

WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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RESOLUTION OF THE WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPORT OF WATERSHED-BASED PLANNING

WHEREAS, a healthy watershed has a direct impact on quality of life, and activities throughout a watershed affect the health of the entire watershed system; and

WHEREAS, watersheds cross municipal boundaries, making watershed health a truly regional issue; and

WHEREAS, the Windham Region Council of Governments is committed to working cooperatively to balance conservation and growth, and adopted a regional plan of conservation and development with the following goal:

“**Development in the Windham Region should not degrade water quality.** Land within and surrounding public water supply recharge areas, lake watersheds, inland wetlands, and river and stream corridors should be used in a manner which protects water quality and quantity, preserves aquatic habitats, minimizes hazards to life and property from flooding, provides access (visual and/or physical) for recreational purposes, and retains to the maximum extent possible lake shores and stream banks in an undeveloped state such that their beauty can be enjoyed by future generations.”; and

WHEREAS, the Windham Region Council of Governments has supported the designation of several official Connecticut Greenways, including the Willimantic River Greenway (2003), the Natchaug Watershed Greenway (2006), and the Shetucket River Greenway (2011); and

WHEREAS, several towns in the Windham Planning Region have endorsed Conservation Compacts for the Natchaug River Basin and the Salmon River Basin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Windham Region Council of Governments supports watershed-based planning and the thoughtful consideration of the entire watershed in its regional planning efforts and will continue to work to ensure the long-term environmental health and vitality of the watershed, thereby enhancing the social and economic vitality of watershed communities.

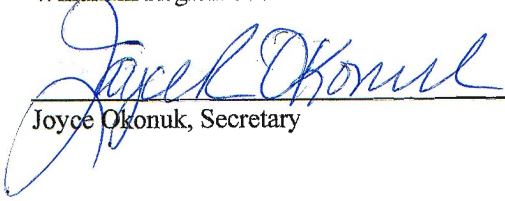
The resolution was passed unanimously with 8 of nine member towns voting.

Dated at Windham, Connecticut, on November 4, 2011.

WINDHAM, CONNECTICUT

I certify that the preceding is a true copy of the vote of the Windham Region Council of Governments taken at a regular meeting on November 4, 2011 in Windham, Connecticut, a quorum being present.

Windham Region Council of Governments



Joyce Okonuk, Secretary