

# "Water Wise"

*An Educational Forum Sponsored By the Mansfield League of Women Voters and the Connecticut Institute of Water Resources*

Wed., March 5, 2008

7 p.m., Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers  
(Corner of 195 and 275)

The Mansfield League of Women Voters is hosting an informational meeting about water planning on Wed., March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Audrey Beck Municipal Building in Mansfield. The purpose is to give residents an overview of what should be considered in planning for the town's future water supply. Questions about the public supply and infrastructure have been raised at several town meetings in the past year, including last fall's Candidate's Night, where some candidates for town office suggested that Mansfield, which relies on residential wells, University water, and the Windham Water Works, should have its own reservoir and water supply.

Where the future water supply in town will come from and how it will be managed are questions affecting residential, commercial, and University development. How climate change and droughts will affect the future water supply are also on the minds of residents.

The meeting will begin with 10-minute presentations by panelists on their area of expertise. Those on the panel so far are: Tom Callahan, associate vice president of administration and operations at UCONN; Greg Padick, Mansfield town planner; Glenn Warner, director of the Connecticut Institute of Water Resources; Vicky Wetherell, representing the Willimantic River Alliance, and Denise Burchsted, executive director of the Naubesatuck Watershed Council. The Mansfield LWV will collect written questions from the public to ask the panelists following their presentations, and the meeting will conclude with additional questions from the audience.

Panelists and organizations are encouraged to bring hand-outs and resource information for further study. Members of the public are also invited to submit questions for the panelists ahead of time to the forum planners. Panelist questions may be emailed to Pat Bresnahan, and to ensure they're not overlooked they should have the following subject line:

Subject: **Water Wise - Mansfield**

Email To: [Patricia.Bresnahan@uconn.edu](mailto:Patricia.Bresnahan@uconn.edu)



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*The Connecticut Institute of Water Resources is a federal-state partnership located at UCONN. The CIWR mission is to cooperate closely with all colleges and universities in Connecticut in order to develop a statewide program designed to resolve state and regional water and related land problems through research, information transfer, and the training of water resource professionals.*