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LOONEY’S AND PAOLILLO’S AMENDMENT BANNING HUNTING ALONG QUINNIPIAC AND MILL RIVERS IN NEW HAVEN WINS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Senate President Pro Tempore Martin M. Looney, D-New Haven, and **state Rep. Al Paolillo**, D-New Haven today announced that the General Assembly’s Environment Committee has passed an amended bill banning hunting in New Haven between I-95 and I-91, designating that area between the Quinnipiac River and Mill River as a state refuge for wildlife. The legislation was developed after area neighbors brought the issue to **Looney’s** and **Paolillo’s** attention during a recent “Coffee and Conversation” hosted by the legislators.

“Hunting in an urban setting, near densely populated neighborhoods, poses a public safety issue and a quality of life issue,” said **Looney**. “Rep. Paolillo and I were happy to work with area residents and I am grateful that they brought this issue to our attention. As a result of their activism, we are well on our way to solving this problem.”

“The well-being of our residents comes first. Establishing a state refuge for wildlife along the Quinnipiac River will allow us to create synergy with the neighborhood and address residents’ safety concerns. By working closely with key community members and Sen. Looney, we were able to put forth legislation that further protects the homes that line the river and our natural assets,” said **Paolillo**.

The bill, Senate Bill 109, [An Act Concerning the Protection of Connecticut’s Water, Air and Natural Resources](#), next heads to the floor of the Senate for further consideration.