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**AQUARION WATER COMPANY SPONSORS
NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM
AT STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER**

Environmental Programs To Be Taught In Schools And On-Site

(Stamford, Connecticut—August 3, 2007) ... Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut and Stamford Museum & Nature Center are joining forces to bring environmental and conservation education into Fairfield County elementary schools. The partnership will hold a press conference on Wednesday, August 8, at 11 a.m. at the Stamford Water Treatment Facility, located at 149 Lakeside Drive in Stamford.

The new Aquarion Water Company Watershed Program will allow nature educators from the Stamford Museum & Nature Center and water quality professionals from Aquarion to visit classrooms through the SM&NC in the Schools program. Students will also have on-site experiences at the museum's 118-acre property where they will learn about watershed protection, wetland ecology, and water quality. The program meets several state science standards and is developed to enhance and support the Connecticut State Core Curriculum Frameworks.

"This partnership offers wonderful educational opportunities for the students of Stamford to really understand their natural environment. I applaud Aquarion for its corporate citizenry and the Stamford Museum & Nature Center for the unique and important educational programming it provides to this community," said Mayor Dannel P. Malloy.



“Aquarion’s support helps us build on our portfolio of nature education programs. Because our property is in the Poorhouse Brook watershed, we have an excellent, hands-on education environment in which to teach,” said Stamford Museum & Nature Center Executive Director Melissa H. Mulrooney.

“The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is one of the great treasures that makes a true environmental and educational impact within the community,” added Aquarion President and CEO Charles V. Firlotte. “For years, Aquarion has been active in educational outreach in the schools and with the Stamford Museum & Nature Center. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to this great new partnership.”

Students in grades 1-5 will learn what a watershed is, and how everything that people do on the watershed site affects the soil, water, air, plants and animals. By exploring their own local watersheds and using a hands-on interactive model to show the sources of pollution, students can begin to connect water quality with watershed protection.

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During the last school year, 83 SM&NC in the Schools programs were presented to more than 2,000 students in 12 local schools in Stamford, Norwalk, Greenwich, and New Canaan. Thousands of additional students visited from Fairfield and Westchester counties and New York City.

As part of the watershed program, students can also take a field trip to the 118-acre nature center to learn about stream ecology, vernal ponds or “nurseries of the forest,” and the journey through a watershed.

This is not the first time Aquarion and Stamford Museum & Nature Center has teamed up. To celebrate Earth Day last year, Aquarion employees helped build a universally accessible “Wheels in the Woods” nature trail at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center.

Stamford Museum & Nature Center also offers a variety of other on-site educational programs. Teachers interested in reserving a program may contact Director of Education Will Kies at 203.322.1646 ext. 6568.



Stamford Museum & Nature Center is located at 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT (3/4 mile North of Merritt Parkway Exit 35.) For more information, call 203.322.1646 ext. 6521 or visit www.stamfordmuseum.org.

Directions to press conference

High Ridge Road to Interlaken. Left on Lakeside Drive. Right turn into 149 Lakeside Drive. Continue up drive to first right turn. Follow signs to tent area.

About Aquarion Water Company

Aquarion Company's principal business is public water supply. Through its Aquarion Water Company subsidiaries, it is one of the 10 largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S., serving some 207,000 homes and businesses, or approximately 700,000 people, in 44 Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities. Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut provides high-quality water to 179,000 customers, or some 600,000 people, in 36 cities and towns. For more information on Aquarion Company and its subsidiaries, visit www.aquarionwater.com.

About Stamford Museum & Nature Center

Stamford Museum & Nature Center is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of art, the natural and agricultural sciences, and history. The Museum is a vital cultural and educational resource for the community, and a focal point for family activity and interaction, seeking to inspire creativity, foster self-discovery, and nurture an appreciation for lifelong learning through exhibitions, educational programs, and special events that enhance the visitor's experience on its unique site.

Stamford Museum & Nature Center serves audiences of all ages through exhibitions, educational programs and recreational activities. Situated on the 118-acre former estate of Henri Bendel, the site is comprised of a rich array of facilities including a working, educational farm; nature center; state-of-the art observatory with research



telescope; art galleries; classroom and workshop facilities; a unique playground; lakeside picnic area; planetarium; and vast hardwood forest with hiking trails.

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Hours

Heckscher Farm

Daily 9am-5pm

Animal Embassy

Tues-Sun 10am-2pm

Summer 10am-3:30pm

Nature's Playground

Daily 9am-5pm

Bendel Mansion (main building)

Mon-Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 11am-5pm

(Galleries closed Mondays except on holidays)

Admission Fees*

SM&NC members – always free

Stamford residents – always free on Wednesdays

Adults \$8

Seniors (65+) \$6

Students (18+) \$6 (with valid ID)

Children (4-17) \$4

Children (3 and younger) Free **Excludes festival days*

Planetarium Show: Members Free. Adults \$3; Children 5 and older \$2

Observatory: Members Free. Adults \$3; Children \$2

Friday nights, 8:30-10:30 pm, weather permitting

