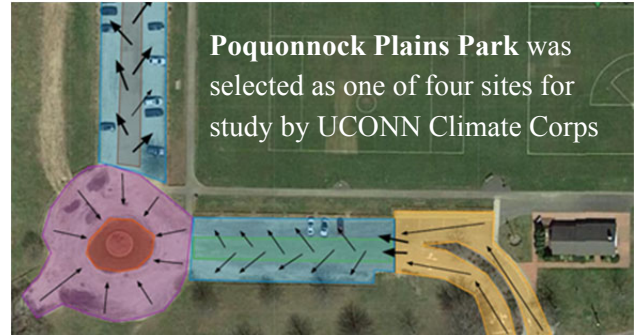
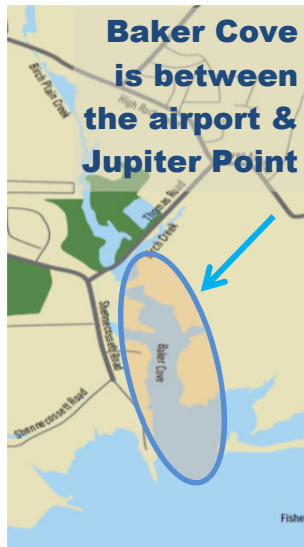


### BacWac: The Clean Water Committee with the Funny Name

The Baker Cove Watershed Committee or "Bacwac" for short—is a volunteer group of community stakeholders working to reduce "non-point source" pollution in the waters that drain into Baker Cove. The Cove is 'impaired' (or polluted), mostly due to fecal coliform, a bacteria found in the waste of geese, house pets, and people. One impact of the pollution is shell fishermen harvesting from adjacent waters have to do special cleaning before going to market. Bacwac hopes to change that.

'Non-point source' means the cause of the pollution is a bunch of small things which add up. So solutions must be collaborative. To date, 11 groups are involved, among them the Town, City, Airport, Groton Utilities, and CT DEEP (Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection). However, the committee seeks added participation from the general public including residents, business, neighborhood or school groups. The Town is represented by members of Public Works and the Office of Planning & Development Services (OPDS). The Eastern CT Conservation District (ECCD) is facilitator and wrote the Baker Cove Watershed Based Plan being used as a planning guide. Bacwac meets 6x a yr., Weds. 10-11:30 am.



Poquonnock Plains Park was selected as one of four sites for study by UCONN Climate Corps

### "MS4" UPDATE

The CT DEEP permit governing Groton's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

Contractor Anchor Engineering, who have changed their name to Barton & Loguidice: Continued outfall sampling of impaired waters as part of the MS4 'Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination' (IDDE) plan and submitted a draft Stormwater Structure Maintenance Plan

UCONN CLEAR / The Center for Land Use Education & Research: Sent students from their 'Climate Corps' program to assess viability of 4 town sites for use of 'LID' (low-impact development) to reduce the impervious cover which contributes to water pollution. Impervious cover is any hard surface such as roofs, sidewalk, or pavement which prevents infiltration and natural cleaning of

stormwater. Find the report on the PWD Stormwater page.

TO LEARN MORE Contact Public Works Project Management Specialist Michelle Maitland at 860-448-4544 or mmaitland@groton-ct.gov.



NOVEMBER is a time for giving thanks but for Public Works it is also the start of budgeting season. This seven-month cycle begins with review of finances and collection of needed new info, looking ahead to coming years' deadlines, estimating future costs, and weighing competing priorities. Data is compiled in December, sent to the Town Manager in January; then throughout the Spring, the Town Council and RTM invite public comment before completing their work in time for the budget's needed approval in late May.