# Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3)
# State Vulnerability Assessment Framework Working Group
# MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date: April 7, 2021**
**Meeting Time: 2:30 – 4:00 pm**
**Meeting Location: Zoom**
**RECORDING**
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## ATTENDANCE

| Name | Present |
|---|:---:|
| David Barkin (co-chair) | √ |
| Brenda Bergeron (co-chair) | √ |
| Scott Gaul (co-chair) | √ |
| Kimberly Lesay (co-chair) | √ |
| Rebecca French | √ |
| Mary-beth Hart | √ |
| Ian Alexander | √ |
| Alanis Allen | √ |
| Amanda Clark | √ |
| David Murphy | √ |
| Kevin Grigg | √ |
| Matthew Fulda | √ |
| Dick Dmochowski | √ |
| Karen Michaels | √ |
| David Ruiz | √ |
| Ken Dumais | √ |
| John Truscinski | √ |
| Kate Brennan | √ |
| Bryan Garcia | √ |
| Steven Wallett | √ |
| Shannon Laun | √ |
| Todd Berman | √ |
| Katie Lund | √ |
| Cary Lynch | √ |
| T. Morrissey | √ |
| Meghan Portfolio | √ |
| Lori Mathieu | √ |
| Diane Ifkovic | √ |

# AGENDA & NOTES

**Welcome and Working Group Introductions**
**Facilitated by Co-Chairs Kim Lesay, Department of Transportation (DOT); Brenda Bergeron, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP); Scott Gaul, Office of Policy and Management (OPM); and David Barkin, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)**

Mary-beth Hart, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) opened the meeting and introduced herself as the DEEP Liaison to the Working Group.

- Co-chairs Kim Lesay, DOT, Brenda Bergeron, DESPP, Scott Gaul, OPM, and David Barkin, DAS introduced themselves.
- Introductions by working group members.

**Overview of GC3 Process, Overall Schedule, and Working Group Structure**

Discussion of Working Group Goals and Objectives
Facilitated by Co-Chairs and Rebecca French, DEEP
- Draft Scope of Work
- Data on State-owned Assets
- Defining Vulnerability
- WG Membership and stakeholder gaps
- Equity and Environmental Justice Goals

Rebecca French: The objective is to produce a framework instead of a full vulnerability assessment. We should try to address membership gaps in this meeting.

Brenda Bergeron: What are the vulnerable assets that we need to track? Defining vulnerable and then the state-owned assets is a little tricky in Connecticut.

David Barkin: We should add representatives from UConn to the working group member list
Todd Berman: Also add a representative from the siting council
Kim Lesay: Add a representative from CT Airport Authority

Scott Gaul presents the data available on state-owned assets.
- There is some data on state-owned assets available
- Mapped out where state-owned property and lands are located
- Presents the breakdown of property by agency
- Presents a graph of state-owned lands by use with largest being used for Recreation

Mary-beth Hart: The working group should have equity and environmental justice represented and possibly reach out to the Department of Developmental services

**CIRCA Vulnerability Assessment**
John Truscinski, Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation, presents on the work CIRCA has done.
- Providing background on CIRCA work on a vulnerability assessment
- Connect the work of Resilient CT to this group

- CIRCA has focused on vulnerabilities to regional infrastructure of Fairfield and New Haven counties
- This includes social vulnerabilities as well as physical
- Developing a Resilience Toolkit for Municipalities
- Developing the mapping capacity with a climate change vulnerability index

Bryan Garcia: Can we get information on the amount of uninsured property (flood insurance) at the Department of Insurance

Karen Michaels: That is protected information.

David Barkin: For this discussion, it may not be relevant because we are dealing with state property

Scott Gaul: How difficult expanding vulnerability assessment beyond New Haven and Fairfield counties

John Truscinski: It would take a long time maybe 6 months to a year and we don't have non-critical state property data

Rebecca French: This is a framework exercise that can include recommendation of what Connecticut should include in the vulnerability assessment. May not just be a discussion of physical climate risk.

**\*\*No Public Comments\*\***

**Next Steps and Adjourn (5 minutes)**

There has been a Microsoft Teams established for the working group and all members will be added. The co-chairs will convene for a planning meeting soon and then there will be a working group meeting a few weeks out.

# Chat Record

00:51:22     Scott Gaul:     https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/u2ck-qwas
01:02:07     Bryan Garcia:   That was super Scott - thank you
01:05:06     Matthew Fulda:     Scott, would it be possible to distribute the underlying data tables for the two datasets?
01:08:05     Scott Gaul:     Yes, both should be linked in the link above. I can also send links or extracts out after the meeting.
01:09:26     Matthew Fulda:     Thank you, Scott! I found the export option for the tables. This is great data!
01:15:09     Rebecca French:     Something to think about: which of these contributors are relevant for state-owned and operated assets?
01:25:02     Bryan Garcia:   Karen, separately, let's connect with DOI and George Bradner on the Commissioners interest in micro-insurance as an equity product.  I am thinking about an equity layer here to resilience - who is going to take longer to recover from an event because they are uninsured.
01:36:19     Steven Wallett: Thank you Mary-beth