

Denise Savageau

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Denise Savageau has served as Chair of the CT Council on Soil and Water Conservation since 2018 where her focus is on soil health, erosion and sediment control, watershed management, drinking water supply protection, local food systems and farmland preservation, and nature-based solutions to climate change mitigation and resiliency. She is an active leader at the local, state, and national level working on soil and water conservation and related programs including advocating on the Farm Bill. She serves on the CT River Coastal Conservation District and is President of the CT Association of Conservation Districts and represents them on EPA Long Island Sound Study Citizens Advisory Committee, Connecticut's Water Planning Council Advisory Group, and CT Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Group Water Subcommittee. She is also on the boards of Rivers Alliance and the CT League of Conservation Voters.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut with a degree in Agricultural Economics, she has worked in the environmental field in CT for over 35 years including 9 years as the District Manager with Hartford County Soil and Water Conservation District and over 20 years as Conservation Director for the Town of Greenwich until her retirement in 2018. She lives in Old Lyme with her husband, a professional wetland scientist, who shares her passion for the environment.