



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EDELSON CAMPAIGN - 69TH DISTRICT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SOUTHBURY STRONG: Coming Together After Devastating Floods



I wanted to convey my appreciation for the top notch work done in response to the Flooding of August 18 and 19 by First Selectman Manville, Public Works Director Leonard and Emergency Manager Schnell. I also want to recognize the work by the State Department of Transportation on State roads. And I also appreciate the efforts by our Federal legislators to facilitate the process of applying for Federal assistance. This inclusive approach is the essence of our Federalist form of government working effectively together.

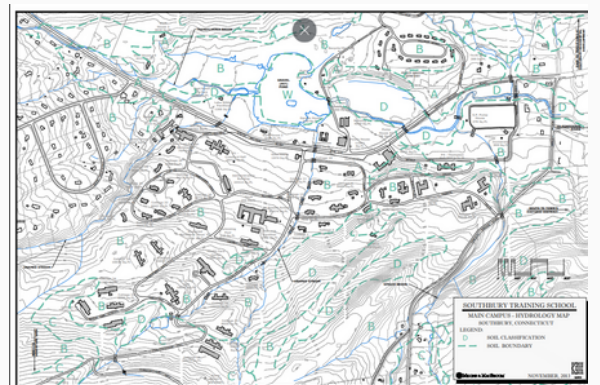
Alongside the government's efforts, we should express deep gratitude to the residents and community organizations who swiftly mobilized to support their neighbors in need. As Southbury and the surrounding areas continue to recover, there are several organizations that are coordinating efforts to provide assistance and support.

- Southbury Food Bank: southburyfoodbank.org/erm
- Southbury Needy Fund: southburyneedyfund.org/flood-relief-plan
- Southbury Women's Club: southburywomensclub.org/southbury-disaster-relief

The Future of the Southbury Training School - Part Two: Southbury Campus

BY ED EDELSON

The Southbury Training School (STS) is the largest area in the 69th House District with an uncertain future. During my tenure as First Selectman of Southbury from 2011 to 2015, I worked with state and local partners to create a plan for the future of STS, but progress has since stalled. If elected as your State Representative, I am committed to reviving these efforts and ensuring that the legacy and resources of STS are thoughtfully managed and utilized.



The history of STS dates back to 1937 when the state purchased 1,700 acres to establish a facility for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). At its peak, STS housed around 2,300 residents and employed 2,000 staff members, operating on a progressive model that emphasized training residents to live and work outside the institution. In 1986, a decision was made to close STS through moving or death. Currently, about 100 residents remain, and the campus continues to offer essential services to hundreds more with IDD, like a specialized dental program that supports hundreds more people around the state.

As First Selectman, I challenged the conventional wisdom that the future of STS should be left solely to the state. I believed that Southbury and Roxbury should have a direct role in planning, recognizing STS's many assets. I spearheaded the creation of a Governor's Task Force, which made significant progress, including the first comprehensive inventory of STS's buildings and infrastructure. However, changes in leadership slowed momentum, and without continued local advocacy, the task force was eventually disbanded. If elected, I intend to pick up where we left off and advocate for a responsible and innovative future for STS.

Read my full blog post and learn more about my effort by going to www.edelson4ct.com.

JOIN US FOR
**A DAY OF
 ACTION**

EVERY SATURDAY UNTIL THE ELECTION
 from 10AM - 2PM

Southbury Democratic Campaign Headquarters
 134 Main Street South, Southbury

Calling All Edelson Campaign Volunteers!

Whether you're a seasoned pro or new to campaigning, we need YOU.

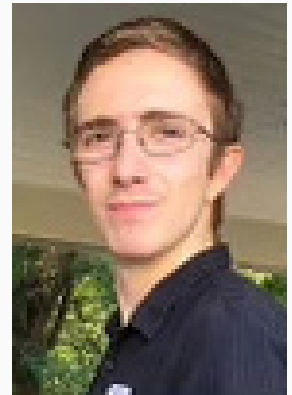
- Teams of experienced and new volunteers
- Phone banking opportunities
- Door knocking from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Drivers and door knockers needed!

PLUS: Enjoy complimentary coffee and donuts!

For more information, email us at ed@edelson4ct.com

Volunteer Spotlight: Rob De Carli, Campaign Advisor

Rob De Carli grew up in Southbury, Connecticut, and graduated from the Region 15 school system. After High School Rob attended The George Washington University, majoring in international relations with a minor in political science. While at college, he participated in the Army ROTC program, though he did not receive a commission due to asthma and as a result did not complete his degree. After college he worked as an administrative assistant before getting promoted into being a full time recruiter and is now currently an aerospace technical recruiter for Aquinas Consulting, a staffing agency based in Milford, CT.



Rob's commitment to politics began early. He served as the campaign manager for his mother, Cathy De Carli, during her 2018 campaign for state senate. He continued his political involvement as a volunteer coordinator for Jeff Desmarais's 2020 state senate campaign. In 2021, he managed campaigns for various down-ballot Democratic municipal candidates and was the HQ manager for Jeff Desmarais's 2022 state senate campaign.

Rob remains actively engaged in local politics both in and around Southbury. He has known Ed for nearly a decade and is supporting his friend in his bid for the state legislature. Rob believes that politics is a contact sport and that it is essential to take action rather than merely complain about the state of the world. He strives to make a positive impact through his political efforts and is dedicated to helping elect Ed this November.

**Letter to the Editor:
 Finds Edelson Trustworthy and Respected**

Ed Edelson is the best choice to represent our communities in the Connecticut 69th Legislative District. I can say this based on personal experience of working with Ed beginning when he was the executive director of the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition over twenty years ago. Ed is the embodiment of appropriate experience to handle state level work. He has a corporate background and first selectman of Southbury experience. He also understands the local history of our region and how it has led to current issues.

His platform advocates for sensible re-purposing of Southbury Training School facilities and farmland and support for public education.

My friend Ed is an intelligent man who can use the power of the pen and the art of persuasion to work effectively on behalf of his constituents. I have seen him do this repeatedly with different groups of people over the years.

He is a person you can trust. Ed Edelson will certainly become an effective and respected voice in Connecticut governance.

Curtis Read
 First Selectman, Bridgewater
 August 28, 2024