

# Naugatuck River Greenway Trail Thomaston to Torrington Comprehensive Routing Study

Public Information Meeting

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Center School, 1 Thomas Avenue, Thomaston CT

## Agenda

5:30 pm Maps and Discussion

6:00 pm Presentation

- Introduction – Ed Mone, First Selectman, Town of Thomaston
- Meeting Overview – Rick Dunne, Executive Director, NVCOG
- NRG Overview/ Previous Studies – Aaron Budris, Senior Regional Planner, NVCOG
- Project Methods/ Route Options – Bill Paille, Matt Ciminella and Rob Newton, BSC Group
- Q&A – All Hands – Moderated by Rick Dunne

## Project Overview

The Naugatuck River Greenway (NRG) is an officially designated Connecticut State Greenway consisting of the open and green spaces along the Naugatuck River. The **NRG Trail**, a non-motorized multi-use trail is being developed that will follow the river for 44 miles through 11 communities from Torrington to Derby, connecting those green spaces. It will provide a non-motorized transportation option, support tourism and economic development, and improve the health and quality of life of residents.

Open sections of the NRG Trail are already providing a high quality and attractive corridor accessible to users of all abilities, once again harnessing the vitality of the river for the benefit of the region's residents. Work to connect existing sections is underway with parks, waterfront promenades, overlooks, and river access all figuring into plans.

So, where should the Naugatuck River Greenway (NRG) Trail be built between Torrington and Thomaston?

The NRG Trail Thomaston to Torrington Routing Study is underway to answer that question. Study partners are looking at all potential trail route options and environmental conditions in the corridor, and talking to stakeholders and the public to help determine a preferred route. The goal of the study is to identify a single preferred route for the NRG Trail through field investigation and public and stakeholder engagement, and to develop project phasing with cost estimates in preparation for future funding opportunities.

The study is being conducted by the BSC Group in partnership with NVCOG, The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG), the City of Torrington and the Towns of Litchfield, Harwinton and Thomaston. The study is being funded by a Responsible Growth and Transit Oriented Development grant from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

## Additional Information and Comments

You can find additional project information including maps, route, and scoring matrix at the project webpage: <https://nvcogct.org/content/nrg-thomaston-torrington-routing-study>

We welcome all constructive comments regarding routing option preferences. Please submit all comments using the COMMENT button on the project webpage and completing the linked survey.