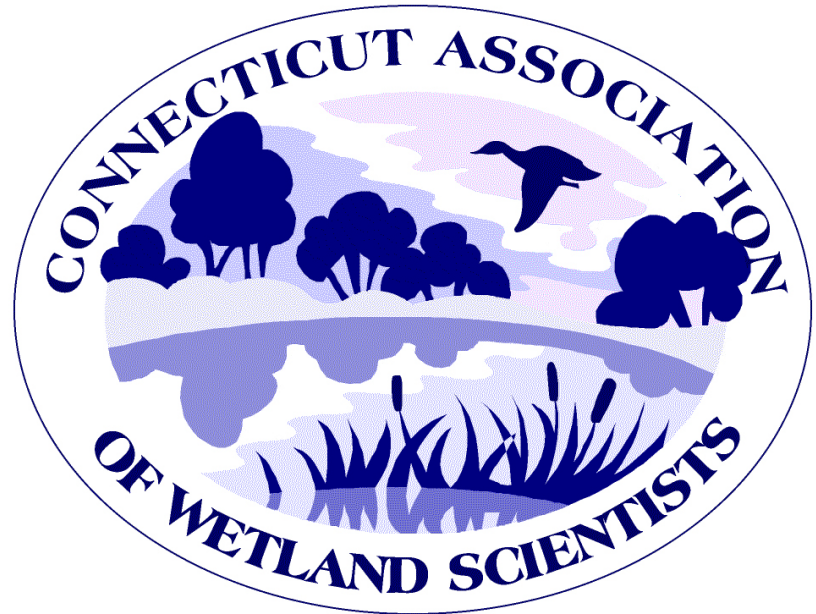


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**2024 Annual Meeting and
Conference**



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Safety

Emergency Exits

AED Locations

Front Desk and Fitness Center

Emergency Contacts (Call 911)

Medical Facilities

PhysicianOne Urgent Care 900 Main Street S Bldg 2
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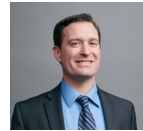
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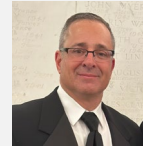
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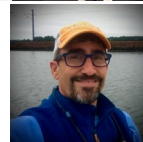
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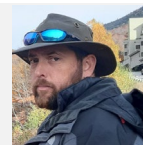
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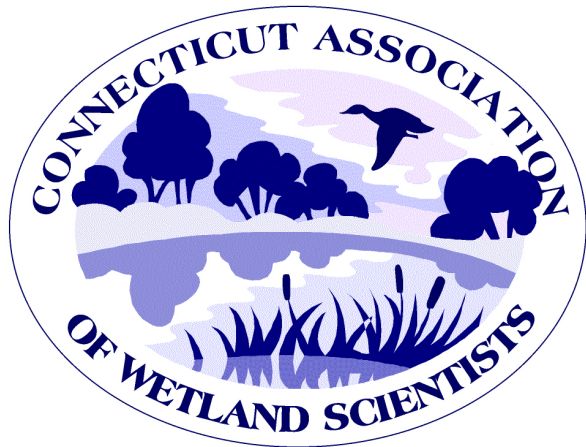
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Membership



Brian Wood

CAWS



CAWS was established in 1997 to promote the profession and understanding of wetland science in Connecticut and to support public interest by:

Maintaining and developing high professional standards and a code of ethics and promoting their use by practicing wetland scientists.

Supporting and contributing to the expansion of the wetland science research base and encouraging the free exchange of scientific and technical information within the public and private communities.

Designing and developing programs to educate the membership and the public in the study of wetlands and the profession of wetland science, and

Contributing to sound public policy based on the scientific understanding of wetlands.

Dr. Lefor Grant

- Dr. Michael Lefor was a founding member of CAWS and Chairman of the Education/Science Committee. Dr. Lefor was committed to furthering the understanding of wetland science.
- Research topics for this grant can include wetland or aquatic ecology, wetland or aquatic invasive species, stream or river ecology, fluvial geomorphology, limnology, watershed studies, or wetland law or policy.

Dr. Les Mehrhoff Grant

- Dr. Leslie J. Mehrhoff worked tirelessly to preserve plant biodiversity in Connecticut, New England and beyond through his work with invasive species and rare and endangered plants. He was the founder of the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) and served as Director of the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England (IPANE).
- Supports on-the-ground preservation efforts or invasive control efforts conducted by non-profit, community groups, or individuals directed at preserving plant biodiversity within Connecticut.
- Recipients include Land-Trusts, Garden Clubs, Citizen & Student Conservation Organizations and related groups
- Grant is aimed at protecting the plant communities of Connecticut.

2023-2024 Events and Workshops

Ordinary High-Water Mark
Workshop with USACE

Winter Plant Identification Field
Workshop at Shepaug Dam

Ordinary High- Water Workshop



Ordinary High-Water Workshop

Special thanks to Taylor Bell
from USACE New England
for leading the charge





Ordinary High-Water Workshop

Winter Plant ID Workshop




Winter Plant ID Workshop

Special thanks to Dan
Hageman and Anthony Zemba
for leading the group and First
Light Energy for hosting!





Special Surprise Visit
by The Connecticut
Audubon Society



2024 CAWS Initiatives

- Rebuilding the Committees
 - Education Committee
 - Workshops and Events
 - Public Education
 - Promoting Wetland and Soil Science Education
 - Membership Committee
 - Retention of Current Membership
 - Recruiting New Membership
 - Providing Value to the Membership
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2024 CAWS Objectives

Get involved

CAWS is a 100% volunteer organization and you, the member, provide the life!

- Participate in Board Meetings (Members welcome)
- Attend CAWS Workshops and Events
- Join a Committee

Tentative 2024 Schedule

March - Annual Business Meeting

May - (Workshop 1)

June - Quarterly Board Meeting

August - (Workshop 2)

September - Quarterly Board Meeting

October - (Workshop 3)

November - Begin Annual Meeting Preparation

December - Quarterly Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting invite to be emailed to all current members

Ideas for 2024



We have some ideas.... But we want to hear from you!



Tools of the Trade – Tricks and Tips. Gathering of the minds



Technical Workshop - What is available before we get out there



Waterfowl Field ID Workshop

Small Groups Better Learning



Members Only
Workshops and
Events



Workshops and
Events Open to
the Public



Reach out to us
Let us know what you think!

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2024 Meeting Agenda

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| 8:00 - 8:30 | Registration / Continental Breakfast / Exhibitor Set-up |
| 8:30 - 8:45 | Welcome / Opening Remarks and Announcements |
| 8:45 - 9:30 | Project Spotlight: A Special Wetland, Eversource Energy's Atlantic White Cedar Mitigation Project, The 1st Year — Melissa Kaplan, PWS (BSC Group) |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | Presentation from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — Charlotte Skolnick and Andrea Williams (USACE) |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | **BREAK** (Visit our Exhibitors!) |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Presentation from the Connecticut DEEP — Jeff Caiola and Brian Golembiewski (CT DEEP) |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | **LUNCH** — CAWS Annual Business Meeting 12:30-1:00 |
| 1:00 - 1:30 | 2023 Grant Recipient Reports |
| 1:30 - 1:45 | Connecticut In-Lieu-Fee Program — Anthony Zemba (LandTech) |
| 1:45 - 2:30 | Strong Pond Dam Removed! Collaboration Restores Aquatic Connectivity in the Norwalk River — Alex Krofta (Save the Sound) and Michael Chelminski (Stantec) |
| 2:30 - 3:00 | **BREAK** (Visit our Exhibitors!) |
| 3:00 - 3:30 | Town of Fairfield Vernal Pool Mapping — Timothy Bishop (Town of Fairfield CD) |
| 3:30 - 4:15 | Presentation from the Connecticut Siting Council — Melanie Bachman and Robert Mercier (Connecticut Siting Council) |
| 4:15 - 4:30 | Final Remarks and Close |

Vendors and Exhibitors

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| All Habitat Services, LLC |
| Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. |
| Earth Tones LLC |
| Ecobot |
| Ernst Conservation Seeds |
| Eversource |
| Farmington River Watershed Assoc. |
| GZA GeoEnvironmental |
| Kind Earth Growers LLC |
| National Association of Wetland Managers |
| North Central Conservation District, Inc. |
| Onset Computer Corporation |
| Pinelands Nursery |
| Planters' Choice Nursery, LLC |
| Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition |
| The Pond and Lake Connection |
| Stantec |



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