

**New London and Groton Community Climate Solutions Workshop Agenda**

**Date & Time:** Monday, September 20, 2021; 6:00-7:45 PM

**Format:** Virtual on Zoom

**Optional In-Person Discussions**

**Date & Time:** September 22 Groton & September 23 New London, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**Registration for virtual workshop and discussions:** <https://forms.office.com/g/uifq10sEu0>

Registration closes September 20 at 12pm for virtual workshop. Registration for in-person discussions closes September 17.

Virtual Workshop Agenda	
Time	Topic/Speakers
6:00 PM 5 min	<b>Welcome, Ice breaker Polls</b> <i>Alanis Allen, DEEP/ Planning Committee</i>
25 min	<b>Community Climate Solutions in New London and Groton</b> Moderator: Sharmaine “Sharms” Gregor, New London Resident Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cierra Patrick, City of Groton, Community Resilience Plan</li> <li>• Joe Lanzafame, New London Stormwater Authority</li> </ul>
10 min	<b>Q&amp;A Moderator:</b> Alanis Allen, DEEP
20 min	<b>Climate Change and Health Panel</b> Moderator: Stephanye Clarke, Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ronna Stuller, Chair, New London Green Town Committee</li> <li>• Jennifer Muggeo, Deputy Director of Ledgelight Health District</li> </ul>
10 min	<b>Q&amp;A Moderator:</b> Alanis Allen, DEEP
5 min	<b>BREAK</b>
15 min	<b>Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Resources Panel</b> Moderator: Rebecca French, Office of Climate Planning, DEEP Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaitlyn Cyr, DEEP Bureau of Energy, Technology, and Policy</li> <li>• Danica Doroski, DEEP Urban Forester</li> <li>• Nicole Lugli, DEEP Planning</li> </ul>
10 min	<b>Q&amp;A Moderator:</b> Alanis Allen, DEEP
7:40 PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Alanis Allen, DEEP/ Planning Committee</i>

## Optional In-Person Discussion Groups Agenda

**Wednesday, September 22, City of Groton**, Washington Park Pavilion, 155 Meridian Street, Groton, CT  
**Thursday, September 23, City of New London**, O.I.C. Classroom, 106 Truman Street, New London, CT

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Arrival, Registration & Dinner

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Discussion

The optional in-person discussions will provide an opportunity for the virtual workshop attendees to meet the DEEP Office of Climate Planning team, reflect on the panel presentations, ask questions, and share their experience with community climate solutions. The same topics (see below) will be covered at both discussions, but we will focus the conversation on the discussion group's host community. Due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols, space is limited. Attendees can only register for one of the two discussion groups and we encourage you to register early. Dinner will be provided and stipends to cover childcare are available.

*If you need childcare to attend the discussion group, please register by Tuesday September 7 to receive a stipend. Registration will close Friday September 17 for the in-person discussion groups.*

**Moderators:** CT DEEP Office of Climate Planning; *Rebecca French, Director and Alanis Allen, Research Analyst*

Topics	Description
Community Climate Planning	Learn more about the Sustainability and Resilience Projects going on in your backyard.
"Green and Gray" Infrastructure	To meet the challenge of climate change Connecticut's infrastructure will need an update. Learn about the policies and programs being implemented to adapt to climate change.
Climate Change and Health	Climate change is not only an environmental issue. It affects public health, access to housing, social justice, and much more.

COVID-19 protocol. The New London in-person discussion will be held indoors at the O.I.C. building. All local COVID-19 orders will be observed. As of Monday, August 23, face coverings are required indoors in New London for everyone two years of age and older, regardless of vaccination status. Registration will be limited to 30 people to maximize social distancing. Face coverings will be provided. Individual boxed meals provided can be consumed outside or in socially distanced locations indoors before the discussion begins. The Groton in-person discussion will be held outdoors in Washington Park in a covered pavilion. In keeping with CT DEEP-sponsored outdoor events at state parks, DEEP requests that face coverings be worn by all attendees, regardless of vaccination status, when less than 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained between attendees. Face coverings will be provided.

The State of Connecticut affirms that getting vaccinated is safe, the most effective way to prevent serious illness and death from COVID-19, and there is no cost to get vaccinated. Find more information about how to get vaccinated here: <https://portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal> and find a local vaccination clinic in New London and Groton here: <https://llhd.org/coronavirus-covid-19-situation/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-find-a-vaccination/>

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