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## RECONNECTING & RESTORING NORWALK RIVER WATERSHED

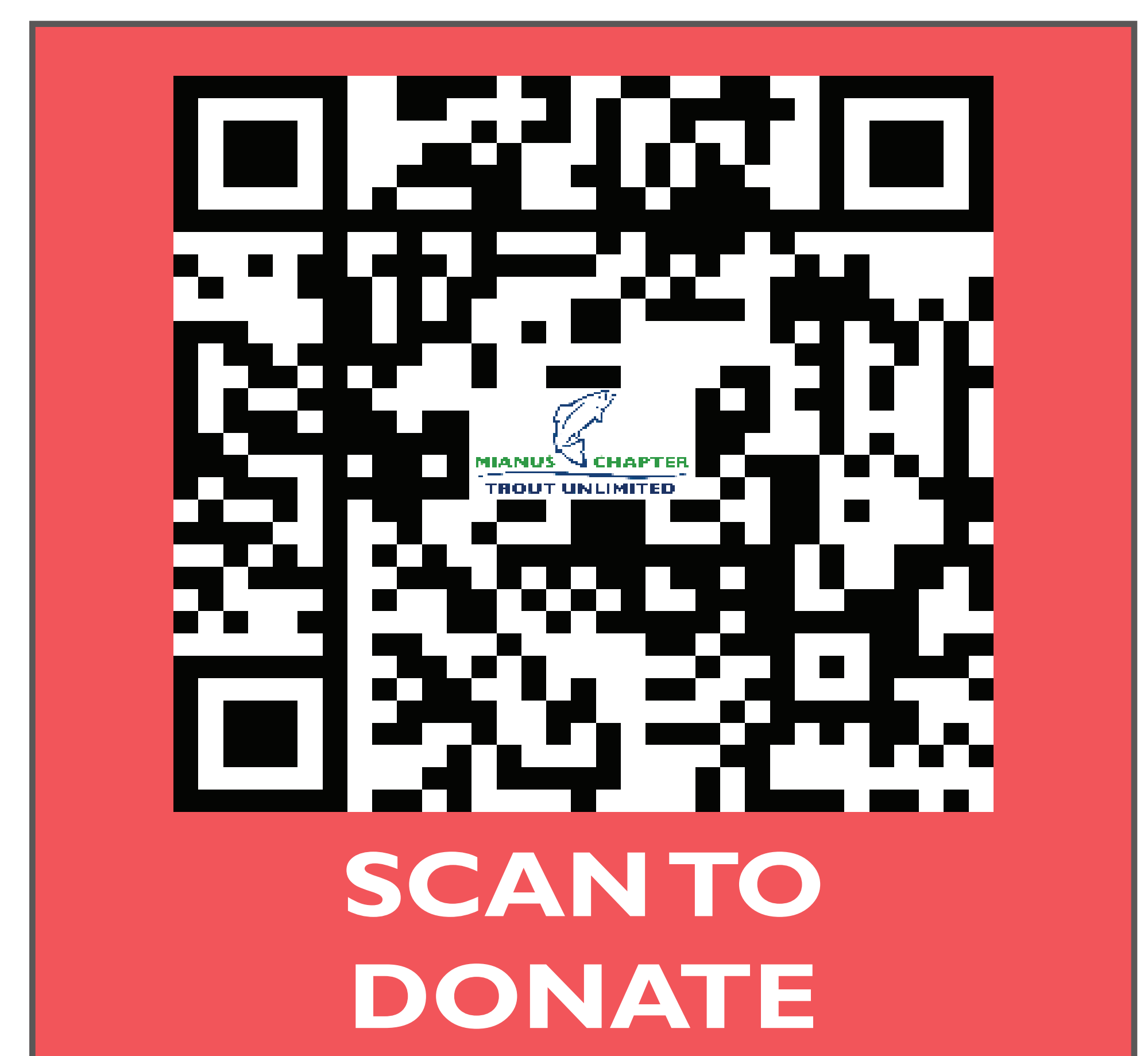


Removing dams, building better habitat, reducing runoff, combatting climate change and engaging the entire community to protect wild Brown Trout and sea run fish.

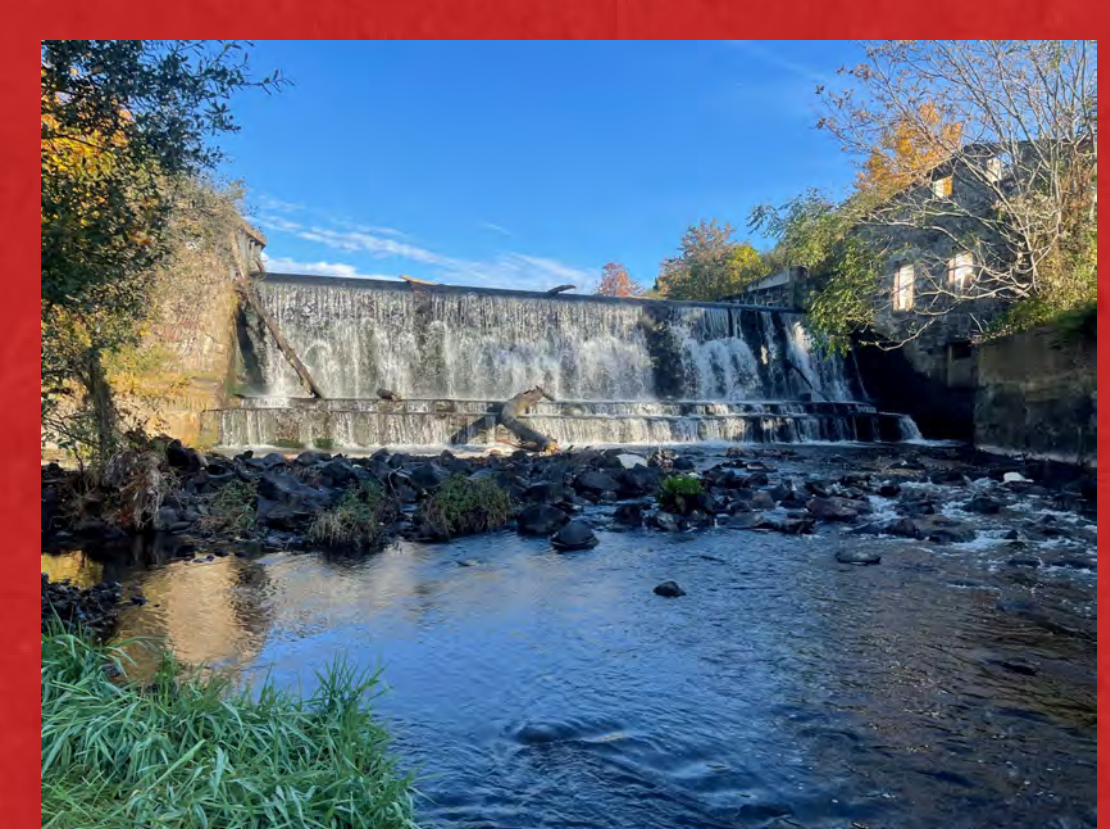
## DAM REMOVALS HAVE ALREADY RE-OPENED MORE THAN 7 MILES

*Taking out Dana Dam will add another 5 miles and reconnect the river from Georgetown all the way to Long Island Sound*

Dam removal on the Norwalk River has led to incredible success in the reconnection of fish from Long Island Sound up to Wilton for the first time in over 130 years. In 2018, the City of Norwalk removed the Flock Dam south of the Merritt Parkway and Trout Unlimited breached the Cannondale Dam. Taking out the Dana Dam at Merwin Meadows will allow sea-run fish like alewife, herring, sea lamprey, eels and other native fish to migrate from saltwater all the way upstream to Georgetown. Our attention can then turn to the three dams in-and-around the old Georgetown Wire Mill site where removals would re-open another large section of river, including access to critical spawning habitat for alewife.



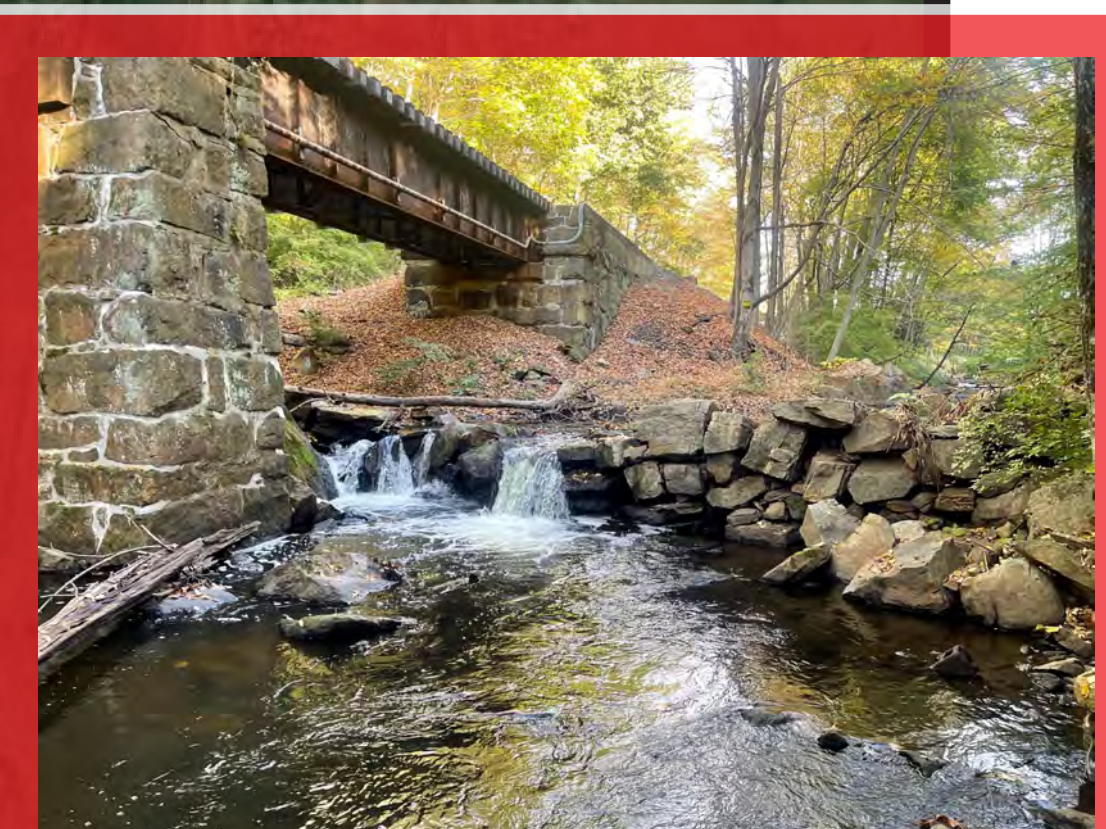
In Ridgefield, at the top of the Norwalk watershed, there are a total of 10 dams



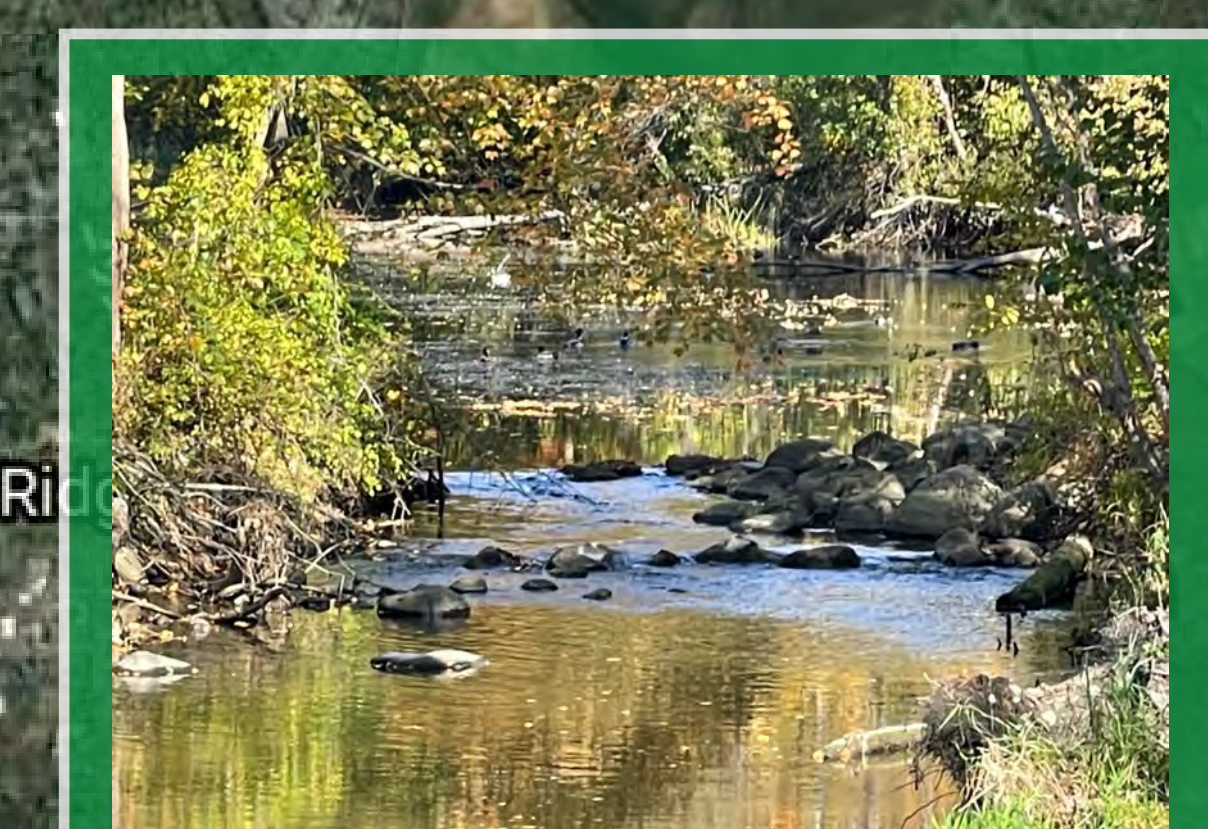
Factory Pond Dam is the largest remaining dam on the Norwalk River



The Wire Mill Dam may not be tall, but it is high enough to block fish passage



After Dana Dam is removed three dams in Georgetown block fish passage upstream



In 2003, Trout Unlimited removed the Wallpole Dam just off Route 7 by Topstone



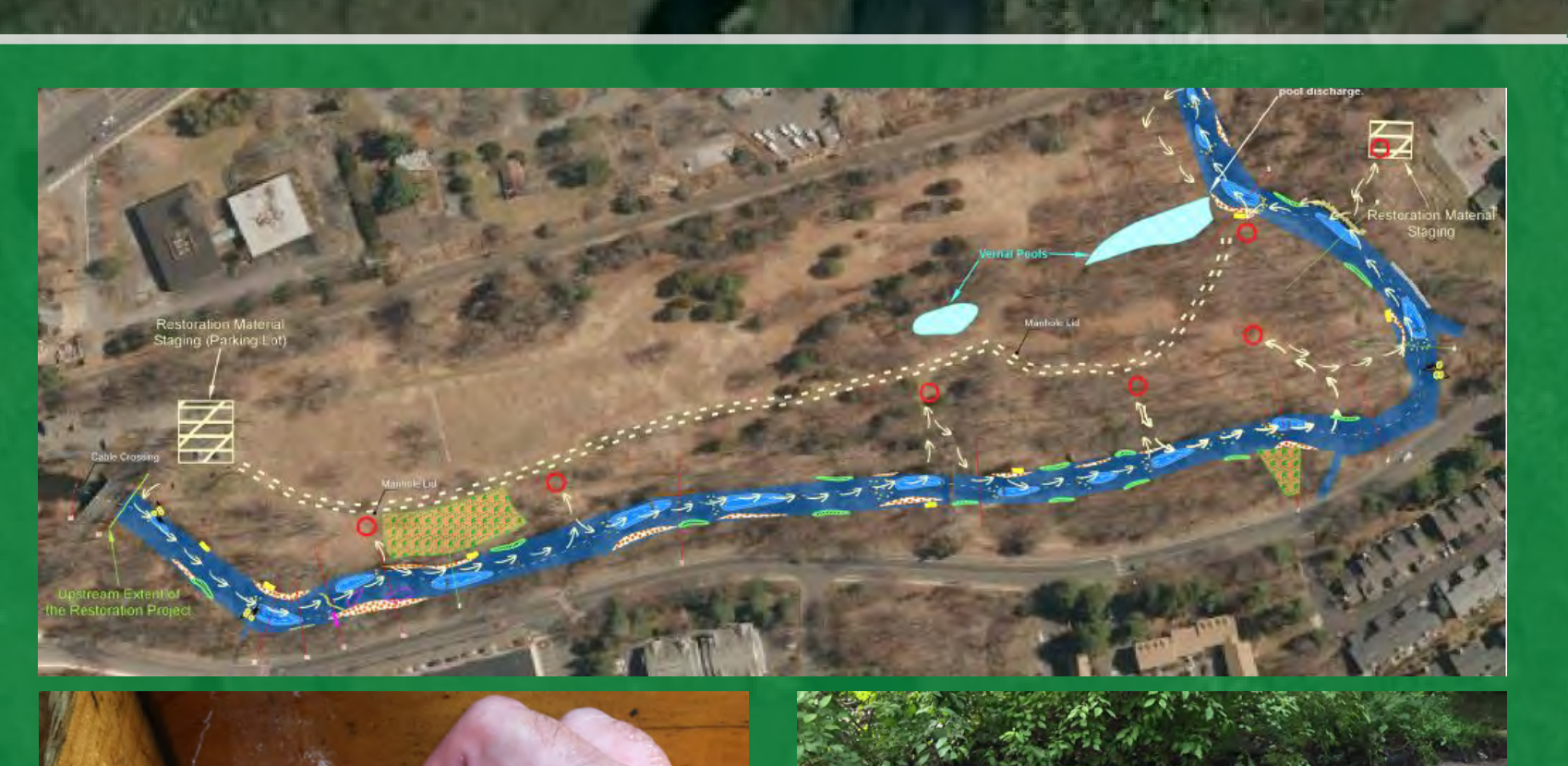
In August 2018, volunteers with Trout Unlimited used a jackhammer and other tools to breach the Cannondale Dam, opening fish passage from Georgetown to Merwin Meadows. When Dana Dam is removed, fish can travel all the way to the Sound



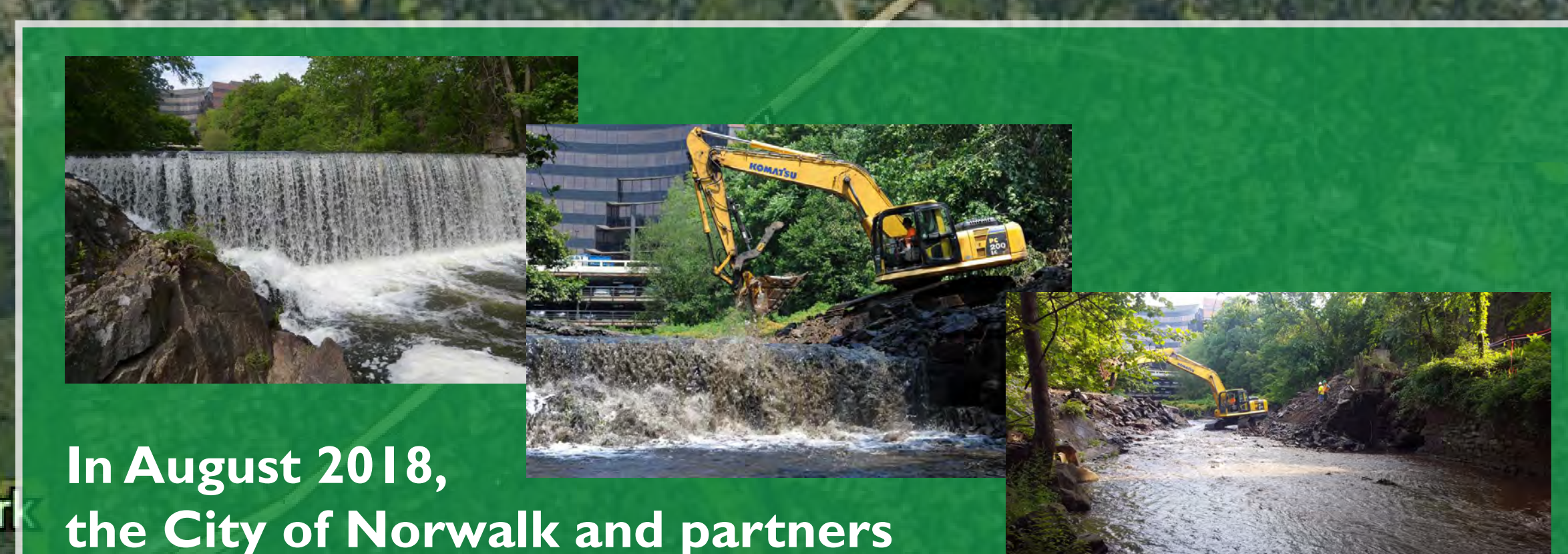
Taking out Dana Dam is a \$2.5 million effort that began more than 30 years ago



Sea lamprey have returned to the Norwalk River for the first time in over 130 years



Trout Unlimited's work restoring the river at Schenck's Island helps create habitat for wild brown trout and sea-run fish migrating upstream



In August 2018, the City of Norwalk and partners tore out the Flock Dam just south of the Merritt Parkway. The largest dam removal on the river at the time, this project reconnected Long Island Sound all the way up to the Dana Dam at Merwin Meadows in Wilton

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