



October 25, 2023

**OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADBAND**

**NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT BROADBAND REGIONAL COMMUNITY FORUMS**

High-speed internet has become an indispensable tool for participation in the economy, education, healthcare, and social relationships. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("DEEP") Office of Telecommunications and Broadband is focused on developing equitable policies and programs to bring the economic and social benefits of broadband access to the residents and businesses of Connecticut. This mission includes the equitable deployment of broadband infrastructure and removal of barriers to adoption for all Connecticut's residents. DEEP will be administering two broadband infrastructure grant programs funded by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund ("CPF") and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment ("BEAD") Program to further these goals.

Input from community members and community organizations is vital to the equitable deployment of broadband infrastructure throughout the State and DEEP values these perspectives on how best to fulfill the State's deployment and digital equity objectives. As such, DEEP is conducting nine in-person community forums tailored to each region of the state. These forums will allow DEEP to listen to the lived experiences of community members, share program updates, and engage in a discussion on the opportunities and obstacles to universal, affordable, and reliable high-speed internet.

**DEEP will hold the regional community forums on the following dates. [Registration is encouraged.](#)**

**October 26, 2023 11am- 1pm** | Northwest Hills COG Office (355 Goshen Rd Litchfield, CT 06759)

**November 2, 2023 11am-1pm** | Wolcott Public Library (469 Bound Line Rd, Wolcott, CT 06716)

**November 6, 2023 11am - 1pm** | United Way of New Haven Community Room (370 James St #403, New Haven, CT 06513)

**November 9, 2023 11:00 am - 1:00 pm** | The Lyceum (227 Lawrence St, Hartford, CT 06106)

**November 13, 2023 11:00 am - 1:00 pm** | Danbury Library (170 Main St, Danbury, CT 06810)

**November 14, 2023 11:00 am - 1:00 pm** | Beardsley Library (2536 E Main St, Bridgeport, CT 06610)

**November 14, 2023 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm** | Putnam Town Hall (200 School St, Putnam, CT 06260)

**November 16, 2023 11:00 am - 1:00 pm** | Public Library of New London (63 Huntington St, New London, CT 06320)

**Date TBD** | deKoven House (27 Washington Street Middletown, CT 06457)

Any questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Jillian Kara, DEEP Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy, at [DEEP.Broadband@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.Broadband@ct.gov).

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