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NAWC Applauds Member Companies' Environmentally Sustainable Practices

Aquarion Water Company, The Nature Conservancy partner to create water management plan

Washington, D.C. — The National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) today applauded Aquarion Water Company for its efforts to develop a sustainable water management plan along the Saugatuck River in Connecticut. Aquarion has joined forces with The Nature Conservancy in a ground-breaking partnership that will benefit both human needs and the ecological process by developing a Flow Management Plan to encourage freshwater ecology and clean drinking water downstream.

"Our members are dedicated to developing practices that utilize water in environmentally sustainable ways," said NAWC Executive Director Peter Cook. "The NAWC commends the efforts of both Aquarion Water Company and The Nature Conservancy for creating a partnership that will improve the public water supply while supporting diverse ecosystems along the Saugatuck River for generations to come."

As a reflection of member interest and involvement in the use of green infrastructure, NAWC is a signatory on the *Green Infrastructure Statement of Support* signed by nearly 30 organizations to advocate for the use of green infrastructure as one way to address the nation's clean water challenges.

"Many NAWC members have established proactive management programs that have successfully reduced water waste and created healthier environments," said Cook. "We are proud to be a part of the green solution."

To learn more about the National Association of Water Companies, visit www.nawc.org.

To read more about the partnership between Aquarion Water Company and The Nature Conservancy, visit <http://www.aquarion.com/newscenterCT.html>. For more information on the Saugatuck River watershed, please visit www.nature.org/Connecticut.

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About National Association of Water Companies

The National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) represents all aspects of the private water service industry. The range of our members' business includes ownership of regulated drinking water and wastewater utilities and the many forms of public-private partnerships and management contract arrangements. NAWC members are in every region of the country and range in size from large companies owning and/or operating many hundreds of utilities in multiple states to individual utilities with only a few hundred customers.

About The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. To date, the Conservancy and its more than one million members have been responsible for the protection of more than 15 million acres in the United States and have helped preserve more than 102 million acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. Visit The Nature Conservancy on the Web at www.nature.org.

About Aquarion

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. Visit www.aquarionwater.com for more information.