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## Eco-friendly Operations at the MDC

Like most people, the MDC has long been concerned with high energy prices and protecting our environment. We promote the responsible disposal of hazardous materials, careful use of our rivers, reservoirs, recreational lands, and more. Here's a brief look at our eco-friendly programs designed to address these concerns:

**Waste Heat Recovery Project:** The MDC incinerates up to 22,000 tons of sludge annually, a process which creates extremely hot (1,200 degree Fahrenheit) exhaust gases. The MDC is designing a project that will divert these gases to a waste heat boiler to ultimately produce electricity for on-site use, saving up to \$850,000 in electricity costs.

**Hydroelectric Power:** Our hydroelectric facilities at the Goodwin Dam (shown above) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Colebrook River Dam provide enough electricity to power 3,000

homes. These plants help reduce our state's dependence on oil and gas – and produce no anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions.

**Household HazWaste Collection:** Fall is here and the collections will be ending soon. Now is your last chance to safely dispose of your old, unwanted cans of turpentine, insecticides, and other items! Visit [www.themdc.com](http://www.themdc.com) or call 860-278-3809 for the remaining 2008 collection schedule.

**Customer Service:** Our new online bill payment saves paper, time and fuel for customers, as does our electronic version of this newsletter. To receive NewsLine via e-mail, contact Melissa Bengtson at 860- 278-7850, ext. 3221, or e-mail [mbengtson@themdc.com](mailto:mbengtson@themdc.com).

Additionally, we encourage our contractors and suppliers to adopt energy-saving and environmentally friendly practices – to extend our environmental awareness and stewardship as far as possible!

## Members of Ghana's Parliament Visit the MDC



The MDC often provides tours to participants of the University of Connecticut's Office of International Affairs program. This year, visitors from Ghana toured the MDC's Reservoir 6 Water Treatment Plant and the Hartford Water Pollution Control Facility. Senior MDC officials explained how we provide and finance regional services. Here, Ray Baral (seated), Reservoir 6 superintendent, shows the automated water treatment monitoring system. Looking on are (from left): Bernadette Lamontagne of the Office of International Affairs; Alex Johnson, MDC intern; Kofi Amponsah-Boateng, finance director for Ghana's Parliament, and Francis Morgan, the Parliament's human resources director.

## DID YOU KNOW?

In partnership with Riverfront Recapture, the MDC maintains the Hartford and East Hartford riverfront parks and keeps the parks clean for visitors to enjoy.





## DISPARITY STUDY UPDATE

The MDC recently hired Miller 3 Consulting, Inc. a minority-owned consulting firm based in Atlanta, to conduct an independent Disparity Study on minority and woman-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs) participation in MDC procurement and contracting. As the MDC prepares its inclusion efforts for the \$1.6 billion Clean Water Project, the Disparity Study will assist in establishing realistic goals and objectives. Miller 3 Consulting will conduct an exhaustive analysis of MDC procurement activity and M/WBE levels of participation.



## Keep the Feedback Coming!

This summer the MDC sent out over 25,000 questionnaires to residents in the Combined Sewer System in Hartford and West Hartford. If you've received a notice it is because we are trying to determine the amount of overflows that occur in your area. All notices have been sent out and we are looking forward to your responses. For more information contact, Melissa Bengtson at 860-278-7850, ext. 3221.



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## Remembering Matt Nozzolio, our Friend and Colleague

On August 2, 2008, the MDC lost a dear friend, colleague and contributor to this publication, Matt Nozzolio. For the past 15 years Matt served as our public affairs specialist, and was the official spokesman for the MDC.

We were honored and grateful to work with Matt. He was the enthusiastic “public face” of the MDC, keeping residents informed on a wide range of MDC activities and was always on hand during any District emergency. He warmly welcomed visitors to the MDC – from foreign dignitaries to local school children – and participated in countless MDC events including Earth Day, Source to Sea, community forums, and much more.

Matt’s creativity and originality went far beyond the office. A skilled musician, he performed bluegrass, country and folk music nearly every week across Connecticut and New England. He wrote music, sang and played the accordion and Dobro, a resonator guitar that is finger-picked.

Matt toured Europe in the 1990s, representing the United States at the International World of Bluegrass festival in the Netherlands. His compassion and care for the sick allowed him to share his love of music with patients at several local hospitals as part of music therapy.

Matt will be missed by hundreds of employees, friends, family and those that enjoyed his music. He left his mark on these pages each month and his commitment to public relations will always be a part of the MDC’s history. He leaves us all at the MDC glad to have known him as a friend.