



AGENDA

State & Local Government Roundtable on High-Speed Internet Programs

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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2:00 PM

(via ZOOM)

<https://ctdeep.zoom.us/j/84918027991>

Purpose: To share program updates and engage state and local governments in a discussion on the opportunities and obstacles to universal, affordable, and reliable high-speed internet.

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Update on Connecticut's Broadband Infrastructure Programs**
3. **Overview of Connecticut's Broadband Five-Year Action Plan**
4. **Presentations:**

The City of New Haven

Dean Mack has eight years of experience in urban planning and economic development. His educational background includes a Master of Regional Planning from Cornell University and a bachelor's degree in international relations from Goucher College. Dean has worked extensively in the City of New Haven and the City of Bridgeport, where he has contributed to various projects such as comprehensive planning, area plan development, and economic data analysis. He is currently working on the establishment of the New Haven Land Bank and efforts to improve broadband access in New Haven.

Sharon Connect Task Force



Jill Drew co-chairs the Sharon Connect Task Force, a volunteer group formed in 2019 to advise the Sharon Board of Selectmen on options for providing access to reliable high-speed internet to all homes and businesses in Sharon. After a long career as a newspaper reporter and editor at New York Newsday and The Washington Post, Jill moved to Sharon in 2016 and manages Drew Associates, an independent documentary film company founded in 1960 by her late father-in-law. Jill is an emergency medical responder with the Sharon Volunteer Fire Dept. Ambulance Squad, is a board member of the Sharon Land Trust, and serves on various town boards and committees.

Presenters subject to change. If a representative from your municipality or organization would be interested in presenting at a future Roundtable, please email Nadya Hoolahan at nadya.hoolahan@ct.gov.

5. **Roundtable Discussion and Q&A**
6. **Public Comment** – 3 minutes per comment