



# NEWINGTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

## REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 2016

*Conference Room L-100, Lower Level*  
131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111

6:30 p.m.

## A G E N D A

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Special Meeting February 11, 2016

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Funding sources and opportunities:

- 1. CT Greenways Council (deadline: April 29, 2016).

- b. Status of revision to Provision #3 of the Town Council Resolution establishing the Open Space Committee.

- c. Review of work done by previous Open Space Committee.

- d. Open Space Inventory and Map.

- e. Status of Comprehensive Open Space Management Strategy.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURN

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Craig Minor, AICP  
Town Planner

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**Town Planner**

Tanya D. Lane  
Acting Town Manager

Craig Minor, AICP  
Town Planner

To: Open Space Committee  
From: Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP  
Date: March 7, 2016  
Subject: **Agenda Items for March 10, 2016**

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*Note that this month's Committee Meeting is in Room L-100*

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Funding sources and opportunities:

1. CT Greenways Council (deadline: April 29, 2016).

Allyson Clark of DEEP will be at the meeting to discuss this funding opportunity. Also: when I was familiarizing myself the other day with greenways in Newington and CT Greenways, I discovered that Newington does in fact have several officially-designated CT Greenways. See attached maps.

b. Status of revision to Provision #3 of the Town Council Resolution establishing the Open Space Committee. I sent the attached memo to the Acting Town Manager. It will be on the Town Council agenda of March 22, 2016 for discussion.

c. Review of work done by previous Open Space Committee. Enclosed are the minutes of the last twelve months of the previous Open Space Committee, as requested last month.

d. Open Space Inventory and Map. At the last meeting the Committee discussed the definition of "open space", and to what degree open space in Newington is protected from development or other inappropriate use. I think "protectedness" can be represented by placement in the attached two-by-two chart. We can discuss this at the meeting.

e. Status of Comprehensive Open Space Management Strategy. At the last meeting I offered to contact the various department heads who have jurisdiction over Newington's open space (parks, vacant land, etc.) and discuss a coordinated approach to managing it. That discussion will take place at the monthly Public Works department head meeting this Wednesday. I'll report on it at the Open Space Committee meeting.

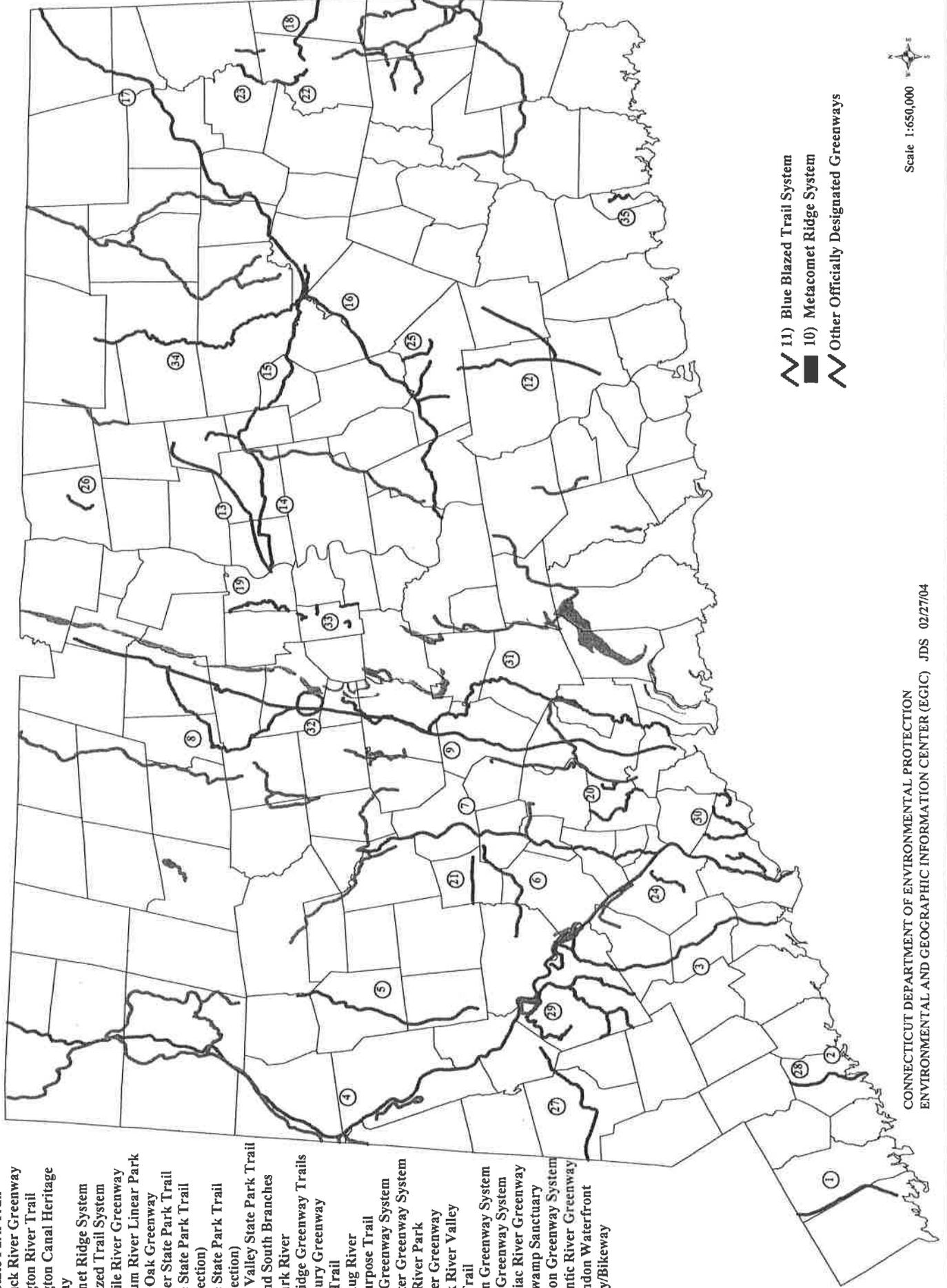
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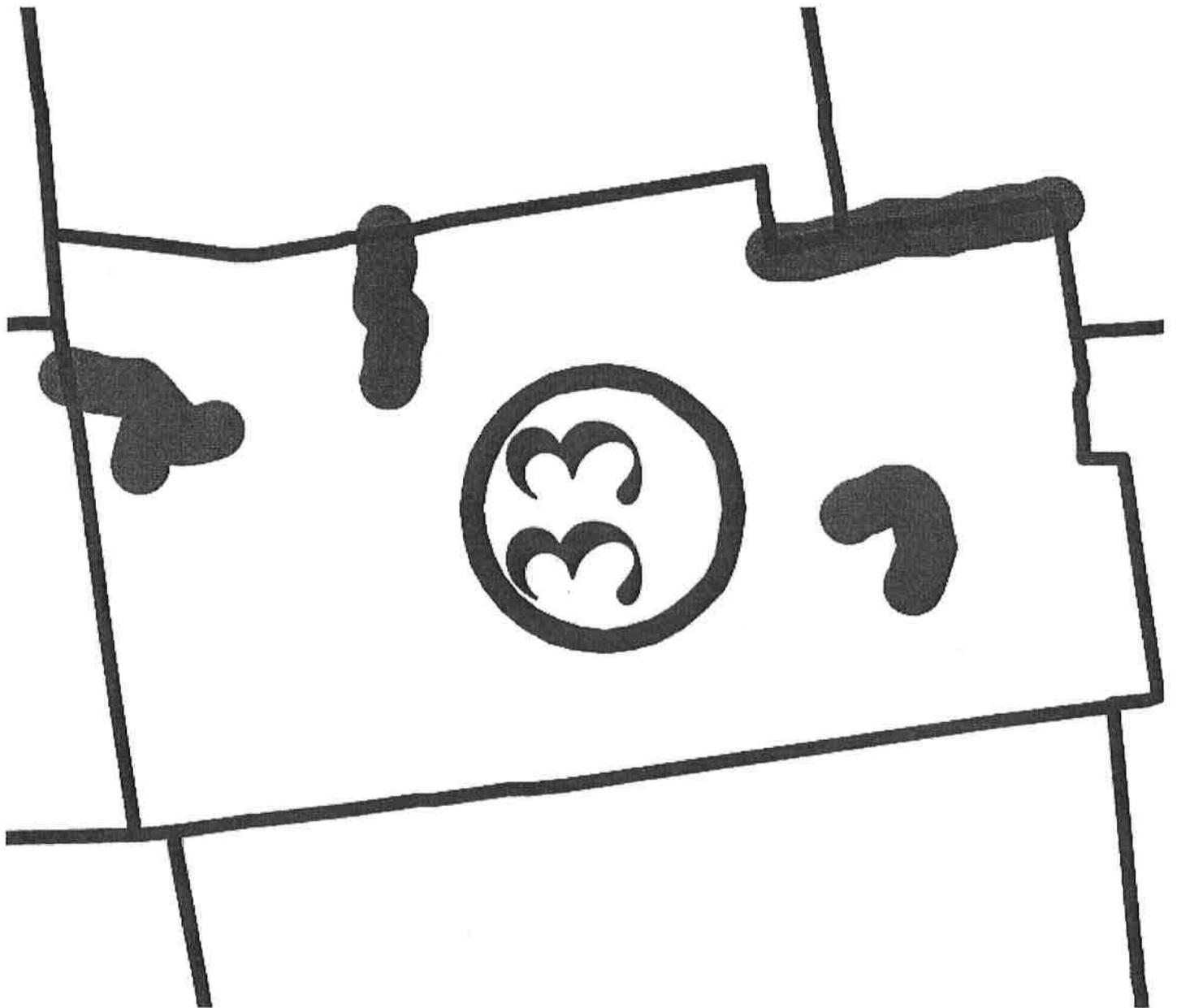
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# Connecticut Greenways Council Officially Designated Greenways 2001-2003

February, 2004

- 1) Mianus River Greenway
- 2) Norwalk Heritage Greenway
- 3) Pequonnock/Housatonic Railroad Greenway
- 4) Housatonic Riverbelt Greenway
- 5) Shepaug Greenway
- 6) Larkin State Park Trail
- 7) Naugatuck River Greenway
- 8) Farmington River Trail
- 9) Farmington Canal Heritage Greenway
- 10) Metacomet Ridge System
- 11) Blue Blazed Trail System
- 12) Eight Mile River Greenway
- 13) Hockanum River Linear Park
- 14) Charter Oak Greenway
- 15) Hop River State Park Trail
- 16) Air Line State Park Trail (South Section)
- 17) Air Line State Park Trail (North Section)
- 18) Moosup Valley State Park Trail
- 19) North and South Branches of the Park River
- 20) Woodbridge Greenway Trails
- 21) Middlebury Greenway
- 22) Trolley Trail
- 23) Quinebaug River Multi-Purpose Trail
- 24) Shelton Greenway System
- 25) Colchester Greenway System
- 26) Scantic River Park
- 27) Still River Greenway
- 28) Norwalk River Valley Linear Trail
- 29) Newtown Greenway System
- 30) Milford Greenway System
- 31) Quinnipiac River Greenway
- 32) Shade Swamp Sanctuary
- 33) Newington Greenway System
- 34) Willimantic River Greenway
- 35) New London Waterfront Walkway/Bikeway







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## Memorandum

**To:** Acting Town Manager Tanya D. Lane, MMC  
**From:** Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP *CM*  
**Date:** March 4, 2016  
**Re:** **Town Council Resolution of September 8, 2015 establishing the current Open Space Committee**

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The current Open Space Committee was established by the Town Council on September 8, 2015 by Council resolution (attached). One of the provisions of that resolution reads as follows:

- “3. Upon request from the Town Council, the Open Space Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Council as to Open Space implications on such issues as the acquisition of real property, the sale of Town property, the protection and utilization of existing Town owned property, the financial impact of property acquisition with or without external funding sources and potential use of the Capital Improvement Fund.”

This provision prevents the Committee from addressing open space issues that were not specifically referred to it by the Town Council, preventing it from being pro-active on open space issues. At its meeting on February 11, 2016 the Committee voted to ask the Town Council to consider adding one sentence at the end of Provision #3:

The Open Space Committee may make recommendations to the Town Council whenever deemed appropriate by the Committee.”

This change retains the Committee’s responsibility to submit recommends when requested by the Town Council, but gives it the ability to be pro-active.

Please place this item on the agenda of the next regular Town Council meeting.

cc:

✓ Open Space Committee members  
✓ file

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