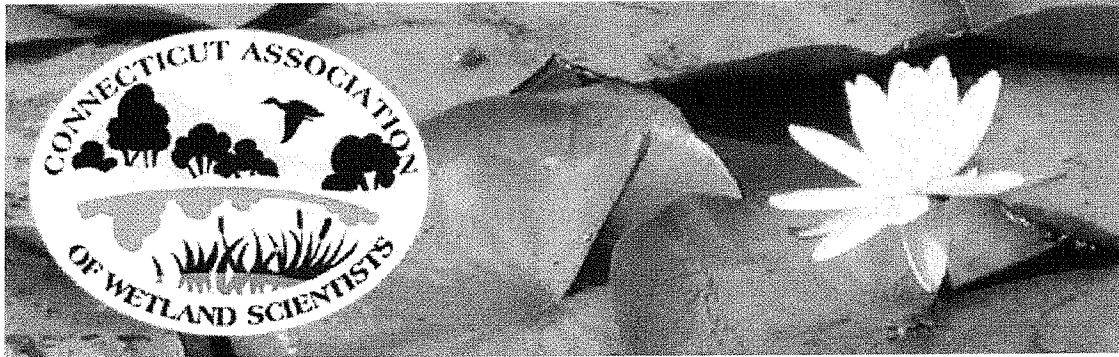


## Wetlands Training & Networking March 7 - Join Us!

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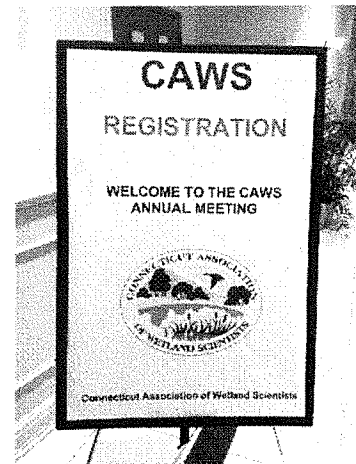


### CAWS 2024 Annual Meeting to offer a full day of engaging technical presentations on wetlands and watercourses

The **CAWS Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference** will take place on Thursday, **March 7, 2024** (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). We welcome ecologists, designers, and other land use professionals, government officials, municipal commission members, and other interested parties to join us.

#### Location:

The Heritage Hotel Golf, Spa & Conference Center  
522 Heritage Road, Southbury, CT 06488  
Tel: (203) 264-8200



#### Presentations will include:

- Project Spotlight: Strong Pond Dam Removal — Collaboration Restores Aquatic Connectivity in the Norwalk River — *Alex Krofta (Save the Sound), Michael Chelminski (Stantec)*
- Project Spotlight — A Special Wetland, Eversource Energy's Atlantic White Cedar Mitigation Project, The 1st Year — *Melissa Kaplan, PWS (BSC Group)*
- Town of Fairfield Vernal Pool Mapping — *Timothy Bishop (Town of Fairfield Conservation Department)*
- 2024 Wetland In-lieu Fee Program Update — *Anthony Zemba (LandTech Consultants)*
- Presentations from the Connecticut Siting Council, CT DEEP, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- 2023 CAWS Grant Recipient reports

- And more to be announced!

PLUS an **exhibitor hall** featuring displays by product and service suppliers and conservation organizations. CEUs (TBA) and Certificates of Completion will be provided.

Registration (includes continental breakfast and lunch):

- **\$75 CAWS members**
- **\$100 Non-members**
- **\$50.00 students** (with ID)

**Register online** (you may also pay by check through the mail, but please use the online form to reserve your spot).

**Join CAWS today and pay the member rate!** Learn more about CAWS membership. Download the membership form.

### **Exhibitors and Sponsors Welcome!**

Make an impression on those involved in the study and management of wetlands and other conservation lands (more than 200 people attended last year's Annual Meeting). Exhibitor tables are \$300 and include two registrations. 501c3 organizations and government agencies may exhibit for the discounted rate of \$75, which includes one registration. A six-foot table, table cloth, chairs, and electric connection will be provided. Learn more about exhibiting and additional sponsor opportunities!

**Need lodging?** Block rooms at the Heritage Hotel available. Please inquire.

Register for the Annual Meeting

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### **CAWS 2024 Grant Opportunities - February 23 deadline**

- CAWS offers a \$1,500 **Les Mehrhoff Grant** each year for on-the-ground preservation efforts or invasive control projects conducted by non-profit, community groups, or individuals directed at preserving plant biodiversity within Connecticut. The recipient/group need not be a member of CAWS in order to apply. See the Les Mehrhoff Grant page for more information and downloadable application form.
- Similarly, the \$1,500 **Michael Lefor Grant** supports wetland-related research conducted by a qualified undergraduate or graduate student from an

accredited college or university in Connecticut. See the Michael Lefor Grant page for more information and downloadable application form.

Both applications are open year-round with a **February 23 deadline**. Please help us spread the word to those who may be able to take advantage! Email [wetlands@ctwetlands.org](mailto:wetlands@ctwetlands.org) with any questions.

## CAWS 2024 Winter Plant ID Workshop and Eagle Viewing — *Just a few spots remain!*



Grab your binoculars, cameras, and spotting scopes! CAWS invites its members to attend an exclusive winter plant ID workshop Instructed by Daniel Hageman (FHI Studio) on Wednesday **February 7, 2024** (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at:

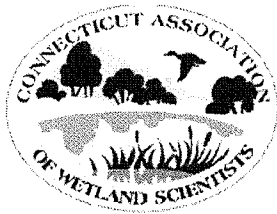
Shepaug Dam Eagle Observatory  
2225 River Rd, Southbury, CT

The day will consist of a winter walk through the grounds to identify common trees and shrubs utilizing the *Winter Tree Finder: A Manual for Identifying Deciduous Trees in Winter (Eastern U.S.)* by May and Tom Watts. Following the outdoor portion, we will warm up and grab a bite to eat at the Shepaug Dam Eagle observation facility while watching the wintering eagles.

The cost for this event will be \$30.00 per person (includes a copy of the field book and lunch). Sign up on our website here today. **NOTE that this event is open to CAWS members only and will be limited to 20 people.**

[Register for the Winter Workshop](#)

THANK YOU for your support of CAWS! Please forward this email to others who may be interested!



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