



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

**Proposed Bill No. 5912**

LCO No. 2645

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
REP. FOX, 146<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE TO RESTORE THE  
MILL RIVER IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       That the State Bond Commission be empowered to authorize the  
2       issuance of bonds of the state in accordance with section 3-20 of the  
3       general statutes, in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate  
4       \_\_\_ dollars, the proceeds of which shall be used by the Department of  
5       Environmental Protection for the purpose of a grant to the city of  
6       Stamford to restore the Mill River by (1) removing the Mill Pond dam  
7       and walls and the partial dam at Pulaski Street, (2) removing  
8       contaminated sediment, (3) restoring tidal wetlands and the natural  
9       flow of the river and the revegetation of its banks with native species,  
10      and (4) removing invasive species from the river.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide funds to Stamford to (1) restore over four miles of the Mill River, which is a spawning habitat for endangered anadromous fish species including blueback herring and alewife, (2) facilitate the creation of a greenbelt through downtown providing nonvehicular

access to Long Island sound, and (3) create a Mill River Park in the city.