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## Town to Hold Conservation Issues Workshop for the Plan of Conservation and Development

**WESTBROOK** – Westbrook residents and property owners are invited to “Be a Part of the Plan” by attending the first in a series of three public workshops to be held by the Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Mulvey Municipal Center.

The workshop will focus on identifying those elements and locations in the community that residents feel should be preserved or enhanced in order to retain Westbrook’s small town feel and quality of life. Topics of discussion will include natural resource protection, open space, historic preservation, farmland preservation and community character.

Detailed knowledge of conservation issues is not necessary to participate. Attendees can come and share their views, identify their favorite places in Westbrook, or just listen to what other residents have to say. A preliminary build-out analysis under current Zoning Regulations will help attendees visualize future development potential and how this might impact conservation issues.

The Committee wants to know how well the general public thinks the Town is doing to address conservation-related concerns and to hear suggestions about what can and should be done going forward. Input from the session will help the Committee determine future conservation-related priorities for Westbrook.

The ideas generated at the workshop will be documented in a “Conservation Issues” Booklet that will be used to formulate recommendations in the Plan of Conservation and Development. The Plan will guide the long-term physical development of Westbrook. Future workshops will focus on Guiding Appropriate Development and Community Facility/Infrastructure Needs. Progress on the Plan can be followed on the Town website at [www.westbrookct.us](http://www.westbrookct.us).

The Plan is being prepared with the assistance of Planimetrics, an Avon-based land-use planning and consulting firm that assists towns with the preparation of Plans of Conservation and Development.