
From: U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (senator@blumenthal.senate.gov)

To:

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 02:04 PM EST

Dear Mr. Haney,

Thank you for your message regarding the Thomaston Dam and the 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). I appreciate hearing from you.

As you know, every two years the Senate works to pass legislation that targets federal investments in inland waterways, ports, and other infrastructure projects through a WRDA bill. This legislation authorizes projects such as flood system repairs and port improvements that produce a wide range of benefits, from mitigating floods to boosting economic activity for local communities.

The town of Thomaston submitted a request for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) to accept the Naugatuck River Greenway Thomaston to Torrington Trail Routing Feasibility Study Report and to design and construct the trail on federal land as is detailed in the study's preferred route. This request was previously submitted by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments. The Army Corps does not support the request as currently written. In order to advance this request, the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works would need to proceed without the approval of the Army Corps, which happens very infrequently.

As the Senate works through WRDA 2022, I will continue to work with the Army Corps and the relevant Senate committees on all submitted requests. Rest assured, I will keep your thoughts in mind should I have the opportunity to vote on this legislation.

Thank you again for your message. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any future questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Blumenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate