

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Closure Memo

Date: January 20, 2012

Project: Thames River Interpretive Signage at Norwich Harbor (CT)

Number: 1401.10.024231

Grantee: City of Norwich Harbor Management Commission

Project Description: Prepare and install wayside signs depicting environmental themes concerning the Thames River watershed and Norwich Harbor. Project will design these signs to provide educational benefits in an urban setting.

Final Products: *(The objectives for this grant, and the extent to which they were met):*

- Conduct research, writing, and graphic design and install three 24-inch by 36-inch signs depicting themes related to the natural environment of the Thames River watershed and the Norwich Harbor. Each sign will be prepared utilizing 12-color High Definition printing.
- The signs will include information on the relationship of the City's waterways and watershed to Long Island Sound. Each sign will be unique in terms of its text and graphics, but all will be linked by a common design motif.

The project resulted in design, fabrication and installation of three 30-inch by 36-inch, low-profile, wayside exhibit signs entitled "Fish of the Harbor," "The Historic Norwich Waterfront," and "Watershed of the Thames". The signs were installed by the Public Works Department.

Drafts of text and images were reviewed by a number of interested agencies as required by the LISFF, including The Last Green Valley, Connecticut Sea Grant, and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Office of Long Island Sound Programs, Fisheries Division, and Watershed Division as well as Long Island Sound Study.

- Place the signs at three separate locations providing significant public visibility on and near the City's waterfront.

The signs were installed at Brown Memorial Waterfront Park, Norwich City Hall, and at the American Wharf Marina, City of Norwich, Ct.

NFWF award: \$9,480.00

NFWF funds spent: \$9,480.00

Match requirement: \$0,000.00

Match spent: \$0,000.00

Recommend closing this grant.