



# CITY OF DANBURY

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HEALTH AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
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January 30, 2006

Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Common Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
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Re: Department of Health & Housing Monthly Report to the Common Council

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The December 2005 Department of Health & Housing monthly report is provided for your review. Detailed reports are attached for both the Housing & Food Service and the Environmental Health Divisions which identify specific inspections and hours provided by our staff. Should you have any questions regarding these issues, feel free to contact myself or each Division Head directly.

### Main Topics

The Food Service Inspection summary scores are continuously posted for public information on the City of Danbury web site. Current inspection results are available for public review, these results area added to the web site by City staff.

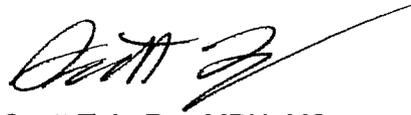
A "Healthy Neighborhood is a Lead Safe Neighborhood" continues the collaborative with the Danbury Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) to provide free blood lead screenings for children under 6 with the Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Van. The Grant program provides blood lead screening opportunities to children in Danbury and using the WOW Van services, as well as lead poisoning prevention opportunities.

Additional Topics

In addition to the Department's year round workload, the seasonal issues have changed and added educational and regulatory tasks. Interview's were scheduled and conducted with candidates for the Senior Inspector position. A potential starting date for the first week in February, 2006, as been discussed.

You are encouraged to review all the information for each Division, as it provides details concerning ongoing activities. Also, I thank you for giving the Department of Health & Housing the opportunity to serve the Citizens of Danbury and feel free to contact the Division Supervisors or myself with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott T. LeRoy", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott T. LeRoy MPH, MS  
Director of Health

Cc: Dena Diorio, Director of Finance & Personnel



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**HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE REPORT**

December, 2005

**INSPECTIONS**

NUMBER								
This	Last	Number	%		Last	Number	%	
Month	Month	Diff.	Diff.	YTD	YTD	Diff.	Diff.	
A.	216	233	(17)	(7)	1563	1633	(70)	(4)
B.	74	64	10	16	501	402	99	25
C.	92	103	(11)	(11)	700	592	108	18
D.	47	59	(12)	(20)	340	626	(286)	(46)
E.	61	68	(7)	(10)	352	618	(266)	(43)
F.	12	14	(2)	(14)	199	130	69	53
A.	Total Housing Inspections							
B.	Total Housing Inspections Common Areas							
C.	Total Housing Inspections Dwelling Units							
D.	Total Housing Inspections Nuisance							
E.	Total Food Service Inspections							
F.	Total General Nuisance/Miscellaneous Inspections							

  
Paul Schierloh  
Associate Director

## NARRATIVE FOR MONTHLY REPORT

### HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES SECTION

Field activities for housing and food service functions conducted during the reporting period are reflected in the statistical summary attached. In addition to the normal administrative, inspection and enforcement activities associated with these functions, the section undertook the initiatives outlined below which would be deemed to be of special interest or importance.

Four members of the housing and food section continued to participate in bioterrorism and hazmat response training as part of the department's initiative to expand its capability to respond to emergency incidents. A slight decrease in inspection numbers for the housing and food sections will be more than offset by the increased flexibility offered to the department to respond to unexpected events.

Section personnel completed training in pool inspections to join Environmental Health Section personnel in implementing a comprehensive pool inspection program. Four members of the section received training this year which will provide the director additional flexibility in implementing the program next year.

Food service inspection totals for the month were lower than prior years due to the food inspector position vacancy. The new public health inspector started employment on May 23. The inspector cannot conduct food service inspections until successfully concluding field certification by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The inspector has passed the State written exam. The inspector has undergone training in other disciplines within the department and has been conducting housing, nuisance and pool inspections. The inspector returned from an extended leave in early December and has begun field certification. The inspector should be certified to begin food service inspections in early January 2006. Housing inspection services have also been adversely impacted this year by an extended leave of the public health inspector assigned to housing inspections.

The Office of the Corporation Counsel processed ten housing/health code referrals in December. The housing section made court appearances on four cases while several other cases were resolved prior to court appearances. Every effort is made to encourage cooperation in making needed improvements, but non-compliance leads to court action and possible penalties for contempt of court orders.

The department has discontinued nuisance sweeps in downtown neighborhoods until Spring. This effort also involves distribution of pamphlets on mosquito control and prevention of West Nile Virus. The Department continues to investigate

complaints throughout the city referred through the Mayor's Blight Hotline and from other departments in addition to complaints made directly to the department. The department also participates in investigations by the Unified Neighborhood Inspection Team (UNIT). The department also receives complaints and service requests through the City's Q-Alert program and the CityScan program.

The department continued working with the LAMPP Project, the entity sub-contracted by the State to administer lead poisoning prevention and remediation funds awarded to Connecticut by the Federal government. The City has been assisting LAMPP to identify tenants and property owners who would be eligible to receive risk assessments as well as funds to abate lead hazards. This enables Danbury property owners to access funds available to abate lead paint, replace windows, doors and perform other repairs to make units lead safe. Danbury has had two projects consisting of seven total units funded through LAMPP or LAMPP partners. There are currently two additional applications under review by LAMPP, with one application receiving initial approval in December.

The department has made a total of 10 referrals to LAMPP for lead assessments/education for eligible Danbury families since LAMPP opened up the referral process. One new referral was made in December. LAMPP Program activities will be coordinated with the screening and education efforts to be undertaken under the Lead Safe Neighborhood grant secured by Director of Health Scott LeRoy. LAMPP funds will be available to pay for lead inspections and lead hazard abatement in homes of children identified through the new screening effort as having problematic lead blood levels. The lead outreach worker who will implement the new lead grant program completed program training and began conducting lead screenings during December.

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Housing Partnership and the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The part-time fair housing officer handled one housing discrimination inquiry, received two fair rent inquiries, processed two formal complaints and conducted one site investigation. The fair housing officer also attended a meeting of the Fair Housing Association of Connecticut and assisted with monitoring of compliance with affordable housing restrictions in connection with a density bonus project. Staff also met with Corporation Counsel's Office regarding record-keeping and monitoring requirements for Mallory Square, a new housing development with occupancy restricted to residents aged 55 and older.



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January 13, 2006

TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Jack Kozuchowski, Coordinator of Environmental & Occupational Health Services

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RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division  
December, 2005

<b>Key Indicators</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Last Month</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Difference</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<i>Hazardous Materials Management (hours)</i>	177	134	43	32	961
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	108	115	(7)	(6)	621
<i>Natural Resource Management (hours)</i>	20	24	(4)	(17)	159
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	57	60	(3)	(0.5)	316
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	170	273	(103)	(38)	1011

## Current Projects

Name	Status	Next Steps	Finish date
<p><b>Hazardous Materials Management</b></p>	<p>1) Bioterrorism (BT) Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Directed transition of Bioterrorism Facilitator tasks to Hazardous Materials Planner</li> <li>➤ Conducted meeting regional "Health Emergency Planning Committee" of area health directors aimed at developing a regional response process for BT events</li> </ul> <p>2) Brownfield Assessments:</p> <p><u><i>Barnum Court</i></u>. Collected and submitted rhizosphere soils for mercury analyses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in regional planning for BT preparedness and response; Initiate goals for 2005-2006 contract year preparedness planning.</li> <li>• Continue training EHD in Bioterrorism preparedness and response.</li> </ul> <p>Analyze all results and prepare manuscript for publication of results.</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>June, 2006</p>
<p><b>Water Resource Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with Recreation Department in obtaining project cost estimates for weed control and "goose exclusion hedgerow" and suction dredging at Kenosia and Candlewood Town Parks</li> <li>• Participated in meeting with Tarrywile Lake Task Force. Oversee and monitor winter drawdown of Candlewood Lake</li> <li>• Screened applications for Environmental Impact Commission, prepare reports present reports at EIC meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue staff liaison work with Kenosia Commission</li> <li>• Continue staff liaison work with Tarrywile Lake Task Force</li> </ul> <p>Continue staff liaison work with EIC</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>
<p><b>Natural Resource Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted meeting of Ives Trail Task Force. (10/4)</li> <li>• Assist Conservation Commission in selection of model that identifies priority vacant land parcels in the City</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work toward implementation of trail design and management/maintenance structure.</li> <li>• Construct trail.</li> <li>• Continue staff liaison work with Commission</li> </ul>	<p>On-going</p> <p>April - June, 2006</p> <p>On-going</p>

## Future Projects

Name	Rationale	Effect
None	Complete current projects before taking on new undertakings.	No new projects to be taken on – except for emergency assignments – due to program overload

### Narrative

The status of major project activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for December, 2005 can be summarized as follows.

- **Hazardous Materials Management.** The EHD continued its work to strengthen preparedness and response capabilities with the Health Department staff and our partners in the Housatonic region.. The EHD continued its leadership role over the regional “Public Health Emergency Plan” committee, leading a discussion on how surge capacity at the Danbury and new Milford Hospitals can be relieved during a major public health emergency. A subcommittee was appointed to evaluate the capabilities of alternative treatment and care sites in the Housatonic region..

Data from the analysis of soil samples taken in September 2005 were received and statistically analyzed by the EHD in December. Plans were made to conclude Phase I of the national phytoremediation demonstration with a collection and analysis of “rhizome contact” soil samples in December. Following the receipt of the “rhizome contact” soil data, all project results will be compiled, reviewed and incorporated into a manuscript for publication in a scientific journal.

- **Water Resource Management.** The EHD continued its management of multiple water resource projects, including Lake Kenosia, the Still River, Tarrywile Lake and Rogers Park Pond. The EHD continues its staff support of the EIC, which will continue as best as it can, until the Senior Environmental Inspector position is appointed.
- **Natural Resource Management.** Work continued on planning for the Ives Trail. At the December meeting of the Task Force, the EHD orchestrated the meeting that identified the pragmatic steps needed to construct the major sections of the Ives Trail in Spring, 2006. The EHD also continued its work in providing professional support to the Conservation Commission.