

## Monroe Conservation Commission

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Jill Peterson



Jill Peterson with her dog Emma.

The Monroe Conservation Commission is pleased to recognize resident Jill Peterson as Conservationist of the Month for June. Jill was nominated by resident Debra Lynn who stated: "I have known her for approximately 5 years, meeting her while walking our dogs. For this entire time, I have always known Jill to be cleaning up the streets we walk; Wheeler Rd and any surrounding roads of all litter and recyclables. If there is an area overly littered, I have witnessed her make the effort to go back out with a trash bag and clean up the litter. This is a daily effort by Jill and when I am walking or driving on Wheeler Rd., I know that it is spotless because of Jill's determination to keep Monroe clean."

Ms. Peterson commented: "Monroe is a pretty town with a nice sense of community. We should all take pride in where we live. One easy and simple way to help preserve and maintain Monroe's charm is to take issue with roadside trash. Unwanted items should never be thrown from a car or dropped on the road. We must have courtesy for our town's property and the personal property of citizens. There is no need to throw a fast food bag out a car window, or an empty paper coffee cup, water bottle, or an empty cigarette pack.

The Monroe Conservation Commission manages parks and open space properties for the town's enjoyment and use, including Webb Mountain Discovery Zone and Webb Mountain Park. It is in the planning stage for the Chalk Hill Nature Trail, Lane's Mines Park, and the Halfway River properties.

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People want their cars rid of this useless waste, but why their own roads? Trash has a proper place which is not on the roadside of Monroe."

### Seeks nominations

Residents can nominate themselves or other Monroe residents who are making a difference and having a positive impact for people, their resources and the environment (not necessarily only in Monroe). Nominations can be e-mailed to [monroeconservation@monroect.org](mailto:monroeconservation@monroect.org) or mailed to the Monroe Conservation Commission 7 Fan Hill Rd. Monroe, CT 06468.

"We hope the Conservationist of the Month program will stir additional interest in the community to think about the environment and conservation, not just on Earth Day, one day a year, but on a monthly, weekly, even daily basis," Ellbogen said.

The Conservation Commission reviews all nominations at its regularly scheduled meeting on the first Wednesday of every month and will announce selections for Conservationist of the Month in the Monroe Courier and on [monroeconservation.org](http://monroeconservation.org).

In a society where millions of water bottles end up in landfills every day, and where fast food detritus defaces America's roadsides, activists like Mario and Kathy Hering are paving the road for the future. As spring comes into bloom, and the trash from the long winter is revealed, the Herings will continue to lead by example.

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The Monroe Conservation Commission  
meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm  
in the Town Hall conference room.  
Public participation is welcome.  
Email us at [Monroe Conservation](mailto:Monroe Conservation) with questions, comments  
or concerns about our properties and nominations for Conservationist of the Month.



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