



# The Municipal Primer

Your Guide to  
Creating a  
"Green and Growing"  
Community



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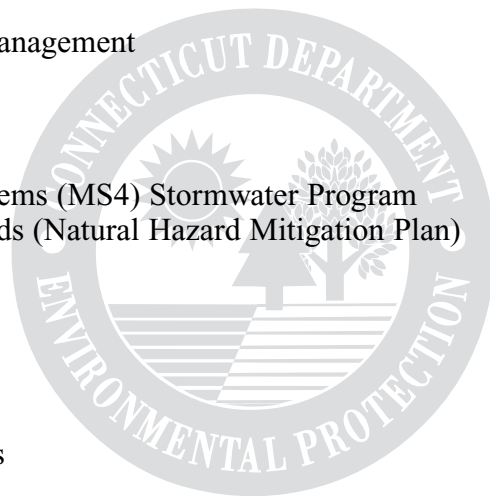
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## **Mission**

Founded in 1971, the mission of the Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) is to conserve, improve and protect the natural resources and environment of the State of Connecticut and to protect the public health and welfare in such a manner as to encourage the social and economic development of Connecticut while preserving the natural environment and the life forms it supports in a delicate, interrelated and complex balance, to the end that the state may fulfill its responsibility as trustee of the environment for present and future generations.

## **Brief Description of Agency**

The CT DEP achieves its mission through regulation, monitoring, inspection and enforcement, and licensing procedures that help control air, land and water pollution in order to protect health, safety, welfare and natural resources. CT DEP also develops and coordinates the state's environmental plans, functions and educational programs in cooperation with federal, regional and local governments, other public and private organizations and concerned individuals, while managing and protecting the flora and fauna for compatible uses by the citizens.

Fundamental to fair administration of its programs and services is the Department's effort to embrace environmental justice and reach all segments of the population. The CT DEP has adopted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's definition of environmental justice:

The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

## **CT DEP Web Home Page**

[www.ct.gov/dep](http://www.ct.gov/dep)

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