

# The Connecticut General Assembly



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## **REP. HAMPTON LEADS CONNECTICUT WATER SUMMIT TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY**

*Subcommittees Assigned, Legislative Recommendations Upcoming*

State Representative **John K. Hampton** (D-Simsbury) led a group of legislators, agencies members and activists a step closer toward a comprehensive water strategy for the state of Connecticut. The Water Summit group initially organized by Rep. Hampton will break into subcommittees with the goal of recommending potential legislation for consideration to the 2014 General Assembly.

“We have formed subcommittees to discuss, study and explore particular aspects of water planning with the goal of creating a comprehensive and dynamic statewide strategic water plan,” said **Rep. Hampton**. “The subcommittees would then report back with specific recommendations that could be incorporated into possible legislation for the 2014 session.”

Water is fundamental to the economic health and quality of life of the state. Like many aspects of planning and development in Connecticut, a large amount of time and energy in duplication of effort is invested in administering, planning and overseeing water resources. This fragmentation in decision and rule making results in weaker long-term outcomes, a proliferation of decision makers at multiple levels, limits the ability to effectively respond to changing growth and development patterns and inhibits accountability for the management of this critical resource.

“We’re not reinventing the wheel,” said State Representative **Mary Mushinsky** (D-Wallingford). “Other states have developed water plans; we are just adapting ideas to Connecticut’s agencies and political structure.”

<http://www.courant.com/news/opinion/editorials/hc-ed-water-plan-needed-20140103,0,3011186.story>

## Water Planning Subcommittees

### 1.) Supply & Distribution Subcommittee: (Reps. Hampton & Mushinsky, Co-Chairs)

**Eric Brown**, *CBIA*, **Tom Callahan**, *UConn*, **Virginia de Lima**, *USGS New England Water Science Center*, **Betsy Gara**, *COST (or Peter Galant of Tighe & Bond)*, **Martin Mador**, *Sierra Club*, **Denise Ruzicka**, *DEEP/Water Planning Council*, **Glenn Warner**, *CT Institute of Water Resources*, & **Maureen Westbrook**, *CT Water*, **Margaret Miner**, *Rivers Alliance*.

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### 2.) Quality, Protection, & Conservation Subcommittee: (Reps. Albis & Steinberg, Co-Chairs)

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### 3.) Administration/Infrastructure/Oversight Subcommittee: (Reps. Rojas & Miller, Co-Chairs)

**Jack Betkoski**, *PURA/Water Planning Council*, **Eileen Fielding**, *Farmington River Watershed Association*, **Mary Glassman**, *CROG*, **Art House**, *PURA*, **Faith Gavin Kuhn**, *National Utility Contractors Association of CT*, **John Lachappelle**, *International Union of Painters & Allied Trades*, **Dave LeVasseur**, *OPM/Water Planning Council*, **Gene Likens**, *DPH* & **Jeff McCutcheon**, *UConn*.

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