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Press Release

Fishway Open House

The Town of Greenwich Conservation Commission is celebrating Earth Day by conducting an open house at the Mianus Pond Fishway. 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 spring of 2007.

As part of our effort to increase public awareness, all interested residents are invited to attend the open house on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 10 am -12 pm. The open house will be held at the GADC River House, 125 River Road Extension, Cos Cob, CT. Starting at 10 am, First Selectman Peter Tesei will give an Earth Day Proclamation and Brian Eltz, Conservation Assistant and Fisheries Biologist, will give a short presentation on the natural history of the fisheries and the fishway. Tours will begin immediately following the presentation. Participants in the open house will learn about the history of the fishway, the fishes that utilize it, and how it is operated. No prior knowledge of fish passage is needed to attend. Local residents, fishing groups, environmental organizations, watershed associations, and town employees are encouraged to attend.

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