

Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3)

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Gina McCarthy Auditorium, DEEP Headquarters

Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Meeting Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Zoom Recording:

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IN- PERSON ATTENDANCE

GC3 Members/Designees are bolded

Name
Commissioner Katie Dykes, DEEP (GC3 Chair)
Alanis Allen
Sarah Watson
Ashley Benitez- Ou
Deputy Commissioner Alexandra Daum, DECD
Deputy Commissioner Noel Petra, DAS
Deputy Commissioner Brenda Bergeron, DESPP
Bryan Garcia, CT Green Bank
Commissioner Andrew Mais, CID
George Bradner
Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, DoAg
Curt Johnson, Save the Sound
Emily Pysh, DOT
Deputy Commissioner Jared Kosky, CDI
Secretary Jeffrey R Beckham, OPM
Kayleigh Royston
Kevin Grigg, Fuss & O'Neill
Lori Mathieu, DPH
Joanna Wozniak- Brown
Frogard Ryan, The Nature Conservancy
Lee Cruz, The Community foundation for Greater New Haven
Christine Hahn- Dunn
Nathan Frohling
Timothy Moore
Matt Fulda, CT MetroCOG

ONLINE ATTENDANCE

Name
Jim O'Donnell, UConn CIRCA
Kevin Spinella
Rebecca French
Matt Pafford
Judith Lovdal
Helen Leung
Katharine Morris
Jean Cronin
Kyle Casiglio
Denise Rodosevich

John A. Rountree
Laura Tessier
Jane Allen
Suzanne Binelli
Paul Hearn
Kristin Barendregt-Ludwig
Haley Schulman
Tracy Gionfriddo
Nickey Kollie
Eric Hammerling
Sarah Crosby
Denise Savageau
Lianne Audette
Amy Blaymore Paterson
Lisa Fecke
Ruth Parkins
Marcy Flemke
Ralph Jones
Shannon Algieri
David Murphy
Susan Hibbard
Rep. David Michel
Mary Buchanan
Cary Lynch
Becca Trietch
Kathy Castagnetta
Tyler Anderson
Alan Poirier
Lori Brown
James Hutton
Juliet Cain
Bridget Teevan
Rachel Schnabel
Rick Newton
Nancy Tanguay
Paul Aresta
Rebecca Dahl
Walter Morton
Brenda Watson, Operation Fuel

Diane Mas
Aditi Dalal
Snehal Mhatre
Jenn Reilly
Bruce Wittchen
Gretl Gallicchio
Francia Alvarez
Gabriela Campos
Jean de Smet
Robert Bell
Michael Trunzo
Diana Nguyen
Halle Lisette Pierce
Yaprak Onat
Allison Pilcher
John Truscinski
Lorena Venegas
George Haithwaite
Leticia (Eluned Li)
David Krochko
Katie Lund
Kim Zigich
Fred Behringer
Harrison Nantz
Ally Ayotte
Laura Bozzi
Lisa Shanahan
Brad Weeks
Alexander Rodriguez
Deputy Commissioner Shante Hanks, DOH
Lilian Ruiz
Shirley McCarthy
Lynne Bonnett
Mary Donegan
Tyler Archer
Christine O'Neill (Katie Schlick)
Maisa Tisdale
Zachary Giron
Susan Masino

Chadwick Schroeder
Andrew Droney
Patrice Gillespie
Franklin Ude
Hailey Simpson
Megan Raymond
Caitlin Daddona
Anne Schmidt
Eduardo Marin
Cortney Renton
Connie Manes
T. Morrissey
Douglas Hausladen
Anna Shugrue
Matthew Lieber
Doris Johnson
Kathy Fay
John Blair
Rebecca Augur
Mary Hogue
Annie Decker
Kyle Shiel
Edith Pestana
Aicha Woods
Graham Stevens
Margaret Wheeler
Aleksandra Moch
Cathy Fletcher
Commissioner Michelle Gilman, DAS
Phone Number 1

AGENDA & NOTES

Welcome by DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes

Roll call by Alanis Allen (see attendee list)

Commissioner Katie Dykes makes remarks that the Governor’s Council on Climate Change will continue into 2023 and the development of new strategies will be part of the working group mandate. Specifically calling on the working groups to again propose new mitigation

and adaptation and resilience strategies in 2023.

She also reiterated that 2022 a year to rebuild and reconvene the working groups. Working groups were able to meet a total of three times over September and October to monitor further progress on the implementation of the 2021 GC3 recommendations, including Executive Order 21-3. November was dedicated to joint meetings of the working groups with the Equity & Environmental Justice working group for training on the equity lens and presentations from the working groups to that working group on their findings to date.

Finally, she thanked Curt Johnson for his service as President of Save the Sound as it is his last meeting of the GC3. Additionally, George Kral who retired as Town Planner for the Town of Guilford, CT and has stepped down from the GC3 with his retirement.

Presentations from Working Group Co-chair(s):

For full comments please see the Zoom recording and/or audio transcript. For more context please review the slide presentations.

[All slides available here](#)

Equity & Environmental Justice Working Group

(No slides)

Lee Cruz, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

Kristin Barendregt-Ludwig, Yale Center for Environmental Justice

Maisa Tisdale, The Mary and Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community in Bridgeport

- Working group met 6 times in 2022 and 4 of those meetings were with other working groups to review EEJ work products and provide feedback to the working groups
- Also provided feedback to DEEP Climate Resilience Fund earlier this year
- Assigned EEJ Liasons to working groups
- Reviews of equity, concepts, and community participation, guidance, are important
- as orientations for new working group members.
- Heard that all working groups are taking important steps to integrate equity into implementation.
- Second, there was a strong understanding of this intersecting issues in climate change, and how cumulative impacts affect groups more at risk.
- There was also a strong interest in educating residents and community groups
- on climate change issues impacting them.
- We felt the November meetings did not allow for a full picture of the work each working group was already doing to prioritize EJ communities. or to determine where there were missed opportunities that were really important to integrate equity and advance environmental justice in their work. So, we look forward to developing approaches that will support a more context-specific review

- Found it difficult to give any kind of substantive or relevant feedback or evaluation. I saw a great presentation by my colleagues on what environmental justice was, and then I heard a presentation from the working groups that told me about the group.
- The working groups didn't have the EJ Framework in advance of beginning their work, and I would hope that this is something that can be addressed.
- There are things that we can do to expedite this, I think that the first thing that all the working groups should do is ask the hypothetical question: how can we empower the community to solve this problem on their own?
- And so what I suggest is that we have some kind of training, so that we all are working with the same framework.

Mitigation Strategies Working Group

Deputy Commissioner Noel Petra, DAS

Becca Trietch, DEEP

Emily Pysh, DOT

- Adopting 2021 International Building Code
- Green infrastructure at Bullard Havens High School
- Closed on the purchase of what was called the SEDCA plant, which was a Co. Generation plant located behind OPM that produced electricity, hot water and cold water for 15 buildings around the Hartford loop
- Planning the development and deployment of EV infrastructure across all of our State agencies
- Review of Comprehensive Energy Strategy and finding different ways of making the process more accessible
- Right of way solar projects underway with the Green Bank
- EV chargers at the DOT Headquarters on the Berlin Turnpike
- Adding electric buses to the fleet in Hamden
- Electrifying medium and heavy duty fleet.

Climate-smart Agriculture & Forestry Working Group

Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, Department of Agriculture

Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumble, DEEP

- Used the working group as an opportunity to preview what the Climate Smart Agriculture Grant Program could be and how to structure it
- Had conversations around forestry practices
- Previewed the final grant proposal
- Had a number of direct conversations with key stakeholders to make sure they were aware of the program and what is eligible
- Had an open comment period. Half of respondents said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the way the grant was designed

- Part of the feedback received was that there was not a priority on designation for new beginning or underserved farmers. So, while it was our intention that new farmers would be a target Audience, that wasn't expressly laid out in the grant, so we made sure that we put that in there.
- The application period is open. The webinar will be on December 14. It is our plan to close the applications by January 15, and announce awards by February 10.

DC Trumble: Highlight funding for urban forestry in Inflation Reduction Act. Federal guidance on this is still coming. We expect funding to start coming to the states in late spring, early summer, and then to see that actually executed in late 2023 to early 2024.

Council Discussion

Curt Johnson: If themes and tools for environmental justice could be sent around to the working groups again.

Bryan Garcia: Need to develop programs in state to support contractors work (in energy, low income communities, etc) otherwise the investment tax credit goes from 30% down to 6%. Perhaps Clean Economy Council can support these programs to get full 30%

Deputy Commissioner Noel Petra: I'd like to clarify that during my presentation, when I mentioned that we had employed sustainable technology at Bullard Havens High school, I had a brain freeze, I said we paid for and are planning to dig geothermal wells. Those go along with heat pumps. Anyway, that was an additional 8 million dollar investment. We expect the payback to be between 7 and 10 years, so just wanted to clarify that. Thanks.

Presentations from Working Group Co-chair(s) Continued

[All slides available here](#)

Public Health & Safety Working Group

Lori Mathieu, Department of Public Health

Deputy Commissioner Brenda Bergeron, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

- Held 3 working group meetings
- Food security and mental health emerged as interests
- Want to work on the Social Vulnerability Index with EEJ Working Group
- Want to focus on the intersection of health, equity and climate impact
- Interest in developing a food security plan
- Development of food security subgroup.

- Review of Mass Care Working Group

Resilient Infrastructure & Nature-based Solutions Working Group

Kevin Grigg, Fuss & O'Neil

George Bradner, Connecticut Insurance Department

Emily Pysh, Department of Transportation

Matt Fulda, Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG)

- Review of nature-based solutions
- New Haven project that received BRIC funding. Uses both green and gray infrastructure.
- Meriden Harbor Brook Project to alleviate flooding

Science & Technology Working Group

(No slides)

Jim O'Donnell, UConn CIRCA

Presented points on what the working group should do in 2023:

- Comprehensive review of the Science & Technology WG report developed in 2020
- More comprehensive carbon budget necessary for the state
- Increase diversity of the working group in all ways including discipline
 - o Meet with the EEJ Working Group

2nd Council Discussion skipped due to time

Alanis and Commissioner Dykes thank working groups for presenting. Commissioner Dykes segues to starting public comment now due to time constraints.

Synopsis of Public Comments

For full comments please see the Zoom recording and/or audio transcript. [Submitted written comments are posted here.](#)

Lorena Venegas: Comments on the Tweed Airport Expansion and facing environmental burdens such as air pollution, noise pollution, traffic, and more in East Haven

Gretl Gallicchio: Comments on Tweed Airport Expansion and Aviation not being counted in greenhouse gas emissions inventories.

Katharine Morris: Comments on siting of Bassick High School calling for the high school to not be built in the FEMA designated flood zone in the south end of Bridgeport, along the Long Island Sound and beside gas plants.

Shirley McCarthy: Comments on Tweed Airport Expansion, environmental burdens, and that expansion ignores needs to mitigate greenhouse gases

Eluned Li: Comments on siting on Bassick High School and calling for an environmental impact study as well as funding for Resilient Bridgeport

Margaret Wheeler: Comments on Tweed Airport Expansion and environmental burdens on the surrounding area as well as carbon emission.

Lynne Bonnett: Comments on putting air monitors around Tweed Airport to get baseline measurements of exposure.

Matthew Lieber: Comments on Connecticut representatives promoting subsidies for air travel, that decarbonization in commercial aviation is decades away, and ground transit offers immediate zero carbon options.

Susan Masino: Comments on climate education, need for community based equitable solutions, mental health, and prioritizing ecology

Gabriela Campos: Comments on Tweed Airport, VOC measurements, lead in New Haven, and environmental burdens from airport pollution.

Lianne Audette: Comments on developing asthma, pollution from the Tweed Airport expansion, and living under flight path.

Closing Comments:

Commissioner Dykes: GC3 has served as a place where we can come together to talk about how to push our policies further and how to ensure that we're continuing to make progress towards our mitigation targets and in implementing climate, resilience and adaptation measures. It's also a place where State agencies are coming together to coordinate. I really appreciate all of that collaboration. we talk a lot about or hear a lot about a whole of Government approach to tackling climate change, and I think we were. We've been doing that since before it was cool. So I'm really grateful for all that collaboration across State agencies. that that is reflected. of course, the new kind of piece of GC3 activity that I think I heard throughout the presentations is aligning on how we are implementing Federal funding. So I expect that as we roll into 2,023, we're going to continue to be working. You know this is. This council is going to continue to be a really important sort of locus of all 3 of those different activities. I anticipate we'll probably be having a meeting either. shortly before January or early January, as we use. I anticipate we're going to have some exciting

legislative agenda topics, for example, that we may want to engage the GC3 on as well as many other initiatives, and so appreciate everybody being here today.

Curt Johnson: On the Tweed issue this is an opportunity for DEEP right now to join Save the Sound and at least a half dozen groups to request a full environmental impact statement. We have reached a conclusion that there is nowhere near enough information the issues that have been raised here, the wetland issues alone. That area of Connecticut has the highest level of particulate of anywhere in the State. It was the last area of Connecticut to come into compliance, and it's been bouncing in and out of compliance for PM10. There's so many issues. So it's a direct request to you, Commissioner, to seek and ask for a full environmental impact statement in an EJ community in an area that's barely in compliance with particulate matter.

Commissioner Dykes: We appreciate all the comments we've heard today, as well as engagement that we've heard from lots of different stakeholders on this critical issue. And you know we're looking forward to reviewing the draft and continue to hear from folks and engage with our Federal partners as they're conducting a deeper process. So thank you for that comment, Curt, and thanks to everyone who was able to hang on a little late today. We look forward to upcoming meetings. Thanks so much.

Adjourn

Resources:

Slides from all Working Group Presentations

Chat Record:

01:08:52 Brenda Watson: He, remote! Mic wouldn't unmute

01:09:01 Brenda Watson: Here*

01:09:39 Judith Lovdal: Sound is echoing and difficult to hear

01:13:29 Franklin Ude: It's important we realize that it will only be very harmful to the populations that are already experiencing massive public health disparities. If we want to be seriously about moving toward environmental Justice. We have to start by acknowledging the detrimental effects of building bc the high school in this area

01:14:22 katharine morris: ^^^

01:14:26 Eduardo Marin: ^^^

01:14:54 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Thank you for public comment, but please reserve adding public comments to the chat until that portion of the meeting at 2:45. Thank you for your assistance.

01:15:44 Tyler Archer: Congratulations Curt!

01:17:06 katharine morris: not all members of the public can stay given prior commitments like having a day job. denying comment outside a 15 minute window within a 2 hour session does not facilitate accessibility or equity. are you suggesting folks submit comment via email instead?

01:17:57 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Public comments can be emailed to deep.climatechange@ct.gov at any time.

01:20:54 Caitlin Daddona: Is there an ability to place the name of the speaker (and position) in the chat for folks online to know who is speaking?

01:21:01 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: For those online - Lee Cruz, Community Foundation for Greater New Haven is now speaking

01:21:55 Caitlin Daddona: Thank you.

01:25:40 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Link to the agenda for today's meeting:
<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/climatechange/GC3/GC3-2022-agendas-and-minutes/GC3-Meeting-Agenda-120622.pdf>

01:30:19 Gabriela Campos: ???

01:30:35 Gabriela Campos: Very excellent points - thank you

01:30:35 Lorena Venegas: East Haven needs serious help, not dead ends

01:30:42 katharine morris: +++

01:30:57 Denise Savageau: Well said Maisa.

01:31:26 Caitlin Daddona: ^!

01:32:56 Margaret Wheeler: I agree totally we have found little communication between government agencies and local community. CEQ is overall flawed as well. We need to have monthly forums inviting all of the grassroots environmental groups in the state to hear their concerns and answer their questions.

01:33:03 Mary Donegan: Thank you, Maisa.

01:33:52 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: This is Deputy Commissioner Noel Petra from the Department of Administrative Services.

01:42:34 Sarah Watson, CT DEEP: The speaker is Emily Pysh from the Dept. of Transportation

01:52:24 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Speaker: Commissioner Hurlburt, Department of Agriculture

02:01:10 Denise Savageau: Connecticut could save water and energy by updating plumbing code. The attached slide show was presented to the WPC.
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:1cc44c88-2fe9-3717-bc23-4a062efd6260>

02:01:43 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Thanks Denise. If we can add comments during public, I would appreciate to keep focus on our presenters.

02:02:11 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Curt Johnson - Save the Sound

02:02:22 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: We can hear him

02:03:21 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Bryan Garcia - CT Green Bank

02:06:38 Maisa Tisdale: Apprenticeship and prevailing wage issues are areas where community nonprofits, residents and stakeholders in EJ communities can be strong partners.

02:08:10 Caitlin Daddona: ^!

02:08:20 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Speaking now: Lori Mathieu, Dept. of Public Health

02:11:08 Maisa Tisdale: Thank you for taking the time to thoroughly examine these concepts.

02:15:17 Caitlin Daddona: Really appreciating the emphasis on a more proactive approach here in regards to community health, empowering the community impacted within its creation.

02:18:43 Lorena Venegas: East Haven doesn't have the resources to apply for any grants. This keeps us as an EJ town.

02:19:51 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Speaking now: Deputy Commissioner Brenda Bergeron, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

02:24:53 Sarah Watson, CT DEEP: Speaking now is Matt Fulda, MetroCOG

02:26:37 Gabriela Campos: We have to stop all filling and injuring of wetlands

02:27:58 Sarah Watson, CT DEEP: Speaking now is Kevin Grigg, Fuss & O'Neil

02:28:16 Margaret Wheeler: Another way to prevent flooding is to stop the filling of coastal and inland wetlands that absorb sea level rises.

02:29:33 Sarah Watson, CT DEEP: Speaking now is Emily Pysh, DOT

02:29:58 Gabriela Campos: We must protect wetlands

It takes over a decade for newly created wetlands to be fully effective as carbon sinks and efficient flood mitigation

02:30:10 Margaret Wheeler: Redirecting storm drains into local manmade wetland areas will help not only absorb runoff pollutants but will also slow runoff into the storm drains that get into LIS.

02:30:52 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Thank you for the comments. Please sign up for public comment by sending a message to Sarah Watson and add public comments in that chat at that time or email public comments to deep.climatechange@ct.gov

02:31:03 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Public comment will open at 2:45 pm

02:31:19 Lorena Venegas: East Haven has no coastal resiliency plan.

02:32:20 Margaret Wheeler: Great to hear about bioswales but how can New Haven also allowed to build huge building directly on the water front as well.

02:32:27 Sarah Watson, CT DEEP: Speaking now is George Bradner, Dept of Insurance

02:33:09 Gabriela Campos: RE New Haven

Fair Haven, The Heights & The East Shore were clearly ignored. The East Shore has needed evacuations due to storm surges. People in FH we're out of power for a week due to a major storm a few years ago

02:33:46 katharine morris: ^^^ can say the same about the South End of Bridgeport along the Long Island Sound

02:36:41 Gabriela Campos: Katherine - was speaking to the presentation about NHVN I live in the East Side - red lines areas that were the first reservation

We have a power plant

Water pollution

Oil Tanks

And now additional carcinogens going into the water from run off from an airport that Mayor Elicker has been extremely supportive of, at the detriment of the residents. I know Bridgeport had a lot to contend with. Been looking on with concern regarding airport expansion there

02:38:22 katharine morris: Gabriela -- (*katharine) yes unfortunately too many EJ communities in the state face the same issues. would love to collab on community efforts if you're engaged in organizing

02:41:47 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Public comment is opening in a couple of minutes. Please sign up for verbal public comment by sending a message to Sarah Watson. Limit verbal comments to 2 minutes. You can also public comments in the chat at that time or email public comments to deep.climatechange@ct.gov

02:45:59 Margaret Wheeler: May I speak??

02:47:49 Gabriela Campos: The aviation pollution control as intentionally omitted
The pollution from aviation is exceedingly harmful

Leaded fuel is still used and sold in piston engine planes - new haven has the highest lead rates in the state double that of Bpt & Htfd

02:48:15 Gabriela Campos: Aviation has a higher CO2E than other industries

02:49:50 Sarah Watson, CT DEEP: if you would like to speak for public comment, please send me a direct message

02:49:53 Mary Hogue: Audio goes in and out

02:50:09 Rep. David Michel: I believe they d need to mute the room causing reverb.

02:50:17 Mary Hogue: YES!

02:51:23 Kyle Casiglio: For CT DOT: It's wonderful that the fleet is being electrified and charging stations are being added, however the climate implications of land use such as the CT DOT headquarters, where parking is more than double the land use of the actual building and where it is almost exclusively accessible via the automobile is a far bigger deal. This creates mandatory automobile use for the public and is much less efficient for energy use, never mind the financial implications of maintaining all the extra infrastructure to support this style of development pattern. Why isn't DOT being a leader here and moving to a more environmentally sustainable location? Shouldn't the department of transportation be easily accessible by more than one form of transportation?

02:57:12 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: We will accept written comments and these will be shared with the Council members and included in the public meeting minutes. Please email them to deep.climatechange@ct.gov

02:58:24 Gabriela Campos: I think the sound in the main room is interfering w overall sound

02:58:37 Rep. David Michel: yes

02:58:57 Rebecca French, CT DEEP: Everything in the chat will also be shared with the Council members and included with the meeting minutes as public record.

02:59:21 katharine morris: Public Comment: I am providing written comments here and via email for the record. The City of Bridgeport is slated to build Bassick High School in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area Zone AE without a full scope City Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and a State Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) and without public comment or hearings for Bassick students, their parents, faculty, or staff. Making matters worse, the high school would be within walking and breathing distance of two DEEP designated air polluting affecting facilities including Bridgeport's Harbor Station 5 (PSEG), Bridgeport Energy LLC (Cogentrix), and two NuPower hydrogen fuel cells.

02:59:28 katharine morris: Such air pollution is associated with adverse health outcomes like heart or lung diseases (e.g asthma, bronchitis, and susceptibility to symptoms), increased emergency room visits and hospital admissions, and premature deaths (EPA, 2022) making this construction a public health risk. Building Bassick here would endanger the lives of students, faculty, and local residents, leaving them vulnerable to climate change-induced sea level rise and extreme weather events as scientists predict that superstorms and hurricanes like Sandy will become stronger and more frequent.

02:59:36 katharine morris: Consider the GC3 presentations of stormwater mitigation, coastal rehabilitation, health equity, and the issues of climate resilience of lack thereof. Resilient Bridgeport has been delayed indefinitely leaving the South End of Bridgeport particularly vulnerable. Like Mayor Ganim and the Bridgeport City Council, DEEP Commissioner Dykes and DAS Commission Gilman of DAS have the power to stop this effectively immediately by denying the final application and/or terminating their school construction MOU. DOT and DPH commissioners and the Office of the Governor can also work to stop this from moving forward. This is a clear case of environmental racism the state of Connecticut is sweeping under the rug of bureaucracy. Leaders of the GC3, I call on you all to help Save Bassick High.

03:01:26 Eluned Li: ^ +++

03:01:26 katharine morris: We cannot celebrate net-zero high schools on one side of Bridgeport but allowing Bassick to be built in an air polluted floodzone on the other side. This is not equity and environmental justice.

03:02:59 katharine morris: CT Mirror article: <https://ctmirror.org/2022/12/06/saving-bassick-high-means-choosing-life/>

03:03:04 Caitlin Daddona: ^+++

03:05:34 Christine O'Neill: Thank you Susan, great comment.

03:07:05 Rep. David Michel: Susan ++++

03:07:31 katharine morris: +++
03:09:36 Susan Masino: #FirstDoNoHarm with the federal money ...
03:09:46 Eluned Li: also lead testing must be made a requirement for landlords, buildings owned by mega-landlords where families are renting must be tested by LCI and repaired at no cost to renters, this is a massive EJ concern in CT's major cities!!
03:10:22 Rep. David Michel: KAT also +++++
03:11:00 Gabriela Campos: NHVN has punitive measures in place for homeowners - but promotes more flight at Tweed
03:11:30 Aicha Woods: Please consider land use regulation impacts on climate, in particular, car-dependent single family zoned sprawl vs dense and vibrant communities with a diversity of housing choices for all. Connecticut is in the midst of a housing affordability and eviction crisis that is happening right now. There is so much opportunity to build climate friendly housing for all, but this is restricted by outdated zoning. Please consider advocating model green ordinance that encourage housing production at the scale needed in all communities in the state.
03:11:50 Gabriela Campos: Woah Lianne that's wild about what they found!
03:13:58 Caitlin Daddona: Incredible accounts. Thank you all for sharing and connecting these dots for us. To the cameraperson, please feel free to zoom out so we can see who stayed to listen to these accounts.
03:14:18 Maisa Tisdale: I have learned so much from the public. Thank you very much. We all have our work cut out for us. We can accomplish things together.
03:14:46 Gabriela Campos: Tweed is all wetlands
FEMA says it will be underwater in about 20 years
CTDEEP allowed the airport to tear down an acre of mature forests on wetlands and allowed for wetlands to be filled

We must all be working in the same direction. To create resiliency not work against it

I know it will take time and this is a great step in that direction

Thank you for all the amazing work that has been done

03:15:32 Maisa Tisdale: I am listening Gabriela.
03:17:18 Gabriela Campos: 🍌🍌🍌🍌
03:18:51 Caitlin Daddona: Thank you all for your thoughtfulness, presenters and comments, moderator. Thank you all in the comments, Take care and I am hopeful we are working towards working together. Esp. our wetlands <3
03:18:54 Caitlin Daddona: +++++
03:18:58 Gabriela Campos: Thank you
03:19:46 Christine O'Neill: Thank you
03:19:47 lynne bonnett: thank you