

WHAT WILL A CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOMPLISH FOR STAMFORD'S RESIDENTS?

The debate over a Conservation Commission has focused primarily on how the ordinance mitigates risks related to housing development. This begs the question: What will a Conservation Commission accomplish for Stamford's residents? Here is a list of potential accomplishments, based on the activities of Conservation Commissions in other CT municipalities and comments from leaders in Stamford's Land Use departments.

Policy Initiatives	Project Initiatives	Research Initiatives	Education / Engagement Initiatives
Propose greenway plan along pre-occurring corridors	Prepare Stamford for a higher-level SustainableCT rating	Inventory privately owned open spaces and propose potential acquisition targets	Develop program for tagging of horseshoe crabs
Propose plan for implementing the recommendations in the Coastal Resilience Study	Draft plans for control of Canadian geese	Identify Stamford-owned parcels that may have conservation-related value	Develop program for teaching homeowners to manage coyote encroachment
Propose plan for maximizing benefits from existing conservation easements	Draft plans for eradication of spotted lantern flies	Identify Stamford-owned parcels that are not suitable for conservation	Support pollinator pathway groups in promoting their programs
Advocate for funding for invasive species control	Draft plans for removal of invasive plants	Identify Stamford's science-based most urgent and most important conservation risks	Develop program for teaching homeowners to manage deer encroachment
Draft policies to balance pesticide use with needs for eradication	Identify conservation-related grant opportunities		Develop program for installing nest boxes and bat houses
Draft plans for managing City-owned properties that are not currently in use	Provide technical expertise to Grants Office when writing conservation-related grant proposals		Promote the new food scrap composting plan through educational initiatives

Draft guidelines for conservation-related uses of cluster housing's 30% set-aside			
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