

## **Connecticut Water Supports Preservation of Deer Lake through a Neighborhood Assistance Act Donation to Pathfinders, Inc.**

*Company's \$2,500 donation will help payoff funds borrowed to preserve lake*

**KILLINGWORTH, Conn. — January 25, 2023** — Pathfinders, Inc. is the recipient of a \$2,500 grant from Connecticut Water Company's Charitable Giving Committee. The grant was made through the State of Connecticut's Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) and will be used to pay down debt used to finance the preservation of Deer Lake in Killingworth, Connecticut.

"We are grateful for the additional funds as we work to pay down our debt," said Pathfinders' President Ted Langevin. "Each donation gets us closer to that goal. We thank Connecticut Water for supporting our efforts to preserve this important part of the watershed feeding Long Island Sound and efforts to maintain our 255 acres as recreational space."

Craig Patla, president of Connecticut Water, noted, "Connecticut Water has a team of over 200 employees who live and work across the state and we're a part of each community we serve. In addition to serving the public health by providing for clean, reliable drinking water service throughout the state, we're also proud to be enthusiastic stewards of the environment. Preservation of Deer Lake as open space will safeguard this natural treasure so it can continue to provide for recreation and the high quality of life enjoyed in the community."

Awards made by Connecticut Water through the Neighborhood Assistance Act are funded by the company and are not recovered in rates charged to customers.

### **About Connecticut Water Company**

Connecticut Water Company provides water service to more than 350,000 people in 60 Connecticut communities and wastewater service to 10,000 people in Southbury, Connecticut.

The towns served are Ashford, Avon, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Bolton, Brooklyn, Burlington, Canton, Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Farmington, Griswold, Guilford, Haddam, Hebron, Killingly, Killingworth, Lebanon, Madison, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Oxford, Plainfield, Plymouth, Portland, Prospect, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southbury, Stafford, Stonington, Suffield, Thomaston, Thompson, Tolland, Vernon, Voluntown, Waterbury, Westbrook, Willington, Windsor Locks and Woodstock.

### **About Pathfinders**

Pathfinders, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit formed in 1998 to help run programming at Deer Lake. Because of its nonprofit status, Pathfinders was used as the fundraising vehicle to help save Deer Lake. Contributions made to Pathfinders are tax-deductible. *"The mission of the Save Deer Lake Initiative is to preserve over 250 acres of important Connecticut greenway and to foster outdoor education and recreation for present and future generations."*

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**Ted Langevin, president of the Pathfinders board, accepts Connecticut Water’s \$2,500 donation from Michelle Royce Williams, vice president of customer service and communications at Connecticut Water.**