

# 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](#)



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# 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.



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# 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.**



Aquarium  
Conservation  
Partnership

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**CT ROUNDTABLE  
ON CLIMATE & JOBS**



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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  
REIMAGINE WHAT IS  
POSSIBLE AND  
ORGANIZE AROUND IT**



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**

<https://tinyurl.com/Call2EJAction>

Questions? Email  
[info@ctclimateandjobs.org](mailto:info@ctclimateandjobs.org)

**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

NEEFC Funding and Financing Navigator > List

Group Filter Sort Q ...

Program Name	Funder	Deadline	Topic	Brief Description	
Mutual of America Foundation Community Partnership Aw...	Mutual of America Financi...	July 1st 2025	Community Resilience	The Mutual of America...	
National Fish Passage Program	USFWS	Rolling	Marine Resources Agri	The National Fish Passage...	
Agricultural Management Assistance	NRCS	Rolling	Agriculture Public Heal	Producers may construct o...	
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient...	USDOT Federal Highway A...	February 24 2026	Community Resilience	The Promoting Resilient...	
Charitable Giving Donations	Kroger	Quarterly Applications on...	Public Health Agricultu	Kroger is focusing on...	
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants in Verrmo...	USDA	Rolling	Water Quality Climate	This program helps eligibl...	
DWF Foundation Grant	DWF Foundation	June 30th 2025	Community Resilience	The DWF Foundation (also...	
Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and H...	USDA	Rolling	Planning Community R	Provides funding to very...	
nd Grant Program	USDA	Rolling	Public Health Technical	Provides funding for clean...	



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navigator or [click  
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# 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](mailto:DEEPcttrails@ct.gov) | Deadline: 12/18/25



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more information  
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# 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

Contact [Steven.Perry@ct.gov](mailto:Steven.Perry@ct.gov)

**Deadline**  
**Dec. 17, 2025**



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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)



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the public notice  
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# 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](mailto: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



## Land Subcommittee

**Chair:** Yaw Darko, CT Land Conservation Council

**Topics:** Brownfields, remediation, conservation management, urban green space



## Air & Transportation Subcommittee

**Chair:** Alex Rodriguez, Save the Sound

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



## Water Subcommittee

**Chair:** Cierra Patrick, City of Groton

**Topics:** Water quality, watershed planning, coastal access, coastal resilience, flooding



## 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

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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!