



**Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council (CEEJAC)
Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

10:00 – 12:30 PM Tour of Local Area (see addresses below, parking available at each site)

12:30 – 4:00 PM Mattatuck Museum, 144 W Main Street, Waterbury

Free parking is available at the Museum and in the lot on Park Place. Additional parking is available at Gaffney Place lot.

[Register for In-Person Attendance](#) (Tour & Meeting)

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

[Register for Zoom Webinar Link](#) - **Webinar Access is Available for 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

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

Time	Description
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM 20 mins at each site ~10 mins driving to the next site	<p>EJ Community Tour of Waterbury</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 shared Google Map</i></p> <p>1. Adams St Development Project</p>

<p>*Each site has available parking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parking: Street parallel parking available on Adams St or Refuge Church of Christ parking lot (13 Hawkins St) b. Meeting Spot: Meet Kevin at 8 Adams St c. Site Host: Kevin Taylor, Executive Director of NEST CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NEST CT is a non-profit, HUD certified organization aimed to ensure successful, sustainable homeownership for people of all income levels and backgrounds. d. Site Description: Adams St Development Project: NEST Adams St is a redevelopment project for homeowners that combines modern builds and energy efficiency models. <p>2. Naugatuck River Revival Clean Up Project Platt Park, corner of S Main St and Platts Mill Rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parking: Parking available at the S Main St Lot, which is called “Naugatuck River Walk Parking” on Google Maps b. Meeting Spot: Kevin will meet you in the parking lot c. Site Host: Kevin Zak, President of Naugatuck River Revival Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NRRG aims to eradicate trash and debris in and along the Naugatuck River to revive the river’s beauty, improve conditions for wildlife, educate the public about safe recreational use, and unite river communities. d. Site Description: Learn about the work of the organization aimed at watershed cleanup and education. <p>3. The New Mix Riverside Cemetery, 496 Riverside ST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parking: Pull through gate, bear right to park along roadside behind the chapel b. Meeting Spot: Meet Jonathan inside the chapel c. Site Host: Jonathan Dean, CT Department of Transportation Project Manager d. Site Description: The New Mix: CTDOT’s vision for the future of the I-84/Route 8 “Mixmaster” interchange <p>4. Community Fishing Waters Lakewood Park Beach, Farmwood RD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parking: parking lot available onsite b. Meeting Spot: Rodrigo will meet you in the parking lot
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Site Host: Rodrigo Pinto, Urban Fishing Coordinator, CT DEEP d. Site Description: Community Fishing Waters: This interactive walk will explore the challenges and opportunities in urban fishing waters. <p>5. George Tirado, Sr Park, 313 Mill ST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parking: Street parallel parking is available on Mill St b. Meeting Spot: Hosts will be standing on Mill St near the park waiting for you c. Site Host: Jim Nardozzi, Executive Director & Mansi Doshi, Project Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Waterbury Development Corporation is the City of Waterbury’s non-profit economic and community organization, founded as a partnership of public and private sectors. WDC aims to help the City, businesses, and residents revitalize the city and support economic development. d. Site Description: This site will tell the story of redevelopment of a former brownfield site turned into a multi-use recreational field.
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 1:10 PM	Welcome and Introduction to CEEJAC Sarah Huang, Director of Equity and Environmental Justice, CT DEEP
1:10 – 1:25 PM	Opening Remarks from City of Waterbury and Waterbury Elected Officials
1:25 – 1:45 PM	Remarks from Commissioner of DEEP, Katie Dykes Recognition of Dr. Mark Mitchell’s Tenure as CEEJAC Co-Chair
1:45 – 2:10 PM	Tour Debrief 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. Prompts to reflect about the Community Tour?

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did you learn that was new? 2. What surprised you the most? 3. What do you want to learn more about?
2:10 – 2:25 PM	<p>Meet Waterbury Groups and Organizations 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.</p>
2:25 – 2:35 PM	10 Min Break
2:35 – 3:05 PM	<p>Subcommittee Report Outs <i>Each of the Council's subcommittees will provide an update on their work plan, highlights from the year, and upcoming discussions.</i></p> <p>CEEJAC Subcommittees and Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air & Transportation Subcommittee led by Robbie Goodrich and Alex Rodriguez • Waste Subcommittee led by Adrienne Farrar Houel and Diane Lauricella • Water Subcommittee led by Cierra Patrick and Ashley Stewart • Land Subcommittee led by Yaw Darko and Jhoni Ada • Energy & Technology Subcommittee led by Jayson Velazquez and Kendall Keelen
3:05 – 3:30 PM	<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>
3:30 – 3:50 PM	<p>EJ Discussion facilitated by CEEJAC Water Subcommittee 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, 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</p>

	CEEJAC & 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.
3:50 – 4:00 PM	Closing

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