

## Harbor Watch/River Watch Program Recognized as a Conservation Partner of the Year

Harbor Watch/River Watch, a water quality testing program operated by Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center in Westport, CT, was recognized as one of the Conservation Partners of the Year by the Southwest Conservation District on Monday, October 25. This county agency focuses on the conservation, preservation and protection of natural resources in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

Dick Harris, Director of Harbor Watch/River Watch, was recognized as a Southwest Conservation District "Conservation Partner of the Year", and was one of seven people to be recognized at the District's 58th Annual Meeting. Other honoraries were: Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs (Wilton), Diana Ross (Branford's Environmental Planner), Rebecca Ellwood (USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service), Terry Jones (Jones Family Farms, Town of Shelton), William Hindinger (Hindinger Farm-Town of Hamden) and Ann Berman (Mayor's Environmental Concerns--Town of Milford). The Earthplace Harbor Watch/River Watch Program was recognized for being the platform for environmental stewardship by adults and teenage students.



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