



QUESTIONS FOR NOMINEE TO THAMES RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

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THAMES RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION (CGS §§ [25-101](#) AND [102](#))

- The commission is established under the Thames River Valley Flood Control Compact formed by Connecticut and Massachusetts.
- It promotes interstate comity, assures adequate storage capacity for impounding river waters to protect against flooding, and creates a joint agency to cooperatively control flooding.
- Each state appoints three members.

NOMINEE QUESTIONS

1. Do Connecticut and Massachusetts have similar:
 - a. interests regarding the Thames River, and
 - b. organizational structures and policies for controlling flooding?
2. Describe some of the issues or problems the commission has addressed. How were they addressed?
3. Has the commission considered coordinating with other commissions or entities, such as the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission, to further its purposes?
4. A 2013 law ([Public Act 13-197](#)) made changes to the state's dam safety law that, among other things, requires (1) unregistered dams to become registered and (2) owners of high or significant hazard dams to develop and implement emergency action plans. How will these changes impact flood control on the Thames River?

5. How have the weather events (e.g., tropical storms and snowfall events) of the past few years impacted flood control on the Thames River? What are some ways that the state can mitigate the effects of severe weather events on flood control? Do these efforts need to be coordinated with Massachusetts?
6. How do land development patterns impact flooding? Does the commission interact with local planning and zoning agencies to address flooding concerns along the river?
7. How will your employment with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection benefit the commission?

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