



July 2022

To: Town of Prospect Landowner
From: Jon Vander Werff, Save the Sound; Mike Jastremski, Housatonic Valley Association; and Robert J. Chatfield, Mayor
RE: Bridge and Culvert Assessments

Dear Prospect Landowner,

We are writing to let you know that Save the Sound and Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) staff members be working in the Town of Prospect this summer to evaluate road-stream crossings.

The bridges and culverts that carry roads over our streams can become obstacles to the movement of fish and wildlife. They may also be at risk of damage or failure during flood events. Save the Sound and HVA are partnering with the Town of Prospect and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments to survey bridges and culverts in your town. This information will be used to create a road-stream crossing inventory and management plan. The goals of this effort are to minimize repair and replacement costs to the town, maintain safe roads, and improve fish and wildlife passage.

Our maps indicate that there is a bridge or culvert on your property that we would like to evaluate. This will involve a team of 2-3 people gathering measurements and observations, and will take about 30 minutes. Please note that **this project will in no way obligate you to take any action regarding your bridge or culvert.** Rather, the information we gather about your bridge or culvert will help us better understand the network of streams and crossings in Prospect, so we can prioritize which town-owned bridges and culverts should be addressed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important project. If you'd like more information or would like to request that the bridge or culvert on your property not be assessed, please contact either Mike or Jon below:

- ➔ Mike Jastremski, HVA (860-672-6678, MJ.HVA@outlook.com)
- ➔ Jon Vander Werff, Save the Sound (203-787-0646 x107, jvanderwerff@savethesound.org)

Sincerely,

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