



City of Danbury Common Council

The Hon. Joseph Cavo, President
Danbury Common Council
155 Deer Hill Ave.,
Danbury, CT 06810

August 25, 2008

Re: Water Usage

Dear President Cavo and Common Council Members:

As water is one of our most precious natural resources and Danbury has long been a leader in protecting its reservoirs and wells, we show special pride in its management. Increasingly major enterprises however have been freely extracting tens of millions of gallons a year from public and private wells and streams, and unprepared communities are experiencing unprecedented pressure on underground aquifers and surface water supplies.

In order that we continue to protect and preserve Danbury's water resources we believe the City should investigate Connecticut case law, statutes and regulations regarding large-scale water extraction from aquifers, surface, private and public water systems, and the abilities of municipalities to regulate same.

As an initial step we request that the Office of Corporation Counsel and the City's Water Department review the issue and provide a report to the Common Council.

Respectfully yours,

Paul Rotello, Councilman - 6th Ward

Benjamin Chianese, Councilman - 6th Ward

Tom Saadi, Minority Leader

Warren Levy, Councilman At Large

Fred Visconti, Councilman - 5th Ward

Duane Perkins, Councilman - 5th Ward