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## **ASPETUCK VALLEY TRAIL TO BE DEDICATED** *Consortium of Groups Provides Hikers Six New Miles of Enjoyment*

Bridgeport, CT: May 30, 2007 – Aquarion Water Company today announced that the Aspetuck Valley Trail will be formally dedicated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 1 at the Poverty Hollow Road Trail Access, Newtown, in a ceremony to be attended by Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Gina McCarthy, along with officials, representatives and volunteers from the towns of Easton, Newtown, and Redding, The Nature Conservancy, Connecticut Forest and Park Association and Aquarion.

The six-mile long Aspetuck Valley Trail, part of The Centennial Watershed State Forest and situated among 15,300 acres of land, is located in the towns of Redding, Newtown and Easton and connects to Collis P. Huntington State Park in Newtown and Redding.

Originally planned by the Conservation Land Committee in 2002, when the State of Connecticut and The Nature Conservancy purchased the land for conservation easements from Aquarion Water Company, the project brought together the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, The Nature Conservancy, Department of Environmental Protection and Aquarion to develop the trail for recreational use.

“This project reinforces Aquarion Water Company’s commitment to our environment and to our trusted goals to proactively conserve and enhance our natural resources, because it’s essential to our mission to provide the best quality water for our customers” said Aquarion Water Company President and CEO Charles V. Firlotte. He added, “For many years, Aquarion has spearheaded beautification and enhancement projects and we are proud of our record of environmental stewardship and protection.”

Commissioner McCarthy is expected to read a gubernatorial proclamation that will say in part, “Through the hard work of Aquarion Water Company, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, The Nature Conservancy and Connecticut Forest and Park Association, families will have a new trail to embrace nature as they reinforce the efforts of Connecticut’s *No Child Left Inside* initiative.”

Past Aquarion Water Company environmental projects have included the Saugatuck Universal Access Trail and other trails for physically challenged persons in the towns of Fairfield, Westport and Falls Village.

The Aspetuck Valley Trail is for foot traffic only (except where the trail joins town roads) and is open year round from sunrise to sunset. Trail use rules and other information can be found at newly installed kiosks at trail access points on Poverty Hollow Road in Newtown and Rocking House Road in Redding.

Aquarion Company's principal business is public water supply. Through its Aquarion Water Company subsidiaries, it is one of the 10 largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S., serving some 207,000 homes and businesses, or approximately 700,000 people, in 44 Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities. Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut provides high-quality water to 179,000 customers, or some 600,000 people, in 36 cities and towns.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Merritt Parkway (Route 15) to exit 44. Travel north on Route 58 (Black Rock Turnpike) for about 10 miles (through the intersection of Route 58 and Route 136) to stop sign. At stop sign make right onto Church Hill Road. Follow Church Hill Road to the end and make left onto Poverty Hollow Road. Stay on Poverty Hollow road for about 1.2 miles - the access area will be on the right. Newtown Police will direct motorists to parking area. NOTE: If you are using [www.Mapquest.com](http://www.Mapquest.com), the nearest address is 175 Poverty Hollow Road.

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