What is a greenway?
Learn about the new Menunketesuck-Cockaponset Regional Greenway and celebrate the natural and cultural history of one of Connecticut’s last great contiguous coastal and riparian forested areas. Greenways can be much more than linear open spaces. They can be the links from city to country, from village to village, from state to state. They can reconnect people to their communities, to rivers, fields, and hillsides, enhancing the sense of place that helps define the quality of life in Connecticut. Greenways connect the places we live with the places we love.

What will this greenway do?
The purposes of the Regional Greenway are to protect:
• private/working forested land
• water quality & quantity
• wildlife habitat
• public recreational/scenic resources that create the character of the lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region.

Criteria Continued...
1. protect natural resources, preserve scenic landscapes and historical resources or offer opportunities for recreation or non-motorized transportation;
2. connect existing protected areas and provide access to the outdoors;
3. be located along a defining natural feature, such as a waterway, along a man-made corridor, including an unused right of way, traditional trail routes or historic barge canals; or
4. be a green space along a highway or around a village.

The critical element of all greenways, however, is connectivity.

Keeping the Greenway alive and relevant will need a strong commitment at the local and regional level. You can support the effort through your town’s land trust or land use commissions.

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