



# CONNECTICUT ENVIROTHON

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Dear Educator,

Connecticut Envirothon is a part of a large network of educators and natural resource professionals throughout the United States, Canada, and China that focuses on preparing high school students to be responsible stewards of and decision makers for our natural resources. The Connecticut Envirothon Steering Committee is now launching another quality environmental learning experience for the 2019-2020 academic year!

This year's special current issue study will focus on "*Water Resources Management: Local Control and Local Solutions*". By utilizing electronic handouts and hands-on workshops, Envirothon has been very successful in enriching students' understanding of each of our basic components: forestry, aquatics, soils, and wildlife as well as the current issue topic. We sincerely hope that you find the curriculum materials provided on the website and at the workshops useful for regular classroom use as well as for working with your Envirothon students.

Each May, participation in Envirothon culminates with the Field Competition where the student teams rotate through five practical testing stations. While the student teams are competing, teachers attend an educational program focused on the next year's current issue. The winning team is sent to represent Connecticut at the North American/International Envirothon competition.

Envirothon is STEM compliant and provides excellent networking opportunities for science teachers from across the State. Encourage your students to learn about science outside of the classroom! The Connecticut Envirothon program also provides a great opportunity for students to interact with professionals in the environmental field, both during training workshops and at the competition in May.

Please see the enclosed calendar of events, registration form, and brochure for additional information about the program.

We will be having a teacher orientation at the Forestry and Soils Workshop on Saturday October 26th from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, at the Tolland County Agricultural Center in Vernon. At the orientation, you will have a chance to learn more about the program and meet our study topic leaders and coaches from other schools. Please feel free to contact us to learn more about this incredible opportunity or to register a team for participation during the 2019-2020 academic year. You can also visit our website at [www.ctenvirothon.org](http://www.ctenvirothon.org)

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Folger, CT Envirothon Chair