



# AQUARION

## *Water Company*

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### **Aquarion CEO, Charles V. Firlotte, commemorates Company's 85-year membership in conservation group**

DERBY - Charles V. Firlotte, CEO of Bridgeport-based Aquarion Water Company, commemorated the utility's 85-year membership in the Connecticut Forest & Park Association during that group's annual meeting recently at the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby.

Officials from the CFPA said only a handful of memberships have lasted that long in the conservation group's history.

In Firlotte's address to CFPA members, he spoke of the important role the group holds in protecting the state's open space. In addition, he noted the CFPA's Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails system, which includes several trails through Aquarion property in Easton and Redding, provides opportunities for hikers to enjoy the beauty of that open space.

"Your Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail system and your Connecticut Walk Book are outstanding examples of your commitment to both the environment and the general public," Firlotte told CFPA members. "And, the hiking programs we have developed with you and the DEP are extremely important in our overall mix of environmental activities."

He said he views Aquarion as a steward of the environment and, therefore, Aquarion's partnership with the CFPA is "especially beneficial to the general public."

Aquarion Water Company is a public water supply company serving nearly 600,000 people in 36 communities throughout Connecticut, including several Valley communities and much of Fairfield County. It is among the 10 largest investor-owned water utility companies in the U.S., and last year it celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding.

The Connecticut Forest & Park Association is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of the state's forests, parks, trails and other natural resources. One of its early members was Frances Osborne Kellogg, who deeded her homestead and vast property to the state so it would forever remain as open space. Today it is the site of the Kellogg Environmental Center, as well as the Osborne Homestead.

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