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Mill River Wetland Committee Hosting 44th Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting is Friday, February 4th at 7:30pm at the Fairfield Museum and History Center. T.J. McKenna, scientist at the Connecticut Science Center, is the keynote speaker.

FAIRFIELD, CT- Mill River Wetland Committee, Inc. (MRWC), provider of the River-Lab program, is inviting the public to attend the group's 44th Annual Meeting on February 4th at 7:30pm at the Fairfield Museum and History Center.

This esteemed, award-winning organization is proud to welcome T.J. McKenna, scientist at the Connecticut Science Center (CSC) in Hartford, as the keynote speaker at this year's meeting. Mr. McKenna will present "Don't BUG ME about Water Quality", a dynamic and informative piece on benthic macroinvertebrates. His expertise in ornithology and freshwater ecology allow him to run programs in the CSC's WetLAB on water quality, animal adaptations, and population ecology. He also conducts experiments on ethology, plant growth, and predators versus prey on test plots on CSC's Rooftop Garden.

All other agenda items will focus on business related to River-Lab operations including a treasurer's report, the election of board members, and an update on the Garden Expo, MRWC's largest fundraiser.

As the facilitator of the River-Lab program, MRWC offers a unique, hands-on environmental science program that educates children in grades 3-6 about river basin systems. The classroom training that contributes roughly one-third of the science curriculum in Fairfield schools is enhanced by study-trips to the Mill River and town estuaries. MRWC provides classroom materials and activities for students, extensive training for study-trip guides, and professional development for teachers. Each year, more than 160 volunteers guide over 3,500 children through more than 650 study-trips. With its dedicated board, knowledgeable volunteers, and generous donors, the MRWC is poised to continue providing this valuable service to the community.

All are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting at no cost to learn more about River-Lab's progress and attend T.J. McKenna's fascinating presentation on water quality. Feel free to contact MRWC with questions at 203.259.1847.

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The Mill River Wetland Committee, Inc. is an award winning nonprofit organization founded in 1967 to strengthen environmental education through the study of river basin systems. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, MRWC promoted purchase of open space along the Mill River in Fairfield, Connecticut, and took a leading role in the defense of endangered wetlands. Concern for our environmental future prompted the launching of River-Lab, a unique hands-on program of environmental study for grades 3-6 in all public schools in Fairfield. All elements of the program have been adopted as part of the science curriculum.