



**Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council (CEEJAC)**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Location: Mattatuck Museum, 144 W Main St Waterbury, CT**

[Register for In-Person Attendance](#)

*Parking and Tour instructions will be emailed after your registration is confirmed*

**Webinar Access is Available for 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

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**Description**

[Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council \(CEEJAC\)](#) will be hosting their summer quarterly meeting on **June 23, 2026**, in Waterbury, CT. CEEJAC is an advisory council to the Commissioner of DEEP on historical and current environmental injustices across the state. In this meeting, you will hear updates from CT DEEP about environmental justice programs, updates on council subcommittee work, and discussion about challenges that environmental justice communities continue to face. We hope that you'll join us for a morning Community Tour of the City of Waterbury, Lunch at Mattatuck Museum, followed by an afternoon of networking and learning.

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**Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<p><b>EJ Community Tour of Waterbury</b></p> <p><i>The tour will provide an opportunity to learn about shared environmental justice challenges and histories in our state. Participants will drive or carpool to five different tour sites across the city. At each site, a host will meet you to provide a brief history of the site and overview of ongoing environmental justice work. For directions to each site, please visit our <a href="#">shared Google Map</a></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Adams St Development Project</a> NEST Adams St is a redevelopment project for homeowners that combines modern builds</li> </ul>
20 mins at each site	
~10 mins driving to the next site	

**and energy efficiency models.**

*Kevin Taylor, Executive Director at NEST CT*

*📍 8 Adams St, Waterbury*

- [Naugatuck River Revival Clean Up Project](#)

**Community-Based Organization Clean Up**

*Kevin Zak, President NRRG*

*📍 Platt Park: Intersection of S Main St and Platts Mill Rd*

- [The New Mix](#)

**CTDOT's vision for the future of the I-84/Route 8 "Mixmaster" interchange**

*Jonathan Dean, DOT Project Manager*

*📍 Riverside Cemetery, 496 Riverside St*

- [Community Fishing Waters](#)

**This interactive walk will explore the challenges and opportunities in urban fishing waters.**

*Rodrigo Pinto, CT DEEP Urban Fishing Coordinator*

*📍 Lakewood Park Beach, Farmwood Rd*

- **Waterbury Little League**

**This site will tell the story of redevelopment of a former brownfield site turned into a multi-use recreational field.**

*The Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury*

*📍 George Tirado Sr. Park, 313 Mill St*

12:30 – 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 – 1:10 PM	<b>Welcome and Introduction to CEEJAC</b> Sarah Huang, Director of Equity and Environmental Justice, CT DEEP
1:10 – 1:25 PM	<b>Opening Remarks from City of Waterbury and Waterbury Elected Officials</b>
1:25 – 1:45 PM	<b>Remarks from Commissioner of DEEP, Katie Dykes</b>
1:45 – 2:10 PM	<b>Activity</b> During this time, participants will fill out notecards to answer these 3 question prompts. We will give everyone 5 minutes to jot down their ideas. Then we will have 10 minutes for you to share what you wrote. <u>Prompts:</u> <b>1. What we learned</b> <b>2. What surprised us</b> <b>3. What we want to know more about</b>
2:10 – 2:25 PM	<b>Meet Waterbury Groups and Organizations</b> We'd like to invite groups and individuals from Waterbury to introduce themselves as an opportunity to connect CEEJAC members with local organizations and residents.
2:25 – 2:35 PM	<b>10 Min Break</b>
2:35 – 3:05 PM	<b>Subcommittee Report Outs</b> <i>Each of the Council's subcommittees will provide an update on their work plan, highlights</i>

	<p><i>from the year, and upcoming discussions.</i></p> <p><b>CEEJAC Subcommittees and Chairs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Air &amp; Transportation Subcommittee</b> led by Robbie Goodrich and Alex Rodriguez</li> <li>• <b>Waste Subcommittee</b> led by Adrienne Farrar Houel and Diane Lauricella</li> <li>• <b>Water Subcommittee</b> led by Cierra Patrick and Ashley Stewart</li> <li>• <b>Land Subcommittee</b> led by Yaw Darko and Jhoni Ada</li> <li>• <b>Energy &amp; Technology Subcommittee</b> led by Jayson Velazquez and Kendall Keelen</li> </ul>	
<p>3:05 – 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Subcommittee Work Session Participants can join any Subcommittee to participate in ongoing project work. We encourage new to CEEJAC participants to learn more about the work happening in subcommittees and consider becoming a member of a subcommittee.</p>	<p><b>Subcommittee Gallery Walk 2:30 – 2:50 PM</b></p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to talk with Subcommittee Members and Co-Chairs to learn more about their work and share contact information. This is a networking opportunity to connect with the Council’s work and members.</p>
<p>3:30 – 3:50 PM</p>	<p><b>EJ Discussion facilitated by CEEJAC Water Subcommittee</b> Join CEEJAC Water Subcommittee Co-Chairs Ashley Stewart Brown and Cierra Patrick for a timely conversation on how communities can support economic growth while protecting environmental justice neighborhoods from displacement,</p>	

	<p>pollution exposure, and inequitable development.</p> <p>From tax incentives and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts to Resilience Improvement Districts (RIDs), grants, and climate resilience investments, this discussion will explore strategies CEEJAC &amp; CT DEEP should consider to better align funding tools, policy decisions, and community engagement efforts. Together, we'll examine approaches that encourage revitalization while prioritizing public health, affordability, climate resilience, and long-term community stability.</p>
3:50 – 4:00 PM	<b>Closing</b>

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