



CEEJAC

Quarterly Meeting

December 11, 2023

Introductions

- Welcome from Co-Chairs
 - Commissioner Katie Dykes, CT DEEP
 - Dr. Mark Mitchell
- Remembering Yolanda L. Stinson



Roll Call

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| Commissioner Katie Dykes | MPhil, JD, Commissioner of Department of Energy and Environmental Protection |
| Dr. Mark Mitchell | MD, MPH, Emeritus Professor |
| Terry Adams | Stamford Board of Representatives |
| Dr. Albert Bailey Jr. | Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Hartford |
| Leticia Colon de Mejias | Windsor, Energy Efficiency Solutions and Green Eco Warriors |
| Adrienne Farrar Houel | Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises, Inc., Bridgeport |

Roll Call

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| Xochitl Garcia | New Haven |
| Brandon McGee | Deputy Commissioner, Department of Housing |
| Yaw Darko | CT Land Conservation Council |
| Theresa Hopkins-Staten | President Eversource Energy Foundation, VP Corporate Citizenship and Equity |
| Robert Hotaling | Deputy Commissioner, CT Department Economic and Community Development |
| Karen Kitsis | Deputy Commissioner, CT Department of Transportation |

Roll Call

Sharon Lewis

Executive Director, CT Coalition for Environmental Justice (CCEJ)

Lori Mathieu

Public Health Branch Chief, CT Department of Public Health for
Commissioner Manisha Juthani

Cierra Patrick

Economic Development Manager, City of Groton

Alex Rodriguez

Environmental Justice Specialist, Save the Sound

Maisa Tisdale

The Mary and Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community,
Bridgeport

Ground Rules

1. Listen respectfully, without interrupting
2. Listen actively and with an ear to understanding others' views
3. Only have one conversation at a time
4. Be mindful to give others and opportunity to speak
5. Focus on the task at hand rather than the position

6. Avoid off-topic conversations
7. Criticize ideas, not individuals
8. Commit to learning, not debating
9. Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language
10. Avoid assumptions about any member of the workgroup

Agenda Overview

01.

Subcommittee Updates

02.

Legislative & Regulatory Updates

03.

Climate Pollution Reduction
Grant (CPRG) Presentation

04.

Announcements

05.

Public Comment Period



Subcommittee Updates

Water Subcommittee Updates

Members: Cierra Patrick (Chair), Sharon Lewis, Maisa L. Tisdale, Mark Mitchell

DEEP Staff: Graham Stevens, Bureau Chief, Water Protection & Land Use

Update: Identified goals and topics for future meetings (Stormwater management, coastal development best practices, flood control and planning policy, Green Infrastructure, Reservoirs and Clean Drinking Water)

Goals:

- Advance the knowledge and expertise among members of Connecticut's communities on water-related topics to improve environmental outcomes and benefits for communities.
- Enhance community engagement and collaboration with CT municipalities and CT DEEP
- Increase access to information

Upcoming: Planning subcommittee meeting for January 2024 about community-based watershed planning and Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM)

IWPM 2.0

Water Quality Action Plans for Restoration and Protection

Water Quality Unit Recommendations

Stormwater and Non-Point Source



- Continue focus on Stormwater
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- Include an evaluation process to set WQ based TSS loads

Environmental Justice



- Use new CT EJ tool to help identify EJ areas for plan development
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Swimming and Shellfishing



- Continue bacteria plan development (emphasis on EJ areas)
- Eventually complete bacteria TMDLs for all waters in the state



Nutrients



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Fish and Wildlife Health



- ALUS impairments for plan development
- Evaluate data to identify potential stressors

Climate Change



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- Communicate the impacts of a changing climate
- Continue to evaluate Climate Change scenarios for modeling efforts

Save the date- January 10th, 2024

CEEJAC Water Subcommittee Discussion on Integrated Water Planning Management 2

Integrated Water Planning Management is a process that defines CT's Water Quality priorities over a 10-year period.

Join us to learn more about Water Quality Action Planning and how to engage with DEEP on the Integrated Water Planning Management 2 to benefit your community.

Helpful links:

[IWPM Phase 2 Factsheet](#)

[IWPM Phase 1 Updates Factsheet](#)

[IWPM Phase 1 Webpage](#)

[CT Integrated Water Quality Report](#)



Integrated Water Planning Management

- **Data**
- **Standards and Criteria**
- **Monitoring**
- **Natural Resource Information**

- **Remediation**
- **Permitting**
- **Non-point Source Programs**
- **Watershed Based Plans**

Data and Goals

Implementation

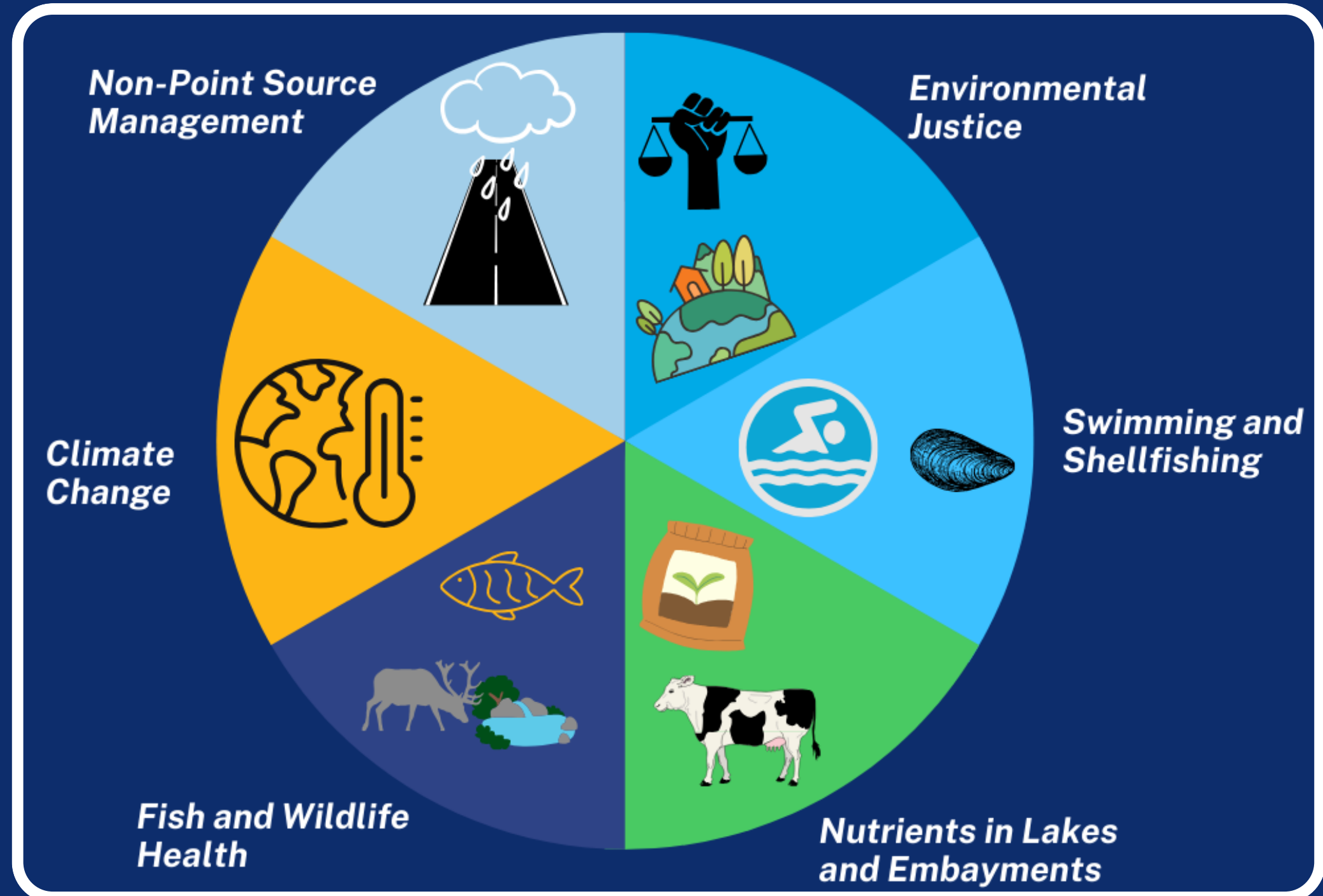
***Prioritizing Waters for Action Plan Development
Restoration and Protection
Clean Water Act 303 (d)***



CT DEEP is Requesting Feedback!

What Water Quality Topics and Locations are important to EJ Communities?

- WQ priority topic suggestions
 - **What should we focus on?**
 - (i.e, swimming, shellfishing, nutrients, toxicity)
- Waterbody and watershed specific suggestions
 - **Where should we focus efforts?**
- Collaboration
 - Are you working on restoring or protecting surface water quality in CT?
 - CT DEEP is looking for active entities to partner with!



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Save the date- January 16th, 2024

Public Discussion on Integrated Water Planning Management 2

Register via Zoom 9-10:30 a.m. and 6-7:30p.m.

[Visit the IWPM 2 Webpage for details!](#)

Helpful links:

[IWPM Phase 2 Factsheet](#)

[IWPM Phase 1 Updates Factsheet](#)

[IWPM Phase 1 Webpage](#)

[CT Integrated Water Quality Report](#)

Contact:

[Rebecca Jascot](#)

Water Quality Program

Water Planning and

Management Division

WPLR



Waste Subcommittee Updates

Members: Sharon Lewis (co-chair); Adrienne Farrar Houël (co-chair); Rev. Dr. Albert Bailey Jr., Mark Mitchell

DEEP Staff: TBD

Update: Subcommittee Meeting (Oct 17) – CT’s Solid Waste Management System and MIRA Dissolution Authority

Main Charge:

- Understand existing waste systems and technologies
- Identify community concerns regarding adaptation of waste solutions
- Provide recommendations on priorities to consider regarding waste solutions

Upcoming: Planning subcommittee meeting for February 2024 about Food Waste Diversion and MIRA Dissolution Authority

Air & Transportation Subcommittee Updates

Members: Alex Rodriguez (Chair), Jay Stange, Robbie Goodrich, Aziz Dekhan, Daphne Dixon, Terry Adams, Mark Mitchell, Sharon Lewis, Xochitl Ahtziri, and Ryan Boggio, Sharmin Akter

DEEP Staff: Paul Farrell, Planning & Standards Director; Pete Babich, Planning & Standards Division Asst. Director; Jacob Felton, Enforcement Division Director; Jaimeson Sinclair, Engineering Director

Update:

- Subcommittee Meeting at Windsor Air Monitoring Lab (10/30/23) – Purple Air Monitors, GMAP Vehicle
- Recruited new subcommittee members

Goal: Identify programs and policies to implement an equity lens

Upcoming: Planning subcommittee meeting for January 2024 about Clean Air and Truck Emission Standards

Land Subcommittee Updates

Members: Yaw Darko (Chair), Sharon Lewis, Alex Rodriguez, Terry Adams, Gustavo Requeno Santos, Leticia Colon de Mejias, Anna Pickett, Heather Dionne, Reginald Saint Fortcolin, Kathy Czepiel, Mark Mitchell

DEEP Staff: Danica Doroski, Ph.D, Urban Forester; Lindsey Suhr, Director Land Acquisition and Management

Update:

- Subcommittee Meetings (10/13/23 and 12/1/23) – provided recommendations for Urban Forestry upcoming RFP, working on recommendations for Urban Green and Community Garden Grant Program
- Recruited new subcommittee members

Main Charge:

- Identify a public participation process that includes community stakeholders in the development of grant funding programs.
- Identify strategies for conserving and revitalizing/remediating land in urban environments.
- Identify opportunities to reduce barriers to accessing open space beyond urban parks.

Upcoming: Planning subcommittee meetings for 2024

Energy and Technology Subcommittee Updates

Members: Sharon Lewis (co-chair); Dr. Rev. Albert Bailey (co-chair); Leticia Colon de Mejias (co-chair); Adrienne Farrar Houël, Jayson Velazquez, Adrian Huq, Theresa Hopkins-Staten, Mark Mitchell

DEEP Staff: Joe DeNicola, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Energy; Ashley Benitez-Ou, Office of Climate Planning

Update:

- First Subcommittee Meeting (11/1/23) – defining energy justice, Weatherization Assistance Program and Residential Energy Preparation Services
- Identifying goals and recruiting new subcommittee members

Main Charge:

- Identify and address barriers to energy justice.
- Identify the problems and provide a recommendation to make sure communities can access programs and funding.

Upcoming: TBD



Legislative & Regulatory Updates



CT Environmental Justice Law and Regulation Update

**Annie Decker
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**



**Environmental
Equity Policy (1993)**

**Conn. Gen. Stat.
§ 22a-20a (2009)**

**Expanded
Requirements**





Environmental Justice and the Permitting Process

Environmental Justice Communities

1. census block groups, for which **30%** or more of the population consists of low-income persons who are not institutionalized and have an income **below 200%** of the federal poverty level
2. **distressed municipalities**





Affecting Facilities

electric generating facilities
with a capacity greater than 10 megawatts

sludge or solid waste incinerators or combustors

sewage treatment plants
with a capacity greater than 50 million gallons per day

intermediate processing centers
volume reduction facilities or multitown recycling facilities
with a combined monthly volume in excess of 25 tons

new or expanded **landfills**, including but not limited to,
landfills that contain ash, construction and demolition debris, or solid waste

medical waste incinerators

major sources of air pollution
as defined by the Clean Air Act

Public
Participation
Plan



Community
Environmental
Benefit
Agreement
[CEBA]



✧ upcoming ✧

Cumulative
Impact
Assessment



New Effective October 1, 2023

Public Act 23-202



Minor modifications
exempt from public participation

Streamlined public participation



Mailed notice to residents within 1/2 mile for new facilities

Posting on **electronic media**

Accept **written comments & questions**



Video record informal public meeting

Submit report and video within 30 days for new facilities



CEBAs to DEEP/Siting Council **before notice of tentative determination**

Resident involvement in CEBA negotiation

Connection between impacts caused by Affecting Facility and negotiated benefits

New Guidance Document

Purpose – lays out the law's requirements and highlights what is new in 2023

New in 2023

- Minor permit modifications are exempt from the public participation process.
- When there are multiple permit applications for one Affecting Facility, only one Public Participation Plan [“EJ Plan”] is required.
- If a Community Environmental Benefit Agreement [“CEBA”] is required, it must be filed with DEEP or the CT Siting Council before a tentative determination will be issued.
- When a CEBA is required, the chief elected official or town manager must select a resident of the Environmental Justice Community who would be affected to participate in the negotiations.
- The negotiated mitigation agreed to in the CEBA must have a connection to the impacts caused by the Affecting Facility and be proportional to such impacts.
- There are additional notice requirements for the public participation process:
 - Posting on electronic media
 - Mailing notice to residents within 1/2 mile for new facilities
 - The newspaper notice must state how to review project documents

New Cumulative Impact Assessment Regulations

“ **Identification** and **measurement** of the relative impact of environmental and public health stressors across communities ”

“ **Tools** for stakeholder industries and sectors to use that take account of any such environmental or public health stressors, including tools to help inform decisions about potential locations for proposed affecting facilities that comply with this section ”

“ Standards for **denying** or placing conditions on permits ”



“The commissioner shall consult with **stakeholder industries** and **sectors** when developing the regulations pursuant to this section.” Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22a-20a(f)

Opportunities for Involvement



LISTENING

INFORMATIONAL AND LISTENING SESSIONS (EARLY AND MID 2024)



STAKEHOLDERS

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS: REGULATORY CONCEPTS (LATE 2024 AND BEYOND)



LANGUAGE

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT LANGUAGE



COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING

Clean Cars & Trucks Regulations

-Dr. Mark Mitchell

- Advance Clean Cars II/Advance Clean Trucks Rule not voted on
- Key to reducing asthma/air pollution
- Need EJ strategy/EJ transportation group/Air & Transportation Subcommittee
- BPRC important to process

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

- Rebecca French, Director of Climate Planning, CT DEEP and Representatives from COGs (Speakers TBD)



CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS

Presented by: [Rebecca French, Office of Climate Planning](#)
[Office of the Commissioner](#)

CPRG REQUIRES 3 DELIVERABLES OVER 4 YEARS



Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

- Due **March 1, 2024**
- Near-term, implementation-ready, **priority greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures**
- **Prerequisite** for implementation grant



Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

- Due in **2025** (later for tribes and territories)
- **All sectors** / significant GHG sources and sinks
- **Near- and long-term** GHG emission reduction goals and **strategies**

Due - Fall 2025



Status Report

- Due in **2027** (N/A for tribes or territories)
- **Updated** analyses and plans
- **Progress and next steps** for key metrics

IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS – DUE APRIL 1, 2024

CPRG Implementation Grants Program Objectives



Implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions by 2030 and beyond



Achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria and hazardous air pollutants), particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities



Complement other funding sources to maximize these GHG reductions and community benefits



Pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be “scaled up” across multiple jurisdictions

BENEFITS ANALYSIS: LOW-INCOME AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES (LIDAC)

Planning Grants

PCAP: A preliminary analysis of benefits for LIDAC anticipated to result from the GHG reduction measure(s).

CCAP: Evaluate the extent to which any GHG reduction measures in the CCAP will deliver co-pollutant emissions reductions and other benefits to LIDAC.

Implementation Grants

Community Benefits (25 possible points)

- ✓ Discuss and quantify, where possible, direct and indirect benefits and potential disbenefits to LIDAC.
- ✓ Describe any anticipated negative impacts to LIDAC and concrete strategies for mitigating those risks.
- ✓ Identify a plan and process for continuing to assess, quantify, and report benefits and avoided disbenefits to these communities, including co-pollutant impacts (e.g., hazardous air pollutant emission reductions), throughout the grant period.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETING AND SURVEY

Public Meeting

- December 18, 6-8pm
- Live Spanish translation available

Request for Information

- Survey
- List of implementation-ready GHG reduction measures
- Overview of implementation grants and its evaluation criteria
- Review of Connecticut's sources of GHG emissions

Survey

DEEP will seek feedback on:

- How the state's implementation-ready measures to reduce GHG emissions will benefit communities in Connecticut through direct or indirect benefits, especially for LIDAC.
- Any potential negative impacts of these measures and how we can work to reduce or avoid them.

LIDAC Advisory Working Group

Meeting Winter 2024 to advise on grant development

LOW-INCOME AND DISADVANTAGE COMMUNITIES (LIDAC)

EPA defines LIDAC as any community that meets at least one of the following characteristics:

- ✓ Any census tract that is included as disadvantaged in the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#)
- ✓ Any census block group that is at or above the 90th percentile for any of [EJScreen's](#) Supplemental Indexes when compared to the nation or relevant state; or,
- ✓ Any geographic area within tribal lands as included in EJScreen and federally recognized tribes.



Connecticut Regional Climate Action Plans

EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG)

CEEJAC | December 11, 2023



Agenda

- 1) Overview of Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG)
- 2) LIDAC Engagement
- 3) Progress Update & Next Steps

1. Overview – CPRG program

CPRG - Two Phases

The first phase is **planning**.

- Three deliverables:
 1. Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP);
 2. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP);
 3. Status Reporting
- We need stakeholders input to develop robust, realistic plans!

The second phase is **implementation**.

- \$4.6 billion available nation-wide to implement projects identified in the PCAPs.
- Grants to range anywhere between \$2-500 million

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)



- Created under the Inflation Reduction Act; administered by EPA.
- CPRGs support planning efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
 1. Encourage intergovernmental collaboration to create pathways to reduce pollution
 2. Provide flexible planning/funding resources
 3. Drive transformative & scalable decarbonization efforts

Four Planning Grants in CT:

1. State of CT



2. Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk MSA



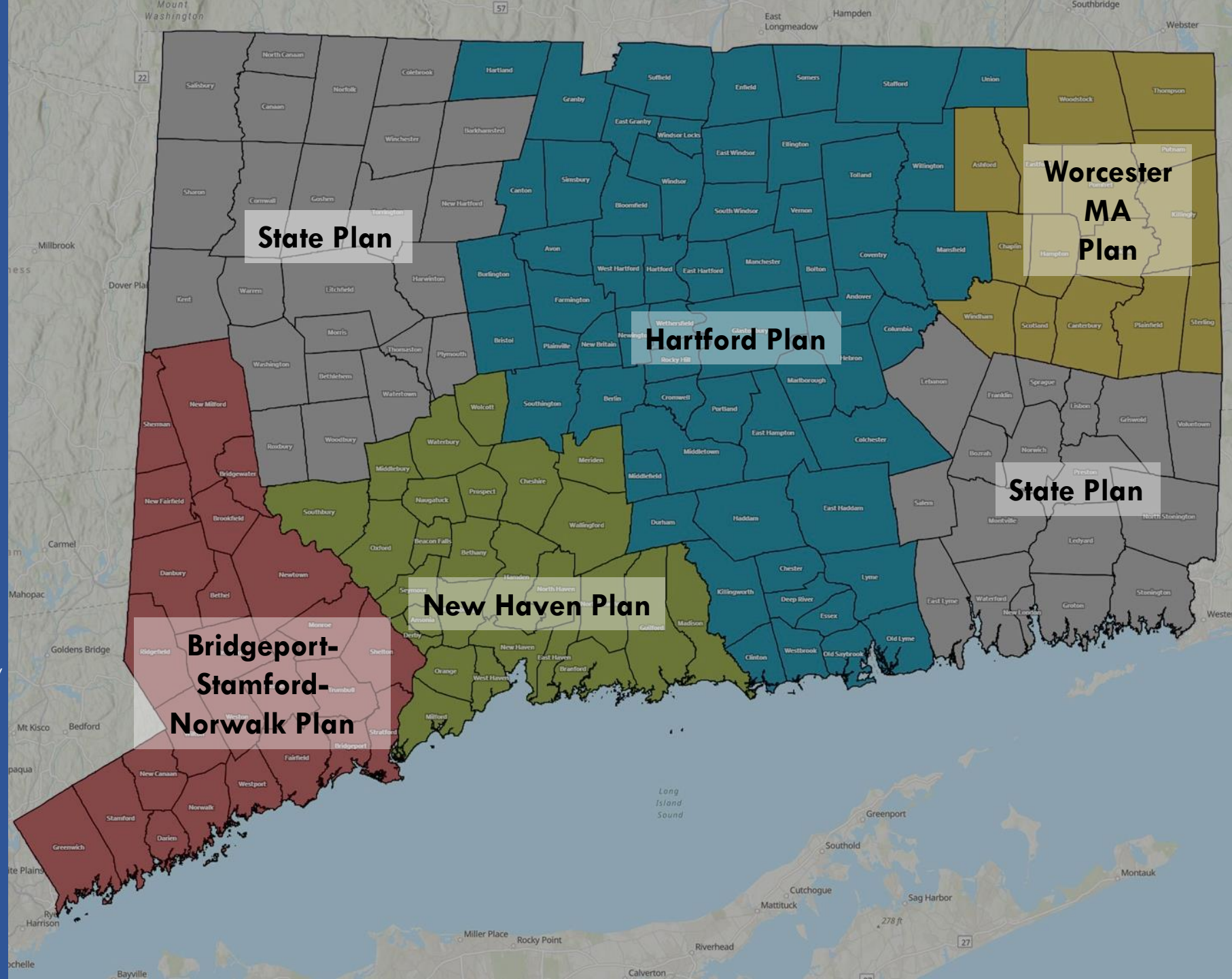
3. Hartford MSA



4. New Haven MSA



South Central Region
Council of Governments



**Planning
Grant
Timeline**

Start!

**PCAP
Due**

**CCAP
Due**

**End:
Status Report Due**

August 2023

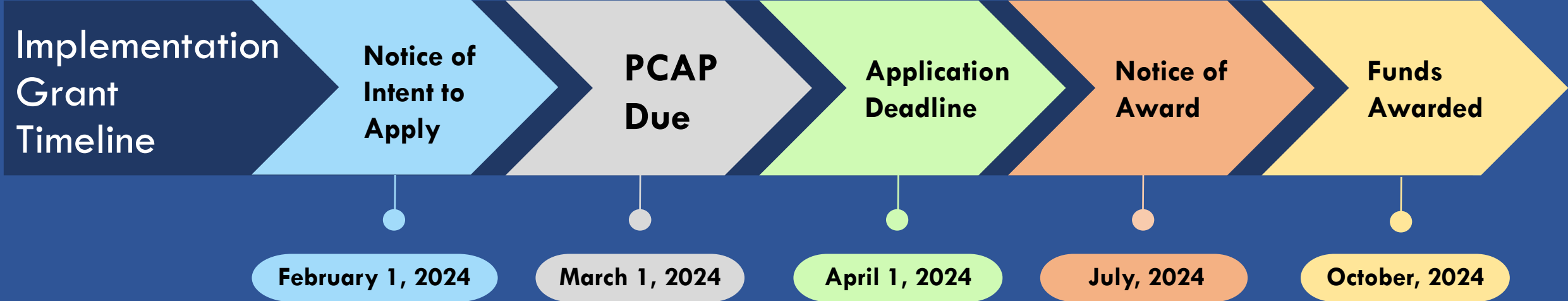
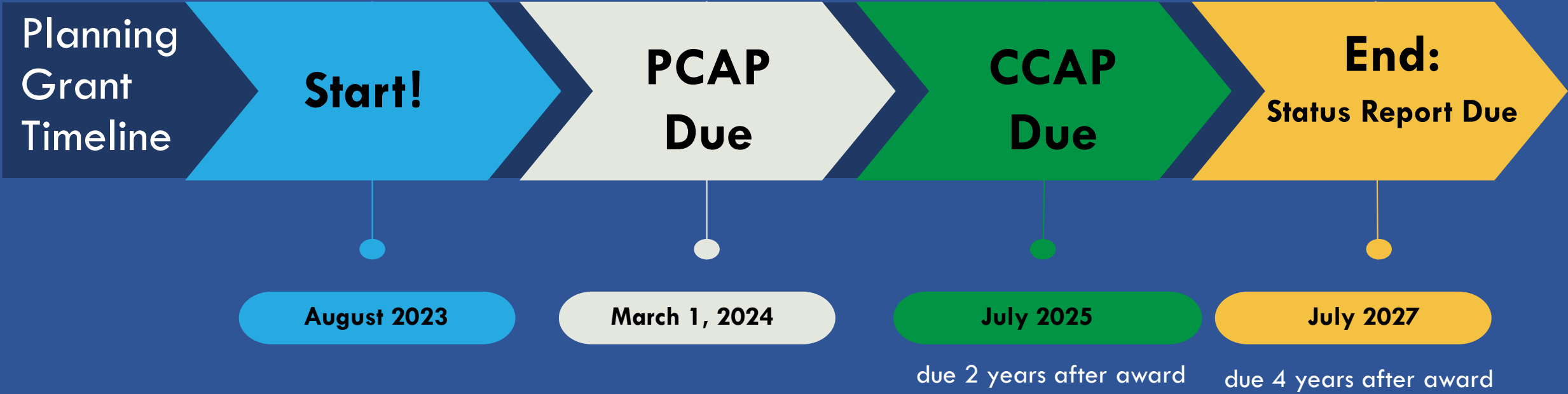
March 1, 2024

July 2025

July 2027

due 2 years after award

due 4 years after award



Implementation Grants

\$4.3 billion for states, local governments, tribes & territories

Intended to build on CPRG planning grants

Application must be for projects identified in a PCAP

CPRG Implementation Grant Objectives



Implement ambitious measures to reduce GHG emissions by 2030 & beyond



Achieve substantial benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities

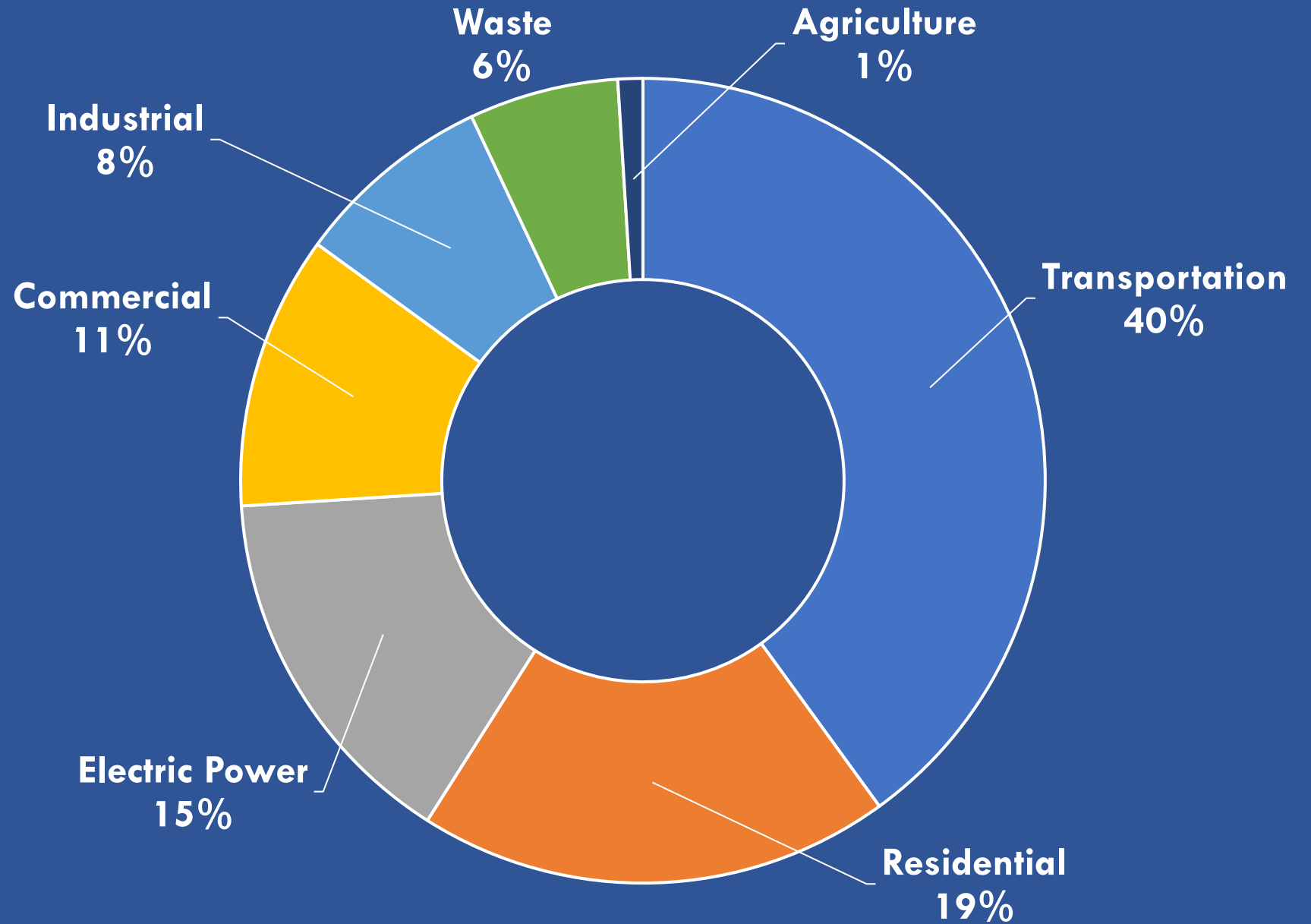


Complement other funding sources



Pursue innovative policies/programs that are replicable & scalable across multiple jurisdictions

Connecticut GHG emissions by sector



Source: CT DEEP, Connecticut Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update for 1990-2021

Types of GHG Reduction Measures Funded

- New standalone measure (\$ solely through CPRG)
- Already implemented measure (use CPRG \$ to expand)
- New measure in need of added \$ (partially funded measure)

Convert Fleets to EVs

EV Charging Infrastructure

Improve Public Transit

Reduce VMT

Distributed Energy Generation

Incentives for Renewable Energy

Diverting Waste from Landfills

Incentives for Energy Efficient Appliances

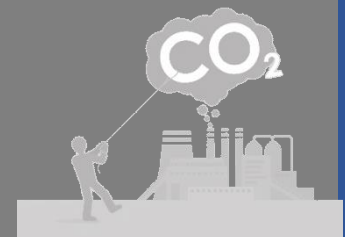
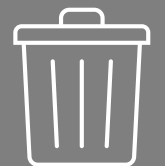
Energy Efficient Industrial Processes

Incentives for low-embodied-carbon materials

Streamlined Permitting

Building Performance Standards

Enhancing Carbon Sequestration...



Eligible Applicants

- Lead organizations for Planning Grants
- Municipalities
- Coalitions of >1 applicant (or applicant/subaward)

“EPA will not award implementation grants for the same measure in the same location”

Important Caveats

- Adaptation activities are not eligible.
- Emission reductions through 2050 must be quantified.
- CT will be competing against states & cities across country.
 - EPA will only award 30 to 115 actual grants.
- Meaningful engagement with low-income communities & measurable benefits a high priority

Implementation Funding Tiers

| Tier | Grant Ranges (million) | Funds Targeted (billion) | Anticipated # of grants |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| A | \$200 – \$500 | \$2 | 4-10 |
| B | \$100 – \$199.9 | \$1.3 | 6-13 |
| C | \$50 – \$99.9 | \$0.6 | 6-12 |
| D | \$10 – \$49.9 | \$0.3 | 6-30 |
| E | \$2 – \$9.9 | \$0.1 | 10-50 |
| | TOTAL | \$4.3 billion | 30-115 |

Applications evaluated & selected for award on tier-by-tier basis

Scoring Criteria

| Evaluation Criteria Summary | Points |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Overall Summary & Approach | 45 |
| Impact of GHG Reduction Measures | 60 |
| Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, & Performance Measures | 30 |
| Low-Income & Disadvantaged Communities | 35 |
| Job Quality | 5 |
| Programmatic Capability & Past Performance | 30 |
| Budget | 45 |
| TOTAL | 250 |

2. LIDAC Engagement

What Does A PCAP Require?

Near-term, implementation ready, priority greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures

| Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) deliverables | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| GHG Inventory | Required |
| <i>GHG Emissions Projections</i> | <i>Not Required</i> |
| <i>GHG Reduction Targets</i> | <i>Not Required</i> |
| Quantified GHG Reduction Measures | Required (priority measures only) |
| <i>Benefits Analysis</i> | <i>Encouraged</i> |
| Low-Income/Disadvantaged Communities Benefit Analysis | Required |
| Review of Authority to Implement | Required |
| <i>Intersection with Other Funding Availability</i> | <i>Encouraged</i> |
| <i>Workforce Planning Analysis</i> | <i>Encouraged</i> |

LIDAC Cost
Benefit Analysis
is required for
the PCAP!



Expanded View of LIDAC Communities

EJ Screen

+

CEJST

CEJST

> 65th Percentile for Low Income + > 90th Percentile in any of the following:

Legacy Pollution

- Proximity to: Superfund, Defense, Hazardous Waste, and RMP sites

Transportation

- Traffic Proximity, Diesel PM, Transport Barriers

Health

- Asthma, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Life Expectancy

Workforce Development

- Low Income, Linguistic Isolation, Poverty, Unemployment

Housing

- Underinvestment, Housing Cost, Lack of Green Space, Lead Paint

Wastewater

- Underground storage tanks and wastewater discharge

Energy

- Energy Cost + PM 2.5

Climate Change

- Risk/Loss Estimates

EJ Screen

Please note: Territory data (except Puerto Rico) is not available as comparable to the US. It is only comparable to the territory itself by using the 'Compare to State' functionality. Likewise, some of the indicators may not be available for territories.



Compare to US Compare to State

Environmental Justice Indexes

Supplemental Indexes

Particulate Matter 2.5

Ozone

Diesel Particulate Matter

Air Toxics Cancer Risk

Air Toxics Respiratory HI

Toxic Releases to Air

Traffic Proximity

Lead Paint

Superfund Proximity

RMP Facility Proximity

Hazardous Waste Proximity

Underground Storage Tanks

Wastewater Discharge

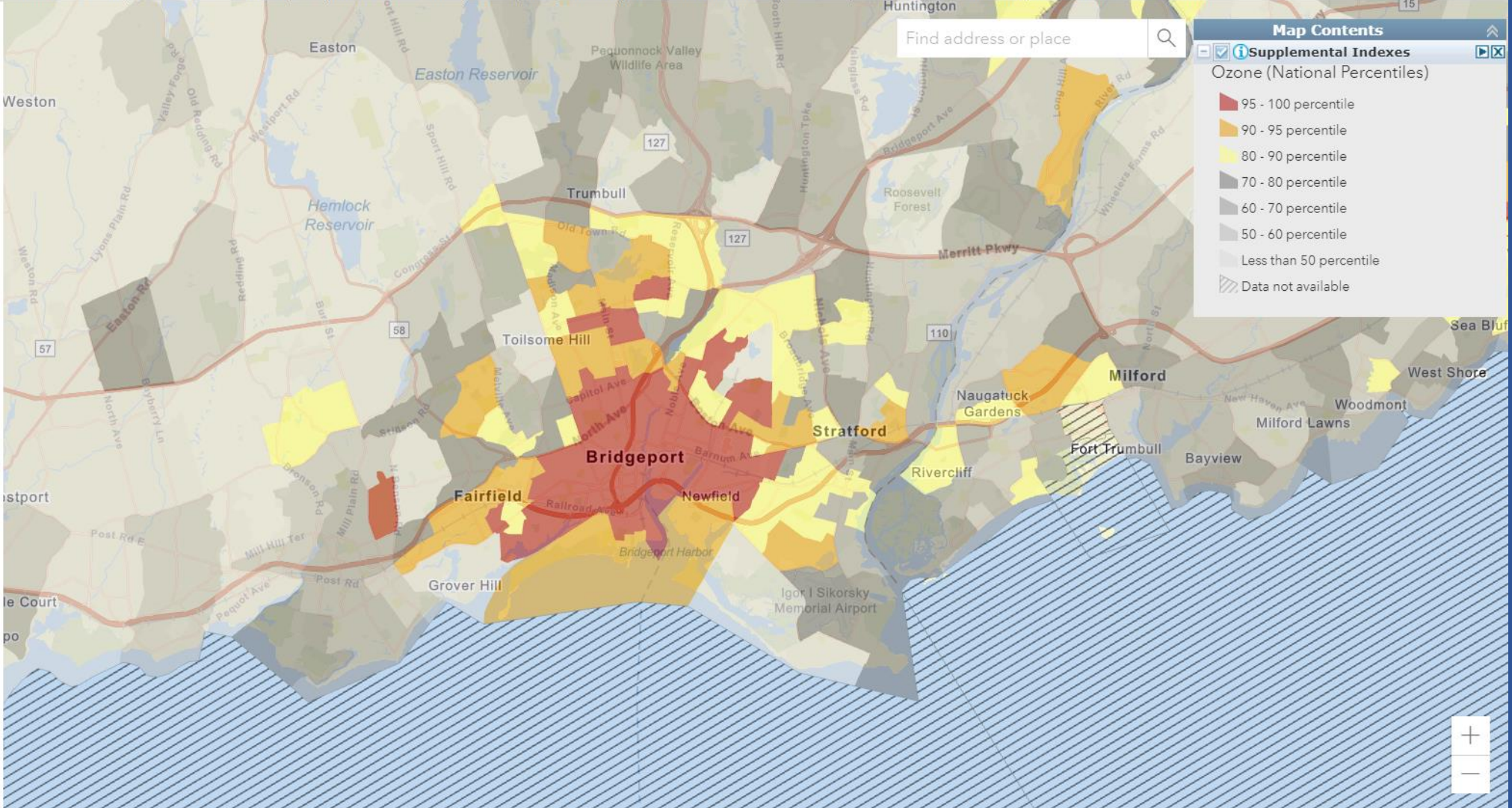
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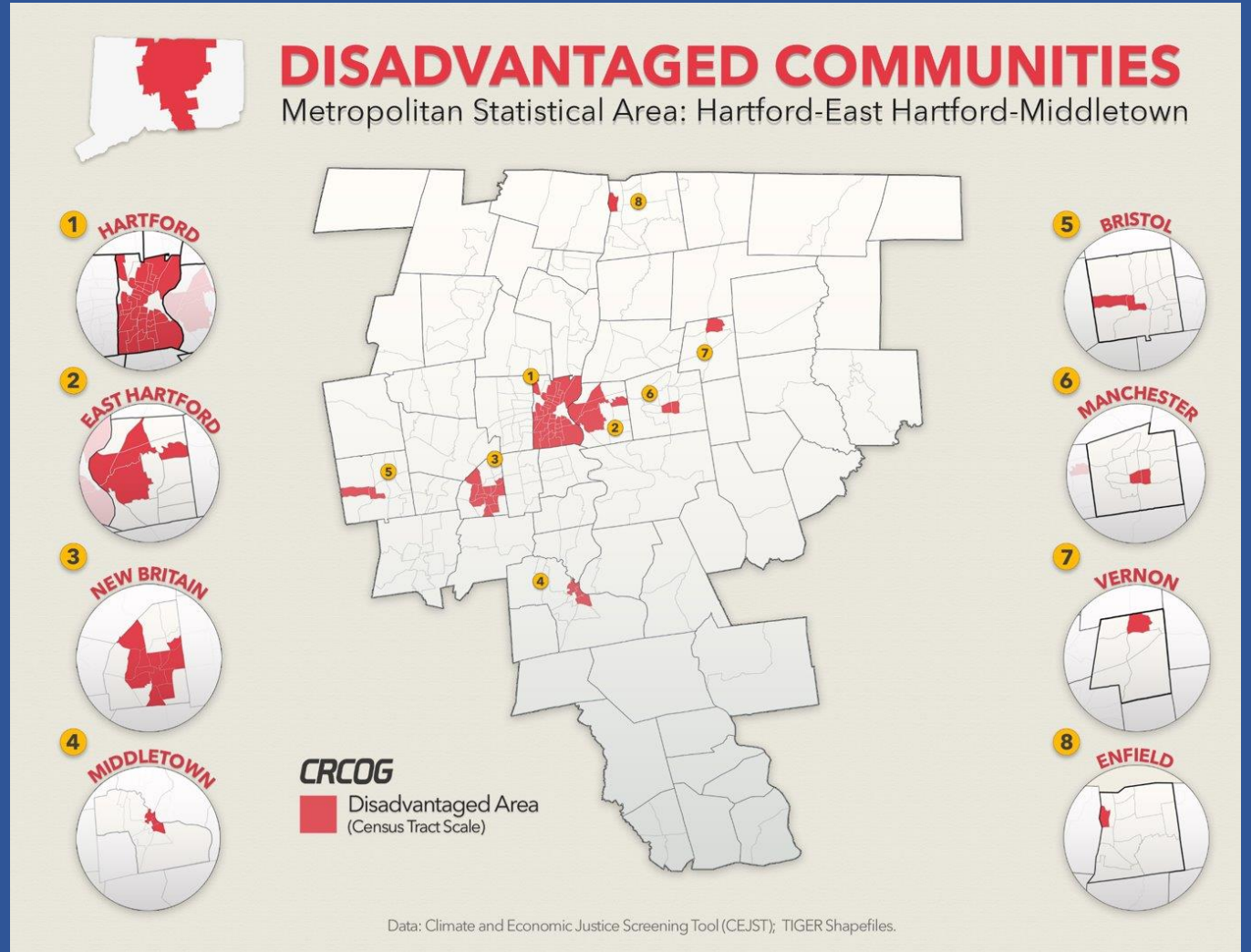
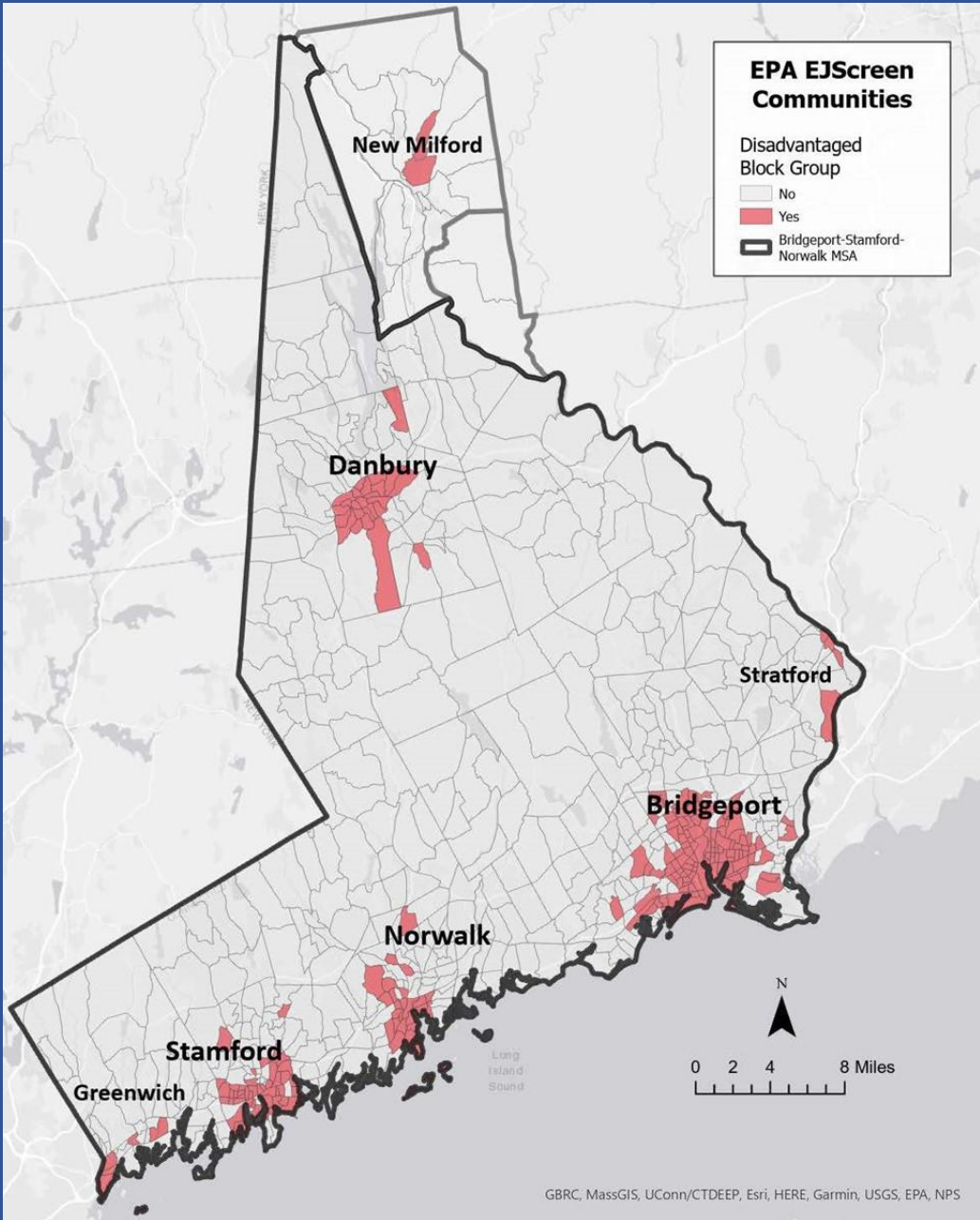
Socioeconomic Indicators

Health Disparities

Climate Change Data

Critical Service Gaps





LIDAC Cost-Benefit Analysis

- Goal of 40% of grant benefits to flow to LIDAC Communities
- Direct Benefits:
 - Reduced Air Pollution, Lower Heating Costs
- Indirect Benefits:
 - Reduced Noise Pollution, Traffic Reduction
- Disbenefits:
 - Poorly Located EV Charging

3. Progress Update & Next Steps

PCAP Timeline



| May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | January | February | March |
|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
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CPRG
Workplan
Submitted

Workplan
Approved
By EPA

Funding
Awarded

Begin Engagement +
Consultant Solicitation & Selection



On-going
Engagement

Synthesize Engagement
+ PCAP Draft Review

PCAP Due
March 1

Parallel Process

PCAP development & Implementation Application

| | November | December | January | February | March | April |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PCAP | Ongoing engagement Plan development & analysis | | PCAP Draft Review & Public Comment | Finalize PCAPs | PCAP Due March 1  | - |
| Implementation Applications | Identify a handful of viable measures per sector | Narrow down list after analysis | Identify projects & applications | Developing applications | | Implementation Application Due April 1  |



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Progress...



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EPA Community Change Grants Program



\$2 Billion in Total Funding

- Awards of \$10 – \$20 Million each

Address 1 Climate + 1 Pollution Reduction Action

Must Partner with a Community Based Organization (CBO)

Rolling Applications: Due November 2024



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Questions?

METROCOG
WEST COG
CRCOG
CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Some Questions for Discussion:

- What are the most viable GHG reduction measures for LIDAC municipalities?
- Where are the opportunities to collaborate e.g. regionally, state-wide?
- What strategies or projects yield the greatest benefits for low income, disadvantaged communities?



Announcements

EPA Announces \$2 billion for Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant Program

About: Projects must benefit disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

\$200 million of Inflation Reduction Act funding is dedicated to providing technical assistance to applicants and grant recipients.

Eligible Projects:

- reduce pollution,
- increase community climate resilience, and
- build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges

Eligible Entities:

- A partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs).
- A partnership between a CBO and one of the following:
 - a Federally-Recognized Tribe,
 - a local government,
 - an institution of higher education

Accepting Rolling Applications; Deadline to apply is November 21, 2024

[Link to EPA's website for more information](#)



Public Comment Period (20 min)



THANKS

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Join the DEEP Equity & EJ Office Hours every third Wednesday
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Monday, March 18, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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