supply – which is enjoyed by more than one million people each year.

These highly trained MDC employees have completed Connecticut's vigorous Police Academy Training program. Many come to the MDC after serving on police forces throughout Connecticut or in the military. Our police force is led by Cmdr. Henry Martin (shown above), a 21-year veteran of the Hartford Police Department. "Having police experience helps greatly in fulfilling our role at the MDC," the chief explains. "It is the backbone of our professionalism, commitment to duty, and understanding of how to work with – and protect – the public."

This department was created during World War II, and today serves to protect our watershed and recreational areas, as well as to manage crowds, enforce recreational safety rules, and monitor activities on MDC grounds. As you enjoy our land and recreational areas throughout the year, know that we are working hard to keep you well protected.



Go Green –

Learn and Play the MDC Way!

The MDC invites everyone who uses our reservoirs for recreation to participate in the annual Recreation Discovery Day, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at the West Hartford Reservoir, 1420 Farmington Ave., West Hartford.

Families and children will have outdoor fun by enjoying various recreational opportunities at the MDC's watershed – which offers 30 miles of roads and trails open for year-round use. We will offer tips and provide demonstrations on recreational activities, such as hiking, biking and running. You also can learn how the MDC preserves local waterways, provides clean drinking water – and how we manage one of the largest tracts of open space in the state.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hartford was among the first municipalities in the U.S. to establish a public water supply system. Hartford began pumping water from the Connecticut River in 1855.





COMMUNITY FORUMS CONTINUE

The MDC is continuing its very successful "Community Forum" series, which gives residents a closer look at the MDC's services and operations. Four meetings have been held in Hartford this year and more will be scheduled throughout the summer in member towns. Visit www.thecleanwaterproject.com for upcoming meeting information. If your group is interested in hosting a forum, contact Sharon Dixon at 278-7850, ext. 3229.



MDC PRESENTS

Bob Weimar, chief of program management, and Abdul Rahmaan Muhammad, interim diversity manager, spoke about the Clean Water Project at the Maple Avenue NRZ's April meeting in Hartford. "As voters, we need to be continually updated on the status of the project," said Hyacinth Yennie, NRZ chairwoman. "We also must remember that this project includes economic benefits to our local workforce. We are thankful to the MDC for keeping us informed in both areas." To schedule a presentation, contact Melissa Bengtson at (860)278-7850, ext.3221, or email mbengtson@themdc.com.



Committed to Keeping You Informed

With major construction projects scheduled to begin this spring, we realize that this work may produce some inconveniences to neighborhoods in which people live and work. We understand that maintaining two-way communication is necessary to the success of our projects. We are taking many steps to keep you informed and we want to hear from you, too!

One of these important steps is for the MDC to utilize "outreach liaisons" who may live and/or work in neighborhoods where our construction projects are taking place. These liaisons will have the most up-to-date information from the MDC on projected work plans, project issues (traffic interruptions, accessibility to homes, etc.) and much more. The liaisons will deliver these details on a regular basis to community residents, including home and property owners, renters and small businesses.

The liaisons will be available to any resident who has concerns or issues about the Clean Water Project. They will share these comments with the MDC and see that questions and concerns are addressed.

"It is important to the MDC that its customers are greeted with a familiar face when they are contacted about our work," explained Abdul Rahmaan Muhammad, interim diversity manager at the MDC. "Similarly, our liaison will be the resource where residents can turn to for information, to express concerns, and to better understand the upgrades being made to their sewer systems – and know their voices are being heard."



WHO'S WHO ON THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Biviana Casanova, management analyst, files state and federal reimbursements for MDC projects eligible for Clean Water Fund grants and loans. In 2007 she collected almost \$30 million for the District!