

Viewshed Protection Study **Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency**

The purpose of this study is to prepare a viewshed protection education model to begin the process of exploring public viewshed protection with the land use commission members of the CRERPA and Gateway region. Viewsheds, a critical element in landscape perception and character, are three dimensional and can be areal or linear. They can be defined as a view from a particular point that is physically restricted by either the natural or human landscape. The view can either be looking out from a particular vantage point or looking in to a particular area or point of view. Areal viewsheds are those that may encompass large areas of a region's landscape such as from a hill or mountain top or of a small area like a town green, park, or important land mark or historical building. Linear viewsheds are those that exist along roads or streams and rivers. Protection of viewsheds from public viewing locations through local land use regulation may ensure that important environmental and cultural structures, systems, and landscapes are protected within a regional context and planning process.



View From John Winthrop Middle School, Deep River



View From Steam Boat Dock, Essex

What and where is your favorite view?

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