

## **WG Conservation Commission Work Plan: Draft for 2012**

**January** – approval of a WGCC work plan for the year

**February?** – Big River Management Area: a draft of positive, constructive suggestions for any future land use plan for this area... submitted to the Town Council for consideration and addressed to whichever agency -- Statewide Planning, RI Water Resources Board, RI DEM -- that may ultimately be in charge of the Big River's stewardship and development

**March** – preparation and involvement of members in the RI Association of Conservation Commissions statewide conference of CC's and workshops at the March 6<sup>th</sup> Land, Water and Conservation Summit to be held at URI

**April** – the annual WGCC sponsored Earth Day Clean Up held primarily in the Big River and Lake Mishnock areas with as much local participation possible, in addition to the volunteers from NEMBA and all over the state

**May/June?** – a report and/or presentation of a project (recycling habits and waste patterns in the town of WG) by a student from The Greene School

**ADVISORY OPINIONS** – being prepared (reviewing criteria &/or training workshops) for development proposals when the economy gets better (assuming it does!)

**Fall** – sponsoring some community conversation on an important theme, focus (e.g. continuing to examine the intersection of the environment, energy and the economy local farming or a farmers's market or promoting community subscription agriculture) or an event or project (e.g. augmenting the Town Conservation Inventory of Open Space by appending a section that relates to animal and plant species native, endangered, rare, and invasive to this area)

**Fall** – participating in a Land Trust celebrate West Greenwich information exhibit/event

**Other possibilities** might include a thorough overhaul of our web pages on the town website, and perhaps a thoughtful session discussing with our town planner on what are upcoming issues in the planning pipeline related to conservation or eco-oriented development and green energy initiatives, for example what ordinances or ordinance modifications might support experiments and greater participation of scale...