WELCOME!

We'll be getting started shortly! In the meantime, here are some updates







Upcoming CEEJAC Meetings

CEEJAC Air & Transportation Air Bureau Open House and Community-Based Work

Thursday, October 9, 2025 10:45 AM - 1:30 PM Location: 9 Windsor Ave. Windsor, CT

> Register for In-Person Visit Download Meeting Agenda

CEEJAC Energy & Technology Meeting: Learn about CT Green Bank (Virtual)

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Register for Zoom Meeting Link



Scan the code to visit the CEEJAC webpage



Announcements from CEEJAC

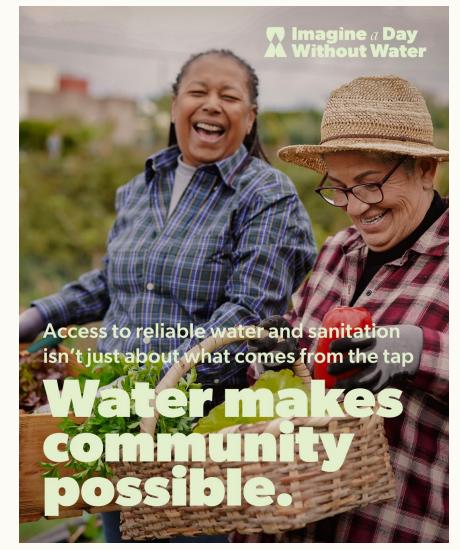
CEEJAC Water Subcommittee recently met with Maura Jarvis from US Water Alliance to learn about

Imagine a Day Without Water (Oct 16th)

This day is a reminder of why communities need reliable, safe water systems and the investment needed to achieve this.



Scan the code to learn more or <u>click</u> here





Announcements from CEEJAC

REGISTER NOW

A Call to Action: Shaping Our Climate and Environmental Justice Future

October 22, 2025
Wesleyan University

Building Power. Strengthening Communities. Advancing Justice.













Scan the code to take the convening survey or click here



Scan the code to register or click here

Join CT Roundtable on Climate & Jobs and other partners to strengthen EJ in CT!

A CALL TO ACTION: SHAPING OUR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FUTURE

SHANTHA ALONSO

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



IT'S TIME TO

This convening will focus on:

Developing an infrastructure of resilience

Building connections between funders and community-based organizations

Mapping out shared priorities
Uplifting frontline leadership
and environmental justice
panel discussion

Creating shared language grounded in collective visioning and mutual aid

RSVP Today

SAVE THE DATE OCT. 22, 2025 Don't miss the
Keynote Address: **Shantha Alonso**,
Executive Director
at America the
Beautiful for All
Coalition



EJ Funding Navigator

New England Environmental Finance Center has launched an **EJ Funding Navigator** to easily find funding opportunities



Scan the code to access the funding navigator or click

<u>here</u>





DEEP Funding Opportunity: Recreational Trails Grants

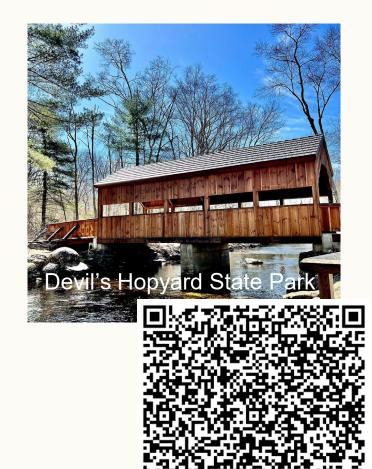
Eligible Entities: nonprofits, municipalities, state departments and tribal governments

Project Ideas:

- Planning new trails
- Maintaining existing trails
- Providing access to people with disabilities
- Purchasing or leasing trail construction equipment
- Acquiring land for trail corridors
- Operating education programs

Award Amount: varies; maximum request \$1M; 20% match required

Contact: DEEPcttrails@ct.gov | Deadline: 12/18/25



Scan the code for more information

or <u>click here</u>



DEEP Funding Opportunity: Urban Green and Community Garden (UGCG)

Eligible Entities: nonprofits, municipalities in EJ Communities

Purpose: develop or enhance urban green spaces for enjoyment and/or education

Amount Award: Reimbursement Matching Program; cover 50% of cost

Potential Project Ideas:

- Hire an architect to create a publicly accessible green space
- Purchase small garden shed or picnic table
- Purchase hand tools like, shovels, rakes
- Install rain barrels, rain gardens

Deadline Dec. 17, 2025



Scan the code for more information or click here



McDonald Street Community
Garden, co-sponsored by New
London FRESH



DEEP Public Meeting: Climate Action Planning

October 8, 2025 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM Zoom Meeting (Register Here)

Review progress toward state's climate goals and proposed strategies to reduce GHG emissions

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Progress and Projections
- III. Proposed Greenhouse Gas Reduction Measures
- IV. Breakout Sessions on Climate Implementation Action Priorities
- V. Next Steps

Public Comment (1:30 pm - 2:00 pm)



Scan code to read the public notice or click here



WELCOME

CEEJAC Quarterly Meeting September 29, 2025

Please introduce yourself in the chat:

- Name,
- Affiliation,
- Where you're calling from

What is CEEJAC?

Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council is an appointed body of environmental justice residents and advocates, business and state agency representatives.

The council advises the Commissioner of DEEP on incorporation of environmental justice across DEEP's programs, policies, and activities.

Connecticut Equity & Environmental Justice Advisory Council (CEEJAC)



An advisory council to the Commissioner of DEEP on environmental justice issues. Contact DEEP.CEEJAC@ct.gov

What does the Council do?

The Council provides DEEP with up to date and on the ground learnings from CT residents and communities so that the agency can adapt and develop programs and policies that are accessible and inclusive and that address local needs.

We need to hear from you and the communities that you serve about:

- new or expanded facilities, like waste incinerators
- trash and recycling
- affordable energy and energy efficiency programs
- accessing the outdoors beaches, state parks, green spaces
- state's air quality and your health



Become involved with CEEJAC by:

- Sharing your story and expertise
- Attending a meeting to learn more

Learn more about CEEJAC's Subcommittees





Energy & Technology Subcommittee

Chair: Jayson Velazquez, CT

Green Bank

Topics: Energy affordability,

energy efficiency



Water Subcommittee

Chair: Cierra Patrick, City of Groton **Topics:** Water quality, watershed planning, coastal access, coastal

resilience, flooding



Land Subcommittee

Chair: Yaw Darko, CT Land Conservation Council Topics: Brownfields, remediation, conservation management, urban green space



Waste Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Diane Lauricella, Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition Adrienne Farrar Houel, Greater Bridgeport Community

Enterprises

Topics: Waste management strategies, new and expanding facilities, permitting, enforcement, and public hearings



Air & Transportation Subcommittee

Chair: Alex Rodriguez, Save the

Sound

Topics: Air quality, air monitoring, permitting and enforcement, clean transportation access

Scan here to visit our webpage to learn more about members, work, and upcoming meetings



Agenda

Connecticut Equity and
Environmental Justice
Advisory Council (CEEJAC)

- Welcome
- Community Dialogues (formerly known as Public Comment)
- Discussing EJ Priorities
 - Subcommittee Breakout Sessions
- Council Priorities 2026
 - Subcommittees report back to the group



Community Dialogues

Facilitated by Dr. Mark Mitchell *Please limit response to 3 minutes

Please share a topic or environmental justice issues you would like CEEJAC to consider

OR

Elaborate on topics raised during our retreat:

- EJ Regulations
- Energy efficiency & affordability
- Solar for All
- Access to green space
- CT Green Plan
- Eliminating barriers to ownership with EVs & E-Bikes
- Access to clean waterways
- Urban riparian zones
- Adjudication process
- Concerns related to facilities



Breakout Rooms

Room 1 - Air & Transportation

Room 2 - Energy & Technology

Room 3 - Water

Room 4 - Land

Room 5 - Waste

Main Room - General Council Considerations

DEEP Updates & Announcements



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THANKS!