

CT Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council (CEEJAC)
Quarterly Meeting
June 23, 2026
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Waterbury, CT

Webinar Link Recording:

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Post Event Survey:

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the CEEJAC Quarterly Meeting and Community Tour in Waterbury! We are hoping to continue this style of meetings in the future and would appreciate any feedback on the event. Thank you!

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Community Tours:

Thank you to all of our Community Tour Site Hosts. I hope you take the opportunity to read more about their work and connect with the hosts with any additional questions!

1. Lakewood Park Beach

- a. **Site Host:** Rodrigo Pinto, Urban Fishing Coordinator, CT DEEP
- b. **Site Description:** [Community Fishing Waters](#): This interactive walk will explore the challenges and opportunities in urban fishing waters.
- c. Note – Additional information has been provided in the slide deck.

2. Adams St

- a. **Site Host:** Kevin Taylor, Executive Director of NEST CT
 - i. NEST CT is a non-profit, HUD certified organization aimed to ensure successful, sustainable homeownership for people of all income levels and backgrounds.
- b. **Site Description:** [Adams St Development Project](#): NEST Adams St is a redevelopment project for homeowners that combines modern builds and energy efficiency models.

3. George Tirado, Sr Park

- a. **Site Host:** Jim Nardoizzi, Executive Director & Mansi Doshi, Project Manager
 - 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.

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

4. [Riverside Cemetery](#)

- a. **Site Host:** Jonathan Dean, CT Department of Transportation Project Manager
- b. **Site Description:** [The New Mix](#): CTDOT's vision for the future of the I-84/Route 8 "Mixmaster" interchange

5. **Platt Park**

- a. **Site Host:** Kevin Zak, President of [Naugatuck River Revival Group](#)
 - ii. 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.
- b. **Site Description:** Learn about the work of the organization aimed at watershed cleanup and education.

Spotlight of Waterbury Groups and Residents:

- Zakary "Zak" Robushi from Naugatuck River Revival Group
- CJ May, [Recycling Coordinator from City of Waterbury](#)
- Jaimie Cura, [Event Coordinator](#) at [Mattatuck Museum](#)
- [Representative Geraldo Reyes, Jr - 75th District](#)
- [Representative Ron Napoli, Jr – 73rd District](#)

EV Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program

Presented by Brian Reckdenwald

Gravity, in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), is implementing the [Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\)-funded EV Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) grant program](#) — a \$14.6 million award to deploy publicly accessible EV charging stations across seven municipalities in Connecticut. The project will install 96 single-port DC fast chargers (DCFC) and 8 dual-port Level 2 charging stations in cities including:

- Bridgeport,
- Hartford,
- New Haven,
- Stamford,
- East Hartford,
- Groton, and
- Barkhamsted.

The project prioritizes environmental justice communities, siting chargers in underserved areas to ensure equitable access to clean transportation for all Connecticut residents.

Gravity and CT DEEP are conducting outreach and community engagement as a core part of the project to ensure that residents, municipal leaders, and local stakeholders have a voice in where charging infrastructure is installed. Residents and community members with questions or interest in participating are encouraged to reach out to Brian Reckdenwald at brian@gravitytechnologies.com or to CT DEEP at DEEP.MobileSources@ct.gov. For more information, visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/air/mobile-sources/cfi-grant>

To learn more about the CT Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council, please visit our website: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/environmental-justice/connecticut-equity-and-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

If you would like to receive emailed updates and meeting announcements, please subscribe to our newsletter here: <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/j/DAF1B876FCA74F4B>

If you are interested in joining the Council or a Subcommittee, please reach out to Sarah Huang, Director of Equity and Environmental Justice, Sarah.Huang@ct.gov.