

We're being Invaded!

The Capitol Region Council of Governments invites you to attend an important workshop on dealing with the growing problem of invasive aquatic plants in the Connecticut River.



Hydrilla is among the most troublesome invasive aquatic plants and has become common in the Connecticut River, choking portions of the river and coves. Hydrilla grows rapidly and its thick mats can impede boat access, choke out native vegetation, and impact fish populations. Controlling Hydrilla and other invasive aquatic plants can be expensive but ignoring the problem can be even more costly.

Salmon Brook, Glastonbury, (Judy Preston Photo), circa 2018

Please join us **Wednesday morning, June 19th** for workshop to discuss this growing problem and what steps local communities can take.

We will feature a presentation by Greg Bugbee, an aquatic scientist with the Connecticut Agricultural Extension Service, who is leading an effort to document the extent of the infestation so that management options can be determined. We will also hear from Eric Trott, Coventry Town Planner, who can provide local perspective on dealing with an Hydrilla infestation in Coventry Lake which is costing over \$100,000 annually to manage. Jeanne Davies of Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development (CTRC&D) will discuss a proposed Environmental Team Review approach to initiating efforts to come to terms with this issue.

Workshop begins at 9:30 AM (Light refreshments provided at 9 AM.)

Location: CRCOG Board Room, 3rd floor, 241 Main Street, Hartford – use rear entrance off John Street

Free Parking: CRCOG Visitor's Lot, 51 John Street (<http://crcog.org/directions/>)

Please RSVP to Lynne Pike DiSanto (lpikedisanto@crcog.org).