

# Naugatuck River Greenway Trail Thomaston to Torrington Comprehensive Routing Study

Public Information Meeting

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road, Litchfield, CT

## Agenda

5:30 pm Maps and Discussion

6:00 pm Presentation

- Introduction – Leo Paul, First Selectman, Town of Litchfield
- Meeting Overview – Mark Nielsen, Director of Planning/ Assistant 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

## 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 provide information to help answer that question. Study partners are looking at all potential trail route options and existing conditions in the corridor, and talking to stakeholders and the public to help determine a preferred route. The study will also provide valuable information about potential project phasing and estimates of design and construction costs to decision-makers.

The study is being conducted by the BSC Group in partnership with the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (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 details, meeting records, the scoring matrix and project methods on the project webpage at [www.nvcogct.org](http://www.nvcogct.org)

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.