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Press Release

Annual Fishway Open House Scheduled

As part of its ongoing educational program, the Town of Greenwich Conservation Commission will be opening the Mianus Pond Fishway for public viewing during the annual spring river herring migration. The open houses are scheduled this year for Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 10 am -12 pm, April 25, 2009 from 9 am – 11 am, and May 16, 2009 from 2 pm – 4 pm. The Fishway is located next to the GADC River House, 125 River Road Extension, Cos Cob, CT. Conservation Commission staff and volunteers will be on hand to lead participants on a tour and provide information about the history of the fishway, the fishes that utilize it, and how it is operated.

The fishway, which was constructed in 1993, allows diadromous fishes such as alewives and blueback herring (collectively referred to as river herring) to gain access to important spawning and nursery grounds in the Mianus River. Although herring populations over the past two decades have drastically declined and remain in a depressed state throughout much of their range, the largest herring run utilizing a fishway in the State of Connecticut was observed at the town owned fishway during the springs of 2007 and 2008.

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