

# *Environmental Agenda – 2007 and Beyond*



- **What has been accomplished**
  - Programmatically
  - Legislatively
- **Moving Forward – Setting Priorities**

# *Where have we been*

*Recent Accomplishments*

*Landscape Stewardship/Responsible Growth*

- **New tools**
  - Landscape Stewardship web page launched
  - Implementing Watershed-based Plans – Niantic River
- **New Legislation**
  - *An Act Concerning Responsible Growth (PA 07-239)*
  - *An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Brownfields Task Force (PA 07-233)*
  - *An Act Concerning the Face of Connecticut (PA 07-131)*

# *Where have we been*

## *Landscape Stewardship/Responsible Growth*



- **New Assistance Offered**
  - **Open Space Grants to include Urban Gardens**
  - **Funding for two staff positions for assistance programs**
- **Land Management**
  - **Green Plan revisions**
  - **Grassland Habitat Initiative launched**
  - **Encroachment Policy drafted**
  - **Surveyor hired**

# *Where have we been*

*Pogo - Clean Air*

- - **Climate Change Activities**
  - **Regional model rule developed to cap GHG emissions**
  - **Climate Registry**
  - **Stakeholder Process re-invigorated**
  - **Adaptation Principles/Strategies/Impacts explored**
  - **Funding for diesel reduction initiatives – retrofits/cleaner buses**
  - **Clean Car Regulations Adopted**
  - ***An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency (PA 07-242)***

# *Where have we been*

*Pogo*

- **New Approaches and New Rules**
  - Organic Land Care DVD
  - *An Act Concerning the Collection and Recycling of Covered Electronic Waste (PA 07-189)*
  - *An Act Concerning the Use of Cleaning Products in State Buildings (PA 07-100)*
  - *An Act Banning Pesticide Use on School Grounds (PA 07-168)*
  - Governor Rell launched the “Just One Thing” effort
- **Solid Waste Management Plan Adopted**
- **Addressing Toxics in products**
- **No Discharge Area Designations for Long Island Sound**

# *Where have we been*

## *Path of Least Resistance*

- **Civil Penalties for Coastal, Pesticide, and Water Resource programs adopted**
- **Major Enforcement Actions Completed**
  - **Hamilton Sundstrand**
  - **Home Depot**
  - **Ecolab**
- **Enhancing Assistance**
  - **New DEP web site**
  - **Records Room redesigned**

# *Where have we been*

## *Path of Least Resistance*

- **General Permits Issued/Developed**
  - **Diversion of Remediation Groundwater/Consumptive Use**
  - **Contaminated Soil and/or Sediment Management (staging and transfer)**
  - **Discharge of Wastewaters Associated with Food Preparation**
  - **Municipal Transfer Stations (public comment closes Oct. 21)**
  - **Construct and Operate Certain Recycling Facilities**
  - **Pump and recharge geoexchange systems**
  - **Non-contact cooling – surface waters**
  - **Diversions from Long Island Sound**

# *Where have we been*

## *Path of Least Resistance*

- **General Permits (continued)**
  - **Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activity (reissued)**
  - **Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters Associated with Construction Activities (reissued)**
- **Legislative Developments**
  - *An Act Concerning Dam Safety (PA 07-61)*
  - *An Act Concerning the Aquifer Protection Area Program (PA 07-85)*

# *Where have we been*

*No Child Left Inside*

- **Second Round of the Great Park Pursuit**
- **Park Passes for Foster Care Families**
- **Maintainers hired for the Park System**
- **Park Passes at Libraries**
- **Urban Fishing Program launched**
- **Family Fishing Program expanded**
- **Funding for maintainers/operating expenses**
- **Expanded Programming with Partners**
  - **Transportation**
  - **Essex Steam Train**
  - **Camping Gear**

# *Where have we been*

*No Child Left Inside*

- **Regional and National momentum**
  - Programs in other states
  - Guidance manual developed
- **Urban Programming**
  - Oil Drum Art
  - Recreational Programming – camping, fishing
- **Water Safety and Partnerships (Y's, Red Cross, DCF)**

# *Where we are going*

## *Great Outdoors*

- **Refocus on Open Space**
  - **Finalize Green Plan**
  - **Coordination between conservation plans and open space funding**
  - **Managing Open Space – encroachments, funding for habitat maintenance, grassland habitat initiative**
  - **“Big Ticket” Parcels – Oswegatchie, Preserve, etc.**

# *Where we are going*

## *Great Outdoors*

- **Rebuild the Park System**
  - **Expand No Child Left Inside umbrella**
  - **Future rounds of the Great Park Pursuit**
  - **Cultivate new partnerships**
  - **Pursue grant opportunities**
  - **Focus on families – including grandparents**
  - **Strengthen relationships with Education**
  - **Expand Safe Swimming initiatives**
  - **Create No Child Left Inside Foundation**
  - **Build off of federal No Child Left Inside legislation**

# *Where we are going*

## *Great Outdoors*

- **Protecting Wildlife and Natural Resources**
  - Convene Summit on strategies to best protect wildlife and natural resources
  - Pursue Green Forestry
  - Implement Lobster V-notch program
  - Pursue All Waters Fishing License

# *Where we are going*

## *Responsible Growth*

- **Mapping Projects – habitat, protected lands, build-outs**
- **Target State Funding – review DEP funding impacting growth and development**
- **Work with Responsible Growth steering committee on developing criteria**
- **Expand Municipal Outreach – “On the Road” with Deputy Commissioner Marrella, assistance guide under development**

# *Where we are going*

## *Responsible Growth*

- **Enhance training for local land use officials**
- **Advance Low-Impact Development principles**
- **Focus on Brownfields – coordination with DECD, new Brownfields Coordinator selected**
- **Continue discussions with DPH and other stakeholders re: on-site septic systems**
- **Address development in flood inundation zones and influence development patterns**

# *Where we are going*

## *Clean Water*

- **Continue to oppose projects that “industrialize” the Sound – Broadwater, Islander East**
- **Support a significant and sustained increase in Clean Water Fund investments**
- **Restore Tidal Wetlands – continue progress underway**
- **LIS Seafloor Mapping – build on partnership with Uconn**
- **Support continued funding of LIS Stewardship Act to protect coastal access lands**

# *Where we are going*

*Clean Water*

- **Enhance efforts to manage Stormwater – outreach plus utilization of pilot projects**
- **Propose a new general permit to address Pretreatment Permitting**
- **Continue process for developing Streamflow Regulations**
- **Award grants for projects associated with the Housatonic River Natural Resources Restoration process**

# *Where we are going*

## *Clean Air: Setting Our Sights on a Clear Horizon*

- **Implement Energy Policies**
  - **Promote Energy Efficiency**
  - **Replace Aging Energy Plants**
  - **Increase Renewable Energy options**
  - **Promote Clean Distributed Generation**
  - **Address High Electricity Demand Days**
  - **Lead by Example – DEP serve as the model**
  - **Support Green Buildings**

# *Where we are going*

## *Clean Air: Setting Our Sights on a Clear Horizon*

- **Climate Change**
  - **Implement the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative – adopt rule for Connecticut**
  - **Climate Change Adaptation – presentations scheduled for stakeholders and public (Union of Concerned Scientists)**
  - **Consider ways to incorporate adaptation into DEP decision making**
  - **Clean Car Labeling program implementation**
  - **Reduce Diesel Emissions – implementation of new diesel legislation, continue efforts with construction sites, work with CT Transit on retrofits/new buses**

# *Where we are going*

## *Legislative Concepts*

- **Omnibus DEP bill – a collection of revisions proposed last session**
- **Environmental Conservation Officers – protect home addresses**
- **All Waters Fishing License**
- **Reduce Toxics**
- **Enforcement Authority – strengthen and expand tools**
- **Environmental Quality measures**

# *Where we are going*

## *Taking Care of Business*

- **E-government – further enhance new web site, explore electronic reporting/filing opportunities, embark on pilot project for e-learning**
- **Lean Management Concepts – pursue efficiencies in decision-making**
- **Successional Planning**
- **Evaluate Mediation Strategies**
- **Explore Small Business Initiative**

# *Where we are going*

## *Taking Care of Business*

- **Finalize RSRs amendments and Spill Reporting regulations**
- **Explore refinements to remediation programs**
- **Develop regulations to guide permitting of docks and piers**
- **Implementation strategies – solid waste management plan, E-waste**
- **Infrastructure – demolition projects, USTs, parks, hatcheries, state-owned dams**
- **Newhall Remediation Project**

# *Where we are going*

*Taking Care of Business*

- **Explore greater opportunities for Beneficial Use**
- **Sportsmen's licenses on-line**
- **Clean Marinas**
- **Green Chemistry**
- **Debris Management**

**Home**