

## 2008 Outreach and Education in Niantic River Watershed

Date and Type of Event	Participants and Audience	# of People Reached & Targeted Location	Focus of Discussion and/or Specific Activity
<b>March 2008</b> High School Class	STR-STH High School Eco-Club gathering	19 Watershed	Intro to NEMO, what they could do to affect change
<b>April 2008</b> Niantic River Watershed Outreach Meeting	Municipal officials & DEP reps., educators, local business owners, interested citizens &NRWC	35 Watershed	Overview of the Niantic River Watershed Management Plan, focus on nonpoint source pollution
<b>April 2008</b> Presentation	East Lyme & Salem H.S. students, STR-STH, NRWC	40 Watershed	Presentation on watershed issues and nonpoint source pollution
<b>May 2008</b> Launch Niantic River Watershed Website	Developed by NRWC, General Public	Varies Regional	Niantic River Watershed Issues
<b>May 2008</b> River Clean-up Day, Latimer Brook & video	High School Eco-Club members, STR-STH members, NRWC & East Lyme Public Works Dept	15 Watershed	Removal of 15+ bags of garbage and debris along river banks, plus various car parts and a shopping cart – video shot for public TV viewing
<b>May 2008</b> Waterford High School Eco-Fair	Ecology Club, STR-STH, NRWC, DEP, local non-profits and businesses and general public	100+ Regional	Watershed issues, nonpoint source pollution, land protection and marine life
<b>May 2008</b> Water Monitoring	Waterford High School and STR-STH	5 Watershed	Water sampling education training
<b>June 2008</b> Distribution of Niantic River Watershed Maps	Four watershed towns, East Lyme, Waterford, Montville & Salem. Posting for general public awareness	Varies Watershed	Depiction of Niantic River Watershed boundaries for general information
<b>July 2008</b> East Lyme Day Booth	STR-STH, Friends of Osewegatchie Hills, NRWC & general public	1,000+ Regional	Watershed Issues, land preservation, brochure distribution highlighting methods aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution
<b>July 2008</b> East Lyme Library Posting & Brochure Development	Developed by East Lyme volunteer & NRWC for East Lyme residents	Varies Watershed	Focused information on watershed issues & activities citizens can do to reduce nonpoint source pollution
<b>July 2008</b> House gathering	STR-STH-Homeowners in watershed – East Lyme side	5 Watershed	Niantic River Watershed and current challenges
<b>July 2008</b> House gathering	STR-STH-Homeowners in watershed – Waterford side	10 Watershed	Lawn care, home care and affects on River (NEMO docs)
<b>August 2008</b> East Lyme Website Info.	Developed by East Lyme volunteer with assistance from East Lyme webmaster and NRWC for East Lyme residents	Varies Regional	Posting on East Lyme Website-Info. pertaining to watersheds, drinking water & water quality BMPs
<b>August 2008</b> Niantic River Appreciation Kayak Regatta	STR-STH- in coordination with Coast Guard Auxiliary, Town of East Lyme and Waterford for general public	65+ Regional	Focus on appreciation of the Niantic River as a local resource of importance

<b>September</b> Beach Clean-up	East Lyme and Salem high school students	20 Watershed	Removal of 10+ bags of garbage and debris along McCook Beach
<b>September</b> Stream Rapid Bioassessment	East Lyme and Salem high school students	20 Watershed	Macroinvertebrate sampling on Latimer Brook
<b>September 2008</b> Visitor Questionnaire & aquatic invertebrate touch tank	The Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut in Niantic, East Lyme and Salem high school students and NRWC- targeted audience young visitors and homeowners	70+ Regional	Visitor questionnaire on homeowner BMPs for future directed outreach on stormwater retrofit project at museum, distribution of brochures offering suggestions to reduce water quality impacts & "water bug" education program
<b>November 2008</b> Presentation & video	East Lyme & Salem H.S. students, STR-STH	35 Watershed	Watershed model demonstration and discussion on water pollution. Video shot for school-wide viewing
<b>December 2008</b> Niantic River Watershed Outreach Meeting	Municipal officials & DEP reps., USGS, Town of East Lyme Public Works Dept., educators, local business owners, interested citizens & NRWC	20 Watershed	Distribution of Niantic River Watershed Management Guide, update on stream monitoring by USGS and tour of East Lyme's "Hole in the Wall" stormwater project

**Ongoing Agriculture Outreach in the Watershed:**

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**Description:**

The UConn Integrated Pest Management (IPM) team worked with several growers in the Niantic watershed area this year. This included Salem Country Gardens, Pebble Beech Nursery, Scott's Yankee Farmer (vegetable fields are located within the watershed) and Smith Acres. The Smith Acres vegetable fields are just outside the watershed, but their farm store may be within the watershed.

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