

**Connecticut State Water Plan Final Draft Report — Public Comment Tracking Log (9/17/2017)**

Date	First Name	Last Name	City/Town:	Organization (if applicable)	Open-Ended Response
7/21/2017	Tony	Mitchell	New Hartford	Rivers Alliance of CT	Thank you for using SurveyMonkey for public comments on the Draft State Water Plan. So far it seems like a much easier system to use than the other docket comment systems. We will put links to it on our Topic: State Water Planning webpage ( <a href="http://www.riversalliance.org/Topics/Water_Planning.php">http://www.riversalliance.org/Topics/Water_Planning.php</a> ) .
7/22/2017	Francis	DeCapua	Milford		I find this entire "water plan" complete nonsense. We need to pass stricter dumping and EPA laws in order for this to make sense. Triple the fines that are currently in place. Then, maybe companies will take it seriously.
7/27/2017	Mike	Papa	Stamford	Artscape organic care llc	Stamford 7 27 / 2017. Dear ladies & gentlemen . My Name is Mike g Papa. I attended many water plan meetings . I come to the conclusion that we ( as people).. underestimate the potential benefits we just leave behind as a result of mediocre water management strategy in place today at the local , state and federal levels . Even as we suffer the consequences of pollution in the waterways , chronic diseases , shortage of water , still .... the public individually or through the elected representatives are not in tune with the implementation and execution of TRUE stewardship work that include first and foremost an EXCELLENT STRATEGY of managing the water in a way that will be (((an asset ))) helping the mineralization and immobilization of nutrients in the landscape ecosystem , avoiding leaching then into the waterways Today we the people of this greath state and country are suffering the consequences of our own lack of involvement ! We are at the mercy of the WEATHER ! The idea to allow the water company to solve water problem it is not working . The solution it is to work at each (( local level of government ))to being able to deliver some EXCELLENT stewardship work from witch the rest of people and private sector can learn . Local government being non profit are qualified to attend classes at u conn , deep etchetera and DELIVER !!! The problem today at all level of government there is to much NARRATIVE and very little EXSECUTION . ... Nature will do most on it's OWN if we take the time to manage it's laws . Sincerely. Mike g Papa. ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥???????
8/5/2017	Ronald	Roberts	Wallingford		I believe we need to have tighter controls, laws and regulations limiting the amount and types of fertilizers that are used by homeowners, facilities (public & private) e.g. golf courses, school campuses etc. I also believe the above misuse and overuse products that are harmful to our water supply. I propose the use on natural, ecological friendly products for use. Litter, trash, rubbish dumped on the roadways, parking lots contribute harmfully to our water supply, sources and recreational areas.
8/9/2017	Catherine	Smith	Hartford	Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD)	<a href="#">DECD Letter State Water Plan Final.pdf (0.5 MB)</a>

8/20/2017	Judy	Allen	West Hartford		In regard to Section 3, WP4-2.1.2 Public water companies are required to assess whether they have the capacity to supply to water to a new large volume water development. The assessment should include a calculation of future needs as well. It should include consideration of needs in times of drought and the unique demands not only of current customers but for other companies who might need to connect in order to meet the public health needs of its citizens. An assessment of capacity needs to be balanced and include in-stream requirements for sustaining stream flow and aquatic life. When a public water utility is not able to meet those requirements during times of drought, then they do not have the capacity to serve new large volume water developments. Recent attempts by water companies to keep rates down have led to finding new ways to sell more water. Large water bottlers can seem an attractive answer. However, a public water company should never be in the business of economic development. As this section points out, it is the responsibility of a municipality to review land use and development within its boundaries in accordance with its economic development plan. A water company should be aware of the future development plans for the towns it serves and take them into consideration. While it is not the place for one municipality to dictate development to another town, when a public water company serves more than one town there needs to be a mechanism for taking these into account when determining available capacity. For example, just because one town entices a large volume water user to locate in its town, should not then preclude another town's plans just because they didn't put in its desire for water before. In short, assessing the ability to provide the water capacity required needs to include much more than the depth of a reservoir.
8/21/2017	Margaret	Miner	Litchfield	Rivers Alliance of CT	I am submitting this comment early because it calls for action that we believe should be taken now, before the Plan is further distributed. The NEIWPCC Appendix G to the Water Plan should either be corrected or deleted.
9/4/2017	Judy	Allen	West Hartford	Save Our Water CT	In Section 5 there is a suggestion that the state consider some sort of monetizing of water. I think this would be a very bad precedent. In CT water is a public trust, held for the benefit of all. When water gets privatized people begin to think that they "own" pieces of CT water. A water company provides infrastructure for delivery of water to its customers, but its customers are paying for the infrastructure not the water. Across the country and indeed the world, the privatization of water has led to water wars, lack of water for people who desperately need it, conflicts, and the use of water as a resource for power. It may seem that these are unlikely occurrences here in CT, but Fryeburg, ME is an example of how water can be grabbed by the bottled water industry if safeguards are not put in place.
9/4/2017	Judy	Allen	West Hartford	Save Our Water CT	The plan does not address the bottled water industry in any meaningful way. It deserves its own category among the possible economic and development plans. When water is bottled nothing is manufactured except plastic containers. The water is not used in the manufacture of other products such as air plane parts, or to cool power generation systems. The water used in agriculture creates a crop that can be locally eaten with far less transportation costs than bottled water. The large volumes of water bottled here in CT leave our state never to return. Because of this I believe bottled water deserves its own consideration.
9/6/2017	Judy	Allen	West Hartford	Save Our Water CT	Section 5.5 I particularly like the suggestions for conflict resolution. I hope the Advisory Group can make these part of their mission with a pathway for the public, on behalf of the environment to bring issues forward. I like hat the State Water Plan could be used as a guide for resolving conflicts so that it is not resolved solely by people's special interests.

9/6/2017	Judy	Allen	West Hartford	Save Our Water CT	<p>I'm wondering if an index could be created. While the table of contents is great, it does not let you find information that may not have its own section. For example: In the wake of Hurricane Harvey I went to our draft plan to see what it could tell me about flooding. An index could point me to the right places where flooding was considered. Coastal flooding is not addressed in the plan because there are other plans being compiled. But what about in-land flooding? I found some references to floods, mostly related to climate change. Climate change may result in heavier and more frequent precipitation leading to flooding. Is there some kind of flood index like a drought index that can address things related to floods. What are the environmental implications of flooding? I assume that it's location specific for small flood events. What is the probably that CT could face a major in-land flood for water quality and drinking water availability. Is our infrastructure adequate to handle a major flood? To me the implications of a drought are clearer than the implications of a flood.</p>
9/12/2017	Terry	Gerratana	6th Senate District	Senate Democrats	
	Ted	Kennedy	12 Senate District		
	Carlo	Leone	27th Senate District		

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