Natural Area Preserves, designated wetland areas or riparian areas, are listed on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) webpage. Along with the request form on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) webpage, you can download the base map digital spatial data shown on their website (www.cteco.uconn.edu) for this map and a variety of other maps. More detailed information can be obtained at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) website at www.cteco.uconn.edu.

**EXPLANATION**

The map details general locations of areas and habitats encompassing natural areas, riparian areas, and Critical Habitat. Natural areas are defined as a place where a natural landscape exists in the normal state of an area, with natural processes not significantly altered by the impact of human intervention. Critical Habitat is defined as a place where a natural landscape exists in the normal state of the area, with natural processes not significantly altered by the impact of human intervention. The map is intended to provide a general overview of the natural areas and habitats encompassing natural areas, riparian areas, and Critical Habitat in the area. For more detailed information, please refer to the DEEP website at www.cteco.uconn.edu.

**DATA SOURCES**

- **BASE MAP DATA**: Based on data originally from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the DEEP has created a new version of the map. The USGS data includes topographic information, land cover, and other geospatial data. The DEEP has updated and enhanced the base map to better reflect current conditions.
- **SHAPE AND DIGITAL DATA**: The DEEP has digitized the base map to create a digital version of the map. The digital version includes layers that can be accessed online.

This map is intended to be used as a guide to help identify areas of potential interest for conservation efforts. It is not intended to be used for legal or regulatory purposes. For more detailed information, please refer to the DEEP website at www.cteco.uconn.edu.