

Stop the Attack on Connecticut's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for nearly 2 out of every 3 Connecticut residents. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans, including more than 2.2 million in Connecticut.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 52% of Connecticut's stream miles and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.



- **62% of Connecticut residents – nearly 2 out of every 3 people** - get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **844 miles of streams** that feed into Connecticut's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 59% of the stream miles in Connecticut's Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide \$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish, wildlife and Connecticut's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$1.7 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Connecticut, including \$436 million on fishing, and more than 1.4 million people participated in these recreation activities throughout the state.
- **Connecticut's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Connecticut breweries contribute over \$373 million to our economy every year and support more than 4,300 jobs.

Connecticut Clean Water Rule Supporters

- Nearly **20,000 CT residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans** expressed support for the rule in 2014.
- Nearly 50 conservation, environmental, and faith-based organizations representing thousands of Connecticut residents.
- The City of Hartford passed a resolution, while 33 elected officials, and the State Attorney's General signed letters of support. Connecticut also joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.
- Several small businesses in Connecticut also support the rule.

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