



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



March 27, 2009

Mr. Curt Johnson  
Director of Programs and Senior Attorney  
Connecticut Fund for the Environment  
205 Whitney Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06511

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to formally express my support of Connecticut Fund for the Environment's proposal to restore valuable coastal habitats within Rocky Neck State Park. I also approve of CFE proactively applying for federal funds on the behalf of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection through NOAA's Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Prior to becoming a program of CFE, Save the Sound, Inc., has shared the role of project lead with CTDEP on numerous habitat restoration projects going back almost a decade. I feel confident that your organization is fully capable of carrying the project through to completion in a timely manner.

The benefits to the public enjoyment of the park will last for many years. The positive impacts to the natural habitats, and to the wildlife that relies upon them at both Bride Brook and West River, will be reflected in many ways – from the population recovery of monitored species to improvements in the functions and values of the ecosystems as a whole.

These projects will also create many educational and research opportunities for students ranging from elementary school to graduate school. I look forward to the continued partnership between our organizations to successfully complete the proposed restoration at Rocky Neck State Park, and for many more to come.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arney Marrella".

Arney Marrella  
Deputy Commissioner

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