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## **Aquarion Focuses on Large Area Cleanup of Hurricane Sandy Damaged Trees**

### *Timber Removal and Salvage Begins January 2*

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – December 28, 2012 – As a result of heavy damage by Hurricane Sandy, Aquarion Water Company, in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy, will manage the removal of fallen and damaged trees at several locations within the Centennial Watershed State Forest. Aquarion's chief forester, Gary Haines, will serve as project manager for the salvage operation of approximately 130 acres of predominately white pine that was damaged during the storm, necessitating this emergency timber removal.

Preserving forest health, including invasive species control and fire threat reduction, are primary reasons for the timber logging.

“A controlled salvage cut of this type will allow the forest to naturally re-generate itself, providing for managed tree growth and a healthy, resilient forest,” according to Haines. “Removing the fallen timber during the next several months is imperative to preserving the value and usefulness of the wood as lumber,” explained Haines. Sale of this salvage timber helps to defray costs for this cleanup project.

Carl Clavette Logging, based in Burlington, CT has been awarded the removal and salvage contract. The logging company will use equipment designed to effectively and safely remove the timber. Logging trucks will access the cleanup sites by wood roads prepared by Aquarion. Police will provide traffic control where needed. Work is scheduled between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, and may also include weekends. The project will begin on the Black Rock Road site in Easton on January 2 and conclude in May 2013.

Removal and salvage areas include: Easton – Black Rock Road (south of Westport Road), Everett Road and North Park Avenue, and Rock House Road and Valley Road; Fairfield – Black

Rock Turnpike (north of Hemlock Road); Shelton – Booth Hill Road (near Hurd Street); and several smaller damaged areas.

Aquarion Water Company, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy provide for the management of Centennial Watershed State Forest through the Conservation Land Committee partnership. Recreational public-use opportunities within specified areas of the forest include hiking and fishing with permits. For more information on these activities please visit the Aquarion website at [aquarionwater.com](http://aquarionwater.com).

***About Aquarion Water Company:***

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 47 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, as well as serving customers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices.

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