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Protecting Our Valuable Water and Waterways

The MDC takes many precautions to protect our water – at its source, before it goes to our homes, and before it is discharged to the Connecticut River.

Both of our reservoirs (Nepaug and Barkhamsted) are surrounded by a total of 30,000 acres of protective watershed land, which is crucial to reducing the potential for pollution. We regularly sample our reservoirs and tributaries, and we monitor insects, disease and wildlife to further ensure the quality of our water sources.

From our reservoirs, water flows by gravity through pipes to treatment facilities in West Hartford and Bloomfield, where an average of 55 million gallons is treated daily. From here, water

travels to homes, schools and businesses where it is used by our 400,000 customers for drinking, cooking, cleaning, and more.

When water goes down the drain, it flows through miles of sewers to one of the MDC's treatment plants in Hartford, East Hartford, Windsor or Rocky Hill. Here, we conduct primary and secondary treatment processes to clean the water before discharging it back to our waterways.

The MDC's team includes highly skilled treatment plant operators, forestry experts, lab technicians, and many others (including a full-time police department) who all help ensure our water quality. It's the most important thing we do at the MDC – every day.

In "Touch" With Nature Along the MDC's Braille Trail

Soft moss, earthy smells, sounds of birds calling out overhead. These are some of the experiences enjoyed regularly by blind visitors to the MDC's Braille Trail located at Lake McDonough in Barkhamsted. The MDC created this trail as part of its ongoing effort to make it easy for everyone to enjoy the outdoors. The self-guided trail includes Braille signage, ramps and railings for the blind and physically impaired. Visitors can touch more than 30 different natural landmarks including many trees and rocks indigenous to Southern New England. Parking and admission are free with reservations. Call (860) 379-3036 or (860) 379-0938.



MDC ALERT!

MDC workers wear MDC shirts and carry photo ID badges marked with the MDC logo. If we visit your home, ask to see our identification.



If you have any questions, call us at (860) 278-7850 or (860) 278-0127.



Resources for Contractor Employment

The MDC works with local job training and placement organizations to fill open contracted positions. Three such groups are listed here, with more to follow in future newsletter issues.

HARTFORD JOBS FUNNEL

(www.capitalworkforce.org/partners/jobs_funnel.shtml) Provides pre-employment preparation, job training and related services for Hartford residents 18 and older. Call (860) 524-8859.

CT ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

(www.ctabc.org) Works with the Construction Education Center to produce more than 50 classroom and web-based training courses. Call (860) 529-5886.

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF CT

(www.ctconstruction.org) Offers education and safety programs to contractors, and a scholarship program for students planning careers in construction. Call (860) 529-6855.

Source to Sea Cleanup

Groups and individuals are encouraged to join the MDC on September 29 for this annual cleanup of our treasured Connecticut River. For information, visit www.ctriver.org. To volunteer, call Melissa Bengtson at 278-7850 x3221 or e-mail mbengtson@themdc.com.



MDC leaders discuss the Clean Water Project with the Rev. Nora Wyatt on his Hartford Public Access television program.

The MDC Honors Recent Job Training Graduates



One of the most crucial aspects of the MDC's Clean Water Project is to encourage the training and hiring of skilled local workers.



The Clean Water Project will require hundreds of workers – and we want our member communities' citizens to receive economic benefits.

To ensure that a strong, competitive labor force is prepared here in Connecticut, we are working with training organizations such as the Hartford-area Jobs Funnel. Bob Weimar, Chief of Program Management for the Clean Water Project, was a featured speaker at the Jobs Funnel graduation held on July 27 at the New England Laborers' Training Academy in Pomfret. Bob was honored to share the day with ten individuals who have taken an important step to improve their skills – and their lives.

"The Jobs Funnel graduates are the skilled workers of tomorrow, who are now prepared to work in crucial industries such as construction and public works," Bob said. "They are the construction professionals who will rebuild the area's infrastructure. Once the Clean Water Project construction gets underway in 2008 and beyond, they will be key to MDC's program success. We can see this trained workforce as a vital legacy to future generations of the Hartford region."

Chuck Sheehan, MDC CEO, stated, "We cannot overstate the MDC's pledge to support the area's economic success. We will include a very proactive outreach to small, women and minority-owned local firms who are qualified to participate in the many opportunities that will be created in implementing the MDC Clean Water Project."



WHO'S WHO AT THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Mike O'Brien, a 30-year veteran of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, is an active member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Clean Water Project. We benefit from his project management experience, knowledge of industry regulations, and expertise in environmental concerns.