

Conservation Committee Notes for 2019

On Friday, October 18, 2019, 11:47:07 PM EDT,
Kim Gregory Zone II Conservation Committee,

We invite all of you to **Audubon Greenwich in two weeks on November 1 @ 10** for a conservation conversation coffee...if you could let me know if you and/or others are attending, our proposed agenda:

1. Audubon update on healthy yards resources
2. Leslie Lee presentation on oceans and energy
3. Conservation Study Committee trip
4. Successful/pending legislative activity
5. GCA conservation awards

If you are unable to attend in person but want to participate, Audubon will post a live feed on Facebook AND we will have a follow up meeting **February 7@10** to discuss our National Affairs and Legislation conference PLUS food/agriculture

Our club presidents will be receiving our NAL invitation in the near future so please reach out to them and help encourage someone that has yet to attend this amazing conference...including our presidents if they have yet to attend an NAL con

ConWatch produced an outstanding issue on Oceans that will be delivered to inboxes early next week...if you have yet to sign up for this publication, please do so but it is also now on the [GCA website](#)

Click [HERE](#) for the **latest call to action** that went out today to subscribers...if you have yet to sign up for this option, please do so and reach out to our elected officials for support on Senate bill 1081 and House bill HR 3195, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Funding Act

Lastly, my report to GCA on all of our Zone II conservation activities is due on November 10 so if you have yet to update me, please send me a few lines on what your club has been up to...thank you all and have a wonderful weekend!!
Kim

On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 12:14:55 AM EDT,
Kim Gregory II Conservation Chairs and meeting attendees, Thank you for joining us in New Haven yesterday and a special THANK YOU to Libby King for presenting to us about GCA conservation scholarships Thank you to Louise Nadler for volunteering to record the attached minutes of our meeting for everyone that could not be there...apologies to Deborah Sterling for disrupting

her at the end of our meeting to move outdoors but attaching the following sent from her: *Green Fingers is going to work on an educational signage project for a new shoreline garden we gave to the Byram Park using mostly native plants that would grow in that location. Our Conservation Chrs met with Hortulus and Greenwich GC regarding getting a speaker with an environmental topic. We are also promoting Pollinator Pathways. I will report to the club, briefly, on any NAL legislation that needs action in Congress. I will check the GCA website, and the GCA Position papers that have not been mentioned in a while. The NY TIMES had an amazing article this week about drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge which was a big GCA issue 30 years ago and was protected, but not, I guess forever. Opening it to oil companies was in a bill that was attached to the recent Federal Tax bill, which they knew would pass, so the Arctic was 'collateral damage'. It borders Canada that has protected the area. I was shocked and saddened to read of Cokie Robert death today. Ever since I was the Zone II Rep and I learned how important it was to know what politicians were doing, I follow the news, especially their environmental votes. It is equally important for all us citizens to let them know our opinions. They do listen and act*

Millie Legenhausen gave permission to attach her conservation newsletter with link to great article listing top 12 native plants and UCONN invasive plant list...remember to check out additional information/resources and POSITION PAPERS on GCA website As our only scheduled meeting of the year, yesterday was a great time to get to know our counterparts throughout the zone and hear what everyone is doing throughout the year...if you would like another meeting this year, please let me know your topics of interest for planning purposes As soon as GCA releases information about NAL registration it will be forwarded to you but keep February 23 - 26 in your calendars and promote it to your members...if you did not show the GCA NAL slideshow last year, please show it in the next couple months to help garner interest from a potential delegate

GCA is celebrating the US Senate unanimously passing the "Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019 and it now heads to the President's desk...will update you on the Botany Bill as soon as we have more information Thank you for all of your enthusiasm and willingness to share it...Kim 203-918-5254