

## **Sasco Brook Watershed and Estuary**

*Sasco Brook forms part of the boundary between Fairfield and the Town of Westport.* The brook is about six miles long, beginning in northwest Fairfield, and its watershed is a little more than 10 square miles. Most of the watershed is located in Fairfield. Development in the watershed is predominantly residential, with the exception of commercial development along the Post Road. Where it is tidally influenced, Sasco Brook is often called Sasco Creek.

Although several bridges span the watercourse and have restricted the upstream reach of the tide over the years, *Sasco Brook has not been subject to large-scale, irreversible impacts, and its estuary contains some relatively undisturbed tidal wetlands.*

*Six open space areas adjoin the brook in Fairfield, including two just upstream of the zone of tidal influence.* Further upstream in the watershed is the Brett Woods Conservation Area. At about 185 acres, Brett Woods is the Town's largest open space area. Due to its forested, undeveloped character, Brett Woods has a significant positive impact on the water quality of the Sasco Brook watershed and estuary.