

Eightmile River Corridor Management Plan



Description

The Eightmile River Watershed is located in south-central Connecticut and includes land within the towns of East Haddam, Lyme and Salem. The Eightmile River is currently under consideration by the National Park Service to be designated as a Wild and Scenic River. A component of the designation process is the development of a management plan for the watershed which is supported and endorsed by the local communities. Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. (FHI) provided planning assistance to the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee during the development of the watershed management plan.

FHI was contracted to identify best management practices (BMPs) and innovative land use planning tools that local communities could consider for protecting the watershed. FHI researched similar watershed management plans throughout the United States to identify best management practices. Additionally, FHI reviewed the existing zoning regulations and land use planning policies for each of the involved communities. FHI developed a variety of recommendations for each community to improve their ability to protect and enhance the watershed. Recommendations included minor tweaks to zoning regulations, implementation of zoning overlay districts, town staffing recommendations and new subdivision regulations.

Client

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee

