

# Application Form

## NEMO Project CT Municipal Initiative 2005-2007

### Part A: Selection Criteria

The NEMO Team believes a municipality must take a comprehensive planning approach to balance both growth and conservation. This approach includes: FIRST knowing what resources exist; SECOND incorporating this knowledge into planning documents; and THIRD giving “teeth” to planning efforts via updated land use regulations. NEMO’s commitment to this comprehensive approach drives the “*CT Municipal Initiative 2005-2007*”.

Our selections will be based upon the following:

1. One municipality (or organized group of municipalities) per major drainage basin (see Part B).
2. Commitment to designating a NEMO Task Force and Task Force Coordinator (See Part B: Municipal Application).
3. Willingness to incorporate strategies to protect natural resources and reduce stormwater runoff through any or all of the following:
  - **resource inventories** such as natural, scenic, cultural, economic, or parking utilization;
  - **administrative changes** such as separation of combined boards, adding landuse staff to help achieve an *Initiative* goal, or GIS development/improvements/applications;
  - **land use plan updates** such as open space, conservation and development, economic or watershed;
  - zoning, subdivision, or wetland **regulation updates**;
  - demonstration of **site design** techniques based upon regulatory updates. These techniques may include the installation of vegetated swales or curbless roadway in a new subdivision; the addition of rain barrels on the town hall building; pervious parking in a new or redeveloped lot; a green roof on a new commercial/industrial or municipal facility;
  - **policy changes** such as sanding practices, driveway/road ordinances, catch basin maintenance;
4. Ability to serve as a model to other CT municipalities and NEMO’s National Network.

We are particularly interested in working with a dedicated Task Force Coordinator, a Task Force with representation from all landuse boards and a clear set of goals (willingness to implement more than one of the items listed in #3).

**Please note: Through this program, The NEMO Team will NOT** prepare plans, write regulations conduct natural resource inventories or prepare GIS data sets.

**The NEMO Team will:** Provide educational workshops, publications, plan and regulatory reviews, and Internet resources to guide the municipality through implementation of items listed in #3. Other assistance such as the development of new educational programs and associated materials may be provided based upon the uniqueness of the project.

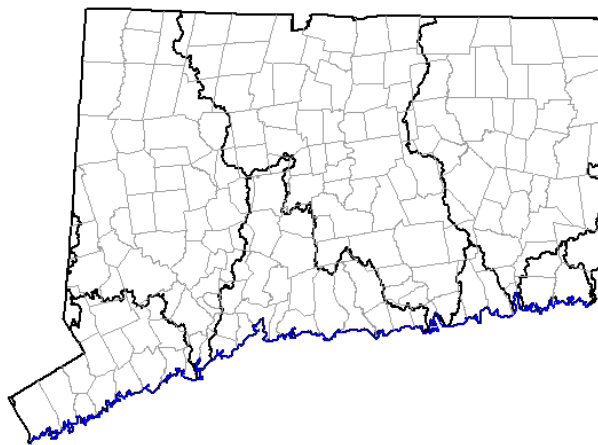
A sample cover letter and progress reports for municipalities participating in past years *Initiative* are available on the “*Workshops & Initiatives*” tab under *Initiatives* on our website and in our new publication, ***Putting Communities in Charge***.

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### Part B: Application

1. Provide a cover letter (one page maximum) indicating why your municipality should be chosen. Please describe the demographics of your municipality, its level of staffing to support land use commissions, and current or upcoming planning and or regulatory activities that will benefit from inclusion in this Initiative. We would also like to understand the level of commitment of your Task Force (listed in item 4 below), as it will be the driving force behind the Initiative in your municipality.



2. Color in your municipality on the above state map. Please note that this year's Initiative is focused primarily on the Thames River Watershed Basin.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (name of municipality) wishes to work with the NEMO Team (John Rozum, Jim Gibbons, Sandy Prisloe, Emily Wilson and other partners as needed from UConn's Center for Landuse Education and Research) to incorporate strategies to protect natural resources and reduce stormwater runoff through:  
[Indicate by checking the box(s) and describe].

- resource inventories \_\_\_\_\_
- administrative changes \_\_\_\_\_
- land use plan updates \_\_\_\_\_
- regulation updates \_\_\_\_\_
- demonstration of site design techniques \_\_\_\_\_
- policy changes \_\_\_\_\_

4. The following people (Task Force) are willing to commit time to work with the NEMO Team. The indicated commission and departments are minimum requirements; broader representation is encouraged, particularly from those involved in economic development. Please indicate a contact person (chairman) with a \*. Others may be included, as the municipality, in conjunction with The NEMO Team, deems necessary.

Name	Affiliation	Email	Phone
	Planning		
	Zoning		
	Inland Wetlands		
	Conservation		
	Board of Selectmen		



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