



**Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council (CEEJAC)
Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, Sept 16, 2024
6:00-8:00 PM**

Meeting Recording Link:

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/rec/share/AeWaxfzgj62Jn7i7mfXL5yhOZVY7FWiiBRncMnS1a8TgLZiLh2R9kd_qQVhRuqq1.hIjpnxpMGJq9U8LD?startTime=1726524245000

I. Welcome – Commissioner Dykes

II. Presentation – State’s Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

III. Presentation – Climate & Equity & Grant Program

IV. Presentation Questions and Comments

- Dr. Mark Mitchell: Will there be funding for community engagement available from this grant?
- Rebecca French: DEEP has a partnership with UCONN CIRCA and that funding is intended to help community-based organizations participate in the state's climate action plan. Might need to use additional funding from the CPRG budget.
- Dr. Mitchell applauded CIRCA’s organization efforts and Mary Buchanan then shared how both him and Edith are a part of the advisory council.

V. Subcommittee Updates

• Water

The subcommittee asked what the public would you like to hear about. Dr. Mitchell suggested urban flooding or watersheds.

• Land

• Air and transportation

Omar Green asked if DEEP can reach out to municipalities to put in more EV charging infrastructure to help. Tracy Babbidge shared how they are already having a lot of these conversations with municipalities and are looking at other funding opportunities.

- Energy and Technology
- Waste

VI. **Announcements**

- CHEAPR eBike Voucher Application Period

Teneya asked if people who applied to the eBike program will get confirmation that they did not receive the incentive. Tracy Babbidge says this depends on the demand for the program but will keep their website updated with information and updates.

- CT Siting Council Study Public Survey Period

VII. **Public Comment Period**

- Mark Mitchell – What does engagement look like for the CT Siting Council Study?
 - Eric Hammerling: DEEP is having meetings with other organizations such as farmland conservation groups. DEEP is also interested in CEEJAC’s feedback and will follow up to try and set up something outside of this CEEJAC meeting accordingly.
 - Eric also shared how they can think about additional issues that weren’t not considered during the legislative session that can be used to expand the scope of the study or be recommended for future research.
- Omar Green - Has there been any outreach to manufacturers of eBikes that are willing to talk to people and be part of programs to get people to consider purchasing eBikes?
 - Tracy Babbidge: yes that has been part of their outreach program.
- Denise Savageau shared how the Water planning council outreach and education workgroup is having a workshop on protecting drinking water and emerging contaminants on Sept 24 <https://events.ct.gov/Sustainability-and-Resiliency-Week/SourceWaterProtectionandEmergingContaminants>
- Tenaya Taylor shared the owner series on EJEVC collaborate YouTube channel and encouraged folks to share them <https://youtube.com/@ejevc?si=EgOUYVk-qRb8dMOn>

List of Participants

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