

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Learn how the
West Greenwich
Conservation Commission
helps shape a better
tomorrow...

WHAT DOES THE WG CONSERVATION COMMISSION DO?

Founded by town ordinance in 1977, the Commission, made up entirely of volunteers, seeks to:

- Be alert to environmental dangers, trends and/or opportunities for the community, and to monitor long-term quality of life in West Greenwich.
- Act as a forum for, and research and study environmentally related issues, and provide possible solutions that actively take into account the Town's natural, cultural, recreational, and scenic environments.
- Engage in educational activities, outreach and dissemination to the community.
- Participate in the town review process by providing advisory opinions, and to make informed recommendations to town boards.



ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS 2010

- Annual Earth Day clean up
- Toxic materials fall clean up
- Water quality monitoring
- Workshops for residents on septic system maintenance and private well water protection



If you would like to become more involved in your Town's conservation efforts, please contact the West Greenwich Conservation Commission for details:

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EARTH DAY 2010



Earnest crowd at sign in



Our local boy scouts



Family affair



So many tires!



Well earned lunch



Lots of fun prizes

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Town of West Greenwich, at the request of freemen of this area, was incorporated by the General Assembly on April 6, 1741 as a separate town.

Our coat of arms is patterned after Greenwich, England in the county of Kent. It is a silver hour glass on a little blue field, with a golden stripe at the top on which is a red setting sun. The arms are a modification of those of East Greenwich with the difference of the setting sun signifying the west.



The town hall is 102 feet long and it sits 102 feet from Route 102.

The town hall was opened in 1970 and replaced the old town hall on Nooseneck Hill Road which was taken as part of the Big River Reservoir Project and later moved to its present location behind Lineham School. The original town hall is currently used as storage for the school and as a club house for the EWG girls' softball league.

Goals for a West Greenwich Sustainability Plan

In November 2009, the Commission distributed a survey to residents. The results, in order of importance to residents are:

1. Preserving the rural character of the town
2. Promoting a healthy community
3. Maintaining and improving natural resources
4. Reducing the Town's carbon footprint and impact on climate change
5. Promoting local agriculture and reducing food miles
6. Developing a sustainable local economy, a green plan for WG

As a result of resident input, the WG Conservation Commission incorporated several new goals into their 2010 Sustainability Plan:

1. Public education and outreach, seminars, and the development of community groups
2. Periodic awareness events
3. Development of a web site
4. Coordination with Town on public policy through planning, zoning and town guidelines