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Press Release

Fishway Workshop for Volunteers

The Town of Greenwich Conservation Commission is looking to expand its current volunteer base and monitoring program at the Mianus Pond Fishway. The fishway, which was constructed in 1993, allows diadromous fishes such as alewives and blueback herring that spend a portion of their lives in freshwater and saltwater to gain access to important spawning and feeding 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 this past spring.

As part of our effort to increase our volunteer monitor base, all interested residents are invited to attend a workshop/informational meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 from 9 -11 am. The workshop will be held in the Garden Education Center at the Montgomery Pinetum, 130 Bible Street, Cos Cob, CT. A PowerPoint presentation will be provided and preceded by a question and answer period. Participants in the workshop will learn about the history of the fishway, the fishes that utilize it, how it is operated, and the duties volunteers are expected to perform. No prior knowledge of fish passage is needed to attend. Local residents, fishing groups, watershed employees, and town employees are encouraged to attend.

There is no fee for this program, but pre-registration is required so we have the appropriate number of handouts. To register call the Conservation Commission at

203-622-6461. For more information contact Brian Eltz, Conservation Assistant at 203-622-6461 or brian.eltz@greenwichct.org.

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