

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (GC3)

The GC3 will meet on January 15, 2021, 9:00 am – 11:00 am to present, *Taking Action on Climate Change and Building a More Resilient Connecticut for All*, the final report of near-term recommendations of the Governor's Council on Climate Change.

On September 3, 2019, Governor Ned Lamont issued [Executive Order No. 3](#) (E.O. 3) establishing the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) and strengthening Connecticut's commitment to transition to a decarbonized economy and enhance resiliency of the state's economic, cultural, and natural resources to the impacts of climate change.

The Council established seven working groups in the areas of Progress on Mitigation Strategies, Working and Natural Lands, Public Health and Safety Adaptation, Infrastructure and Land Use Adaptation, Financing and Funding Adaptation and Resilience, Science and Technology, and Equity and Environmental Justice to assist the Council with carrying out the order. The Working Groups finalized reports with recommendations for the GC3's consideration for adoption and the [reports](#) were published on the GC3 website.

The GC3 was split into two Subcommittees, one on Mitigation and the other on Adaptation & Resilience to review the Working Group reports covering those topics. Each Subcommittee met to review the Working Group recommendations and to determine which recommendations to put forward to the full GC3 for adoption and incorporation into the Phase I January 2021 report. On December 18, 2020, the GC3 met to review the progress of the GC3 Mitigation and Adaptation & Resilience Subcommittees on recommendations for adoption by the GC3 to include in the GC3 Phase I January 2021 report.

The [DRAFT GC3 Phase 1 Report Near Term Actions: *Taking Action on Climate Change and Building a More Resilient Connecticut for All*](#) (December 2020) was released on December 23, 2020 for a public comment period that will end on 11:59pm on January 6, 2021. The public is invited to provide comment using a [survey](#) or by sending in comments via email at deep.climatechange@ct.gov.

On January 15, 2021, the GC3 will meet to release the final report of the Council, following the close of the public comment period on January 6. January 15, 2021 is the date in Executive Order 3 by which the Council was charged with delivering its first report to the Governor. The Phase I January 2021 report will focus on those recommendations the Council agrees may begin to be implemented in the next 1-2 years. According to Executive Order 3, the GC3 process will continue through 2021 with a subsequent report due by December 31, 2021 that will include both near-term and longer-term recommendations for implementation.

Meeting Agenda (tentative)

January 15, 2021

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUocOGvqT4qEtOBHfv3ObHtObPYhbX_feB4

I. Welcome

II. Presentation of the Council's Near-term Recommendations

III. Discussion on implementation of the near-term recommendations in 2021 and early 2022

IV. Discussion of the continuation of the GC3 planning process in 2021

V. Public Comments

General information on the state's climate change objectives and programs is available on DEEP's website at: www.ct.gov/deep/climatechange. Inquiries may be directed to deep.climatechange@ct.gov.

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Notice filed with the Secretary of State on December 24, 2020.