



StanChem Fishway

Located in the East Berlin section of the Berlin, CT. (Number 7 on the map.)

This is at the first dam on the Mattabesset River, a Connecticut River tributary. For years, workers at the local chemical manufacturing plant watched fish pile up below the dam and wished they could do something about it. After many years of planning and design, The Nature Conservancy built a Denil fishway around the dam to allow shad, river herring, Sea Lamprey, trout and many other species access to nearly 50 miles of habitat. And another fishway at the next dam in Kensington is currently being planned. This fishway has an underground counting house where visitors can go down and watch fish swim past a viewing window. There is also an innovative buried eel pass.

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Wooden baffles slow the rush of water to allow fish to ascent the upper section of the StanChem Fishway. At the top, the fish swim past a viewing window and get their picture taken.