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25th Anniversary Celebration of Connecticut Water's Shenipsit Lake Reservoir Recreation Program to be held on June 22nd

Tolland, CONNECTICUT- June 19, 2019 – Come join in the fun celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Connecticut Water's Shenipsit Lake Reservoir Recreation Program on Saturday, June 22.

The celebration will be held at the boat storage area located at 95 Ellington Road, Tolland and will include a Youth Fishing Derby from 6 a.m. to noon. The derby is for children ages 3 to 15, split into three groups, ages 3-6, 7-10, and 11-15, to allow the little ones to get in on the fun. Anyone with a Connecticut fishing license is welcome to fish in designated areas along the shoreline. Other participants can enjoy a self-guided hike on the Shenipsit Lake hiking trails.

A brief ceremony will be held at noon to celebrate the success of the program over the past 25 years. Free coffee and donuts will be available in the morning, and free pizza will be available after the weigh-in and awarding of trophies about noon.

"Connecticut Water Company has a long history of environmental stewardship and takes great measures to protect our public drinking water supplies," said Maureen Westbrook, VP – Customer and Regulatory Affairs at Connecticut Water. "We are pleased to be celebrating 25 years of this program which allows for recreational fishing and hiking while protecting the public drinking water. The program is free and open to the public, and we encourage everyone to get outside and take advantage of the recreation program and enjoy this natural resource."

The fishing derby is organized and sponsored by the Shenipsit Lake Association (SLA). Connecticut Water opens the reservoir to recreation and provides funding for the recreation program as permitted by the state Department of Public Health (DPH). In addition, Connecticut Water contributes to the costs of the derbies to support these events.

In the state of Connecticut, children under the age of 16 are not required to have fishing licenses. All children should bring their own fishing equipment. Additional details on the fishing derby is available at SLA's Web site: <http://shenipsitlake.org/>

Fishing and hiking at Shenipsit Lake Reservoir are the result of a cooperative effort between the SLA and Connecticut Water to establish and manage the Shenipsit Lake Recreation Program. Shenipsit Lake Reservoir is a public water supply source that has been opened to fishing and hiking under a DPH permit for the last 25 years.

For more information about the Shenipsit Lake Reservoir Recreation Program, please call Connecticut Water at 1-800-286-5700, Shawn LaForest, President of the SLA at 860-305-5890, or visit

www.ctwater.com > Stewardship > Serving Communities for a copy of the Recreation Program brochure and directions, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

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