This map depicts critical areas and natural habitats in West Hartford, Connecticut. It is based on data collected by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Division of Natural Resources. The map is intended to help identify areas of ecological significance, including rare and endangered species, critical habitats, and other natural features. It is a valuable tool for planners, conservationists, and the general public to understand and protect the natural diversity of the region.

DATA SOURCES

- **Natural Diversity Data Base Digital Data**: This dataset contains information on the location and distribution of natural diversity features, including critical habitats and species. It is available at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's website.

EXPLANATION

The map uses various symbols to represent different types of natural features and critical areas. Key features include:

- **Species and Critical Habitats**: These are depicted with specific symbols to indicate their presence and importance.
- **Natural Diversity Areas**: These areas are highlighted to show where natural diversity is concentrated.
- **Streams and Watercourses**: These are shown to indicate the presence of water and the potential for aquatic ecosystems.
- **Drainage Ditches**: These are represented to show the potential for drainage and water movement.
- **Saltwater Deposits**: These are indicated to show areas of coastal significance.

The map is intended to inform decision-making processes related to land use, development, and conservation efforts. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in understanding the natural diversity of West Hartford and its conservation.