



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

**SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA**

**July 26, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**

**Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor West  
North Haven, CT 06473**

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1. Call to Order and Introductions – *Mayor Toni Harp, Chairwoman*
2. Adoption of 6/28/17 SCRCOG Minutes – *First Selectman James Cosgrove, Secretary* Pages 2-4
3. Treasurer's Report for month ending 6/30/17 – *Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, Treasurer* Pages 5,6
4. Transportation Committee Report – *Mayor William Dickinson, Chairman* Pages 7-12
  - a. Ozone Air Quality Conformity Resolution Pages 7,8
  - b. PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Resolution Pages 9,10
  - c. 2018-2021 TIP Resolution Pages 11, 12
5. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute on Behalf of SCRCOG a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Coordination of Transportation Planning Activities in the Multi-State New York-New Jersey-Connecticut-Pennsylvania Metropolitan Region Pages 13-20
6. Congressional Reports –*Louis Mangini, Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Evan Johnson, Aide to U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy*
7. State Legislative Reports- *Michael Muszynski, Advocacy Manager, CCM; Kathryn Dube, Director of Legislative Services, Council of Small Towns (COST)*
8. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report – *Carl Amento, Executive Director*
9. Grant Opportunities—*Carl Amento, Executive Director* Attachment
10. Upcoming Events—*Carl Amento, Executive Director* Attachment
11. Report on Utility Tree Trimming Practices: Stump Grinding and Clean up/Disposal-  
*Carl Amento, Executive Director*
12. REX Development Report – *Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director, REX Development* Pages 21-23
13. DESPP/ DEMHS Report
14. Regional Planning Commission July Action Table Page 24
15. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
16. Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**  
FROM: **First Selectman James Cosgrove, Secretary**  
DATE: **July 6, 2017**  
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of June 28, 2017**

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**Present:**

Bethany	First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford	Janice Plaziak, <i>proxy for First Selectman James Cosgrove</i>
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Maturo
Guilford	First Selectman Joseph Mazza, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Hamden	Patrick Donnelly, <i>proxy for Mayor Curt Leng</i>
Madison	Debra Milardo, <i>proxy for First Selectman Thomas Banisch</i>
Meriden	Guy Scaife, <i>proxy for Mayor Kevin Scarpati</i>
Milford	Mayor Benjamin Blake, <i>Immediate Past Chairman</i>
New Haven	Mayor Toni Harp, <i>Chairwoman</i>
North Branford	Michael Paulhus- <i>proxy for Mayor Michael Doody</i>
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
Wallingford	Mayor William Dickinson
West Haven	Mayor Edward O'Brien, <i>Treasurer</i>
Woodbridge	Betsy Yagla, <i>proxy for First Selectwoman Ellen Scalettar</i>

SCRCOG Staff    Stephen Dudley, James Rode, Eugene Livshits, Christopher Rappa, Rebecca Andreucci

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**Guests:** Lori Vitagliano, *Regional Water Authority (RWA)*; Miriam Brody, *Hamden-North Haven League of Women Voters*; Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Kimberly Dunham and Mary Ann Bigelow, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Michael Muszynski, *CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM)*; Elizabeth Gara, *Council of Small Towns (COST)*; Michael Piscitelli, *City of New Haven*; Richard LoPresti, *Avangrid*; Daniel Burns, *Eversource*; Lou Mangini, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Evan Johnson, *Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy*; Ellen Graham *Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal*; Nan Birdwhistall, *MurthaCullina*; Christine Walsh, Nadia Lynch, Frankie Fortunata, and Nick Dostal, *City of Milford*; John Wardzala, *The Kennedy Center*

1. **Call to order and Introductions**

Chairwoman Mayor Harp called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Adoption of May 24, 2017 SCRCOG meeting minutes**

First Selectman Mazza presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG meeting of May 24, 2017, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-5. He moved for their approval. Mayor Maturo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's Report for month ending May 31, 2017**

Mayor O'Brien presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2017, which was included in the agenda packet at pages 6-7. Cash and Investments totaled \$587,000 with \$482,000 due from CTDOT.

Mayor O'Brien moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Mayor Maturo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. **Transportation Committee Report**

First Selectman Mazza presented the recommendations of the Transportation Committee found on Pages 8-17 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Mazza moved for adoption of a Resolution approving 2015-2018 TIP Amendment 24 found on Pages 14-15 of the agenda packet. Mayor Maturo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. First Selectman Mazza moved to adopt a resolution (on Pages 17, 18 of the agenda packet) to accept the State of Good Repair (SGR) Performance Targets for Transit Asset Management. Mayor Maturo seconded, the motion, which passed unanimously

5. **Resolution in Support of the Town of Madison's Application for the Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program**

Deputy Director Dudley introduced the Resolution regarding Madison's grant application included as a handout. Mayor Maturo moved for approval of the Resolution. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. **Resolution in Support of the Town of North Haven's Application for the Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program**

Deputy Director Dudley introduced the Resolution for North Haven's application included as a handout. Mayor Maturo moved for approval of the Resolution. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which passed with one abstention from First Selectman Freda.

7. **Congressional Report**

Lou Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's Office noted that a date has not been set for the Congresswoman's annual meeting with local mayors and first selectmen. Notices will be sent out when the date and place are established. Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office spoke briefly about the proposed healthcare legislation. Evan Johnson from Senator Murphy's Office also reported on healthcare and gave updates on FEMA grant awards.

8. **State Legislative Report**

Michael Muszynski from CCM reported on end of the regular legislative session and distributed a CCM Legislative Update. Elizabeth Gara from Council of Small Towns (COST) distributed information on the Governor's Resource Allocation Plan. Both responded to questions from the SCRCOG Board members regarding the proposed plan, the status of the state budget, and the effect on municipalities

9. **SCRCOG Executive Director's Report**

Deputy Director Dudley introduced Executive Director Amento's report that was included in the handouts.

10. **Grant Opportunities**

Deputy Director Dudley noted that Grant Opportunities were included in the agenda as well as the handouts.

11. **REX Development Report**

Barbara Malmberg of REX Development reviewed the REX report at Pages 18-20 of the agenda packet. She also discussed the 2017 Southern Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Development Update. Copies of the report were made available.

12. **DESPP/ DEMHS Report**

Deputy Director Dudley reported that Bob Kenny would be providing support to the region until John Field is able to return.

13. **Regional Planning Commission June Action Table**

The June Action Table was reviewed.

14. **Regional Cooperation/Other Business**

First Selectman Freda asked about traffic calming measures that municipalities had implemented. Those in attendance spoke about strategies they have used and found successful.

15. **Adjournment**

First Selectman Zeoli moved to adjourn, Mayor O'Brien seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman James Cosgrove, *Secretary*

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# Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 6/30/2017

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<b>Assets</b>
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Key Bank - Checking Account	743,819.41
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	157,055.48
Start Community Bank	101,988.09
Municipal - Special Assessment	48,210.00
CT Department of Transportation - FY 16	(156.75)
Prepaid Expense	24,498.40
CT Department of Transportation - FY 17	122,523.07
CT Office of Policy and Management	2,310.78
Other Federal Grants	8,018.90
National Fish & Wildlife - FY 17	32,823.03
Other State Grants	2,860.00
Prepaid Expense	7,265.39
Furniture & Equipment	43,121.97
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,294,337.77</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>
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Employee Reimbursement	37.98
Accounts Payable	57,131.44
Municipal - Deferred Revenue	21,355.90
Deferred Revenue - OPM	45,204.10
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	221,798.12
Deferred Revenue - Other State	11,111.00
Municipal Special Assessment - Deferred	64,821.04
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>421,459.58</b>

<b>Fund Balance</b>
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Fund Balance	786,109.71
Amount for Accrued Leave	12,835.44
Investment in Equipment	43,121.95
Change in Fund Balance	30,811.09
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>872,878.19</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,294,337.77</b>

# Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 6/30/2017

	Current	Year-to-Date
<b>Resources</b>		
Municipal - Revenue	13,306.62	126,488.24
Municipal - Special Assessment	2,672.96	2,672.96
CT OPM - Regional Planning	31,052.72	385,005.45
CT OPM - RPI Grant, GIS Project		86,870.20
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	112,869.94	1,055,056.81
CTDOT - LOTCIP	24.08	2,345.30
CTDOT - Mobility Manager	7,455.76	65,913.40
National Fish & Wildlife Grant	32,823.04	202,912.28
FEMA - Hazard Mitigation Plan	8,018.90	8,018.90
CIRCA - Municipal Resilience Grants	2,860.00	2,860.00
Interest - Revenue	121.00	891.93
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>211,205.02</b>	<b>1,939,035.47</b>
<b>Direct Expenses</b>		
Transportation Planning Consultants	69,519.76	582,496.41
Land-Use Planning Consultants	57,565.55	322,803.04
Other Consultants		141,141.00
Travel	323.74	7,158.50
Data Processing		6,237.01
Subscriptions and Books		2,044.80
Insurance and Professional Services		300.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	1,209.48	10,269.88
Miscellaneous		1,217.16
<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>128,618.53</b>	<b>1,073,667.80</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>		
Direct Labor - Employees	33,318.96	366,360.89
<b>Total Direct Labor</b>	<b>33,318.96</b>	<b>366,360.89</b>
<b>Overhead</b>		
Indirect Labor - Employees	19,459.99	168,524.01
Employee Benefits	12,801.96	165,945.51
Travel		28.36
Data Processing	24.00	9,798.68
Rent		104,445.24
Telephone and Internet	624.38	6,576.27
Office Supplies	613.01	3,196.33
Equipment Maintenance	1,301.41	16,136.55
Subscriptions and Books		195.00
Insurance and Professional Services	274.05	7,251.05
Meeting Expenses and Advertising		63.00
<b>Total Overhead</b>	<b>35,098.80</b>	<b>482,160.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>197,036.29</b>	<b>1,922,188.69</b>
<b>Total Operating Profit/Loss</b>	<b>14,168.73</b>	<b>16,846.78</b>



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## **RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT OZONE**

### **WHEREAS,**

the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region's Transportation Plan; and

### **WHEREAS,**

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

### **WHEREAS,**

it is the opinion of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that the plans and programs approved today, July 28, 2017 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

### **WHEREAS,**

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Marginal Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment areas (Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report May 2017); and



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WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG)

That the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) finds the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (April 2015) and the FFY 2018-2021 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing May 2017 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) on July 26, 2017.

Date: **July 26, 2017**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Selectman James Cosgrove, *Secretary*  
South Central Regional Council of Governments





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## **RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT PM 2.5**

### **WHEREAS,**

The South Central Region Council of Governments (SCRCOG) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region's Transportation Plan; and

### **WHEREAS,**

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

### **WHEREAS,**

It is the opinion of the South Central Region Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that the plans and programs approved on July 28, 2017 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

### **WHEREAS,**

The Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

### **WHEREAS,**

The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and



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WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (April 2015) and the FFY 2018-2021 TIP and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the South Central Region Council of Governments (SCRCOG) finds the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (April 2015) and the FFY 2018-2021 TIP and Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing May 2017 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Conformity Determination

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) on July 26, 2017.

Date: **July 26, 2017**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Resolution***

***Fiscal Year 2018 - Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Improvement Program***

- Whereas:* U.S. Department of Transportation Metropolitan Planning Regulations (23 CFR 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and SIP-established mobile source emissions budgets; and
- Whereas:* The Council (SCRCOG), in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and major transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, framed a four-year draft Fiscal Year 2018-Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Improvement Program addressing projects and programs per the terms of 23 CFR 450.324; and
- Whereas:* The Council has provided a substantial opportunity for public review and comment during the June 2017 – July 2017 period consistent with SCRCOG's Public Participation Guidelines (adopted December, 2012) and has considered public comments per 23 CFR 450; and
- Whereas:* By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the Council in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan transportation planning requirements are intended to satisfy requirements associated with development of a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and
- Whereas:* Significant Fiscal Year 2018-Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Improvement Program proposals reflected in a Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality assessment for serious non-attainment portions of Connecticut (Air Quality Conformity Report for Ozone and PM 2.5 (2017), Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Transportation Plan (May 2015)) and, in the context of all relevant regional transportation improvement programs, have been found to be conforming by ConnDOT and by the Council's current Air Quality Conformity Resolution (attached) per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration guidelines (40 CFR 51 and 93); and



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***Fiscal Year 2018-FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (Continued)***

*Whereas:* The Council of Governments' transportation planning process that continuously reviews goals, projects and opportunities may result in periodic adjustment or amendment of the TIP.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments*

The Fiscal Year 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is hereby adopted and shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program without change subsequent to an air quality conformity finding by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and/or the U.S. Federal Transit Administration per 23 CFR 450.328.

Consistent with the intent of 23 *CFR* 3450.324(k) only transit projects explicitly associated with funds allocated to the New Haven-Meriden Urbanized Area per Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act and, in the aggregate, not exceeding authorized federal fiscal year allocations, shall be pursued with those funds.

The region's planning transportation process addressing major regional issues and opportunities is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements established in 23 *CFR* 450.334.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on July 26 2017.

Date: **July 26, 2017.**

By:

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*First Selectman James Cosgrove, Secretary  
South Central Regional Council of Governments*

**New York Metropolitan Transportation Council**  
**North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority**  
**Western Connecticut Council of Governments**  
**Connecticut Metro Council of Governments**  
**Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments**  
**South Central Regional Council of Governments**  
**Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments**  
**Orange County Transportation Council**  
**Lehigh Valley Planning Commission**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR COORDINATION OF  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN THE MULTI-STATE NEW  
YORK-NEW JERSEY-CONNECTICUT-PENNSYLVANIA METROPOLITAN  
REGION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and among the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) and the Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) in the State of New York; the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) in the State of New Jersey; the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), Connecticut Metro Council of Governments (METROCOG), Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG), South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), and Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) in the State of Connecticut, and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) in the State of Pennsylvania; collectively referred to hereinafter as "the PARTIES".

**WHEREAS**, the PARTIES acknowledge that portions of the multi-state New York-New Jersey-Connecticut-Pennsylvania metropolitan region are characterized by socio-economic and environmental interdependence, as evidenced through shared ecosystems, interconnected transportation systems and inter-related patterns of employment and population; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PARTIES are within or are adjacent to a federally-designated Transportation Management Area (TMA) and together constitute one of the nation's largest commuter-sheds; and,

**WHEREAS**, 23 U.S.C. 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) be designated for metropolitan regions and that they maintain a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports metropolitan community development and social goals; and,

**WHEREAS**, a key role for MPOs is to serve as forums for cooperative transportation planning and decision-making in metropolitan areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, 23 CFR 450.314(d) states that, where more than one MPO has authority within a metropolitan planning area or a nonattainment or maintenance area, there shall be an agreement between the state department(s) of transportation and the MPOs describing how their planning processes will be coordinated to assure the development of an overall transportation plan for the metropolitan planning area, and that in nonattainment or maintenance areas, the agreement shall include State and local air quality agencies; and,

**WHEREAS**, this MOU supersedes a previous Memorandum of Understanding, executed by the then parties in 2008, in response to recommendations from the FHWA/FTA Transportation Planning Certification Reviews for NYMTC (January 2007) and NJTPA (January 2006), and to which the signatories were New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, Greater Bridgeport/Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has subsequently been determined that, because of organizational changes, census boundary changes, and consistent with good planning principles, participation in this MOU by additional, adjacent MPOs would be advisable; and,

**WHEREAS**, this MOU constitutes a multi-state, multi-party agreement which addresses the requirements of 23 CFR 450.314(d) for the PARTIES, as well as complying with other relevant provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. No. 114-94), the most recent federal surface transportation legislation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PARTIES agree to follow this MOU in order to ensure coordination in the development of the mandated products of the metropolitan transportation planning process including the process for meeting attainment of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) ; and,

**WHEREAS**, this MOU is intended to ensure that the products of each respective MPO

transportation planning process take into account the impacts of the plans and programs developed by the other MPOs; helps avoid duplication of effort; reflects consistency of approaches where possible; and ensures the consideration of the interests of all participating MPOs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PARTIES hereto agree to perform in good faith, and to the extent practicable and appropriate, the activities of voluntary coordination, cooperation and consultation amongst themselves, as follows:

### **General**

1. Hold an annual meeting of the Executive Directors and appropriate key managers of the several MPOs and Councils of Government (COGs) which are PARTIES to this agreement, while encouraging participation by interested MPO/COG member agency representatives, including but not limited to, the public transit operating agencies, the various state departments of transportation, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to discuss and review the areas of coordination, cooperation and consultation as outlined in this MOU. The purpose of the annual meeting will be to engage in discussions of mutual interest with a focus on the development of their federally-required planning products and analyses. The annual meeting will also serve as a mechanism for assessing this MOU and for discussing further expectations and approaches, as appropriate.
2. Cooperate in efforts toward achieving, where possible, general consistency of planning products, analyses and tools through informal communication and document exchange.
3. Participate, to the extent practicable, in the transportation planning process of the other PARTIES through such activities, as are deemed appropriate, as technical committee memberships and/or meeting participation, including the use of the PARTIES' public participation processes and involvement in regional studies, as well as through informal and ongoing communications regarding same.
4. Exchange information to the extent that a particular COG/MPO develops such information or transportation planning products at the COG/MPO, rather than at the state, level. If the information or transportation product is developed at the state level, the COG/MPO agrees to encourage the exchange of such information as appropriate by the state agency that does develop such information or transportation planning product.



## **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

1. As individual MPOs/COGs, make available UPWP documentation and products, as appropriate, to the other PARTIES.
2. Exchange information, as appropriate, including DRAFT copies of the UPWP, and maintain communication among the PARTIES regarding how best to achieve coordination and consistency among the planning products and analyses.
3. Discuss opportunities for collaborative activities that could be incorporated as tasks and/or products and thereby included in the Work Programs of the PARTIES, as appropriate, for the upcoming year.
4. Consider that the several MPOs/COGs which are PARTIES to this agreement will not necessarily be at the same stage of UPWP development at the same time, and that coordination will be tempered by the schedule of each MPO's/COG's planning process.

## **Modeling and Data**

1. Exchange modeling information at appropriate levels of geography, attempting where possible to relate the data to the MPOs'/COGs' existing analysis and forecasting tools.
2. Share data and forecasting as appropriate, including socio-economic, census, forecast and survey data and results; trip tables and travel demand model assumptions; and model validation data, state line traffic volumes and traffic volumes at the external boundaries of the other agencies' models.
3. Consult, as appropriate, in the development of enhanced travel demand models and/or post-processors.
4. Examine and utilize opportunities for joint development of new modeling applications for the region as appropriate.
5. Exchange information, data, measurements and forecasts as needed regarding compliance with federal rules and regulations pertaining to Transportation Performance Management (TPM).

## **Transportation Plan**

1. During the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, consult as appropriate all PARTIES regarding key elements of the plan such as principles, scenarios, strategies, major project assumptions and key issues.
2. Exchange information, including DRAFT copies of the Long Range Plans and proposed



amendments, and maintain communication among the PARTIES, including affording each other the opportunity to review and comment on projects proposed in the Long Range Plan, especially on projects that border, or have a significant impact upon, other PARTIES' MPO jurisdictions.

3. Identify "boundary" projects and programs which impact the planning areas of two of more of the PARTIES.
4. Jointly develop a "metropolitan region" overview section for use as appropriate by the PARTIES in their respective Plans.
5. Consider that the several MPOs/COGs which are PARTIES to this agreement will not necessarily be at the same stage of plan development at the same time, and that coordination will be tempered by the schedule of each MPO's/COG's planning process.

### **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

1. Consult in the development of TIPs, as appropriate.
2. Exchange information, including DRAFT copies of the TIP and proposed amendments, and maintain communication among the PARTIES, including affording each other the opportunity to review and comment as appropriate on draft projects proposed in the TIP, especially on projects that border, or have a significant impact upon, other PARTIES' MPO jurisdictions.
3. Identify "boundary" projects and programs which impact the planning areas of two of more of the PARTIES.
4. Jointly develop a "metropolitan region" overview section for use as appropriate by the PARTIES in their respective TIPs.
5. Consider that the MPOs/COGs will not necessarily be at the same stage of TIP development at the same time, and that coordination will be tempered by the schedule of each MPO's planning process.

### **Transportation Conformity**

1. Exchange information, as appropriate, on the design concept and the design scope of projects that should be included in the regional emissions analysis.
2. Consult on the assumptions used in the regional emissions analysis by each affected MPO/COG.
3. Exchange information, including DRAFT copies of the Transportation Conformity Determinations, and maintain communication among the PARTIES as appropriate.

4. Participate as appropriate in Interagency Consultation Groups (ICG) for adjoining MPOs.
5. Consider that the several MPOs/COGs which are PARTIES to this agreement will not necessarily be at the same stage of Conformity Determination development at the same time, or face the same relevant regulations and emissions tests, and that coordination will be tempered by the schedule of each MPO's/COG's planning process.

**Adopted:**

New York Metropolitan Transportation Council:

Adopted Resolution #

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Adopted Resolution #

Western Connecticut Council of Governments

Adopted Resolution #

Connecticut Metro Council of Governments

Adopted Resolution #

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Adopted Resolution #

South Central Regional Council of Governments

Adopted Resolution #

Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

Adopted Resolution #

Orange County Transportation Council

Adopted Resolution #

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

Adopted Resolution #

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## JULY 2017

### Ginny Kozlowski



## Business Recruitment, Retention

### Business Assistance

Meeting with owner/operator of new Long Wharf Information Center, Snack Shack

### Business Attraction & Recruitment

Completed IEDC (International Economic Development Council) data set. This information is widely used by site selectors when evaluating potential locations.

Hosted an Italian Bio Company June 23 to introduce the region

Looking for two locations 40,000-60,000 sq. ft.

Bio 2017 June 19-22: met with representatives from Brazil, Israel, Scotland and Germany

Medical Device & Manufacturing Conference: met with 55 international companies and 40 Connecticut companies.

Hosting Venture Clash participant in August 2017

Select USA: June 19-22

Scheduling follow up meeting with editor of a new magazine: New Haven: A Seasons Publication to discuss content for New Haven and surrounding towns

## Regional Collaboration

2018 CEDS Subcommittee Planning Meetings

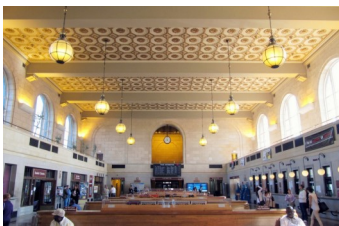
CERC Board Meeting

### Featured Development Site



50 Fresh Meadow Rd.  
West Haven

Heavy/Light Mfg.  
20,000+ sq. ft.



FRA announces NEC Future to include Northeast Corridor



Clifford Beers Clinic to open in Hamden



Dave & Busters coming to Milford

## Brownfield Program

Completed EPA RLF Closeout

CT Open CEO/RLC event at CT Open on August 22

**REDFO**

TBA

## Education & Training

### Entrepreneurs & Startups

Assisting with the finalization of the Elm City Innovation Collaborative projects and implementation plan.

## Advocacy

Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs event with Representative Lonnie Reed

AH&LA Webinar

CLA was successful in reducing occupancy tax for B&Bs to 11% effective 10/1/17

## Infrastructure

Met with Tweed New Haven Regional Airport regarding status of the airport

## Expand Global Opportunities

- Hosted Japanese tour operators from Hiroshi Harano H,I,S International Tours
- Explore potential opportunities with the initiation of flights to Europe in September via Norwegian Air out of Bradley International Airport

### Tradeshows

- SelectUSA Investment Summit, 6/18-20: Collaborated with CERC/DECD
- Bio 2017: San Diego, 6/19-22

## Marketing & Communications

Hosted art critics for Artspace 30th anniversary

## Integrate Arts, Culture & Preservation with Economic Development

### Tourism

- ISHAE Conference, Chicago 6/21-23
- Trafficking in Human Persons Council
- New Haven Board of Alders meeting in support of events

## Visitor Newsletter Features

- Early Guilford Days Family Festival
- CT Open
- Guilford Craft Expo
- Regional fireworks
- Summer concert series

## Media

### Inquiries:

- Readers Digest
- New Haven: A Seasons Publication
- Press Release: B&B 11% Tax Rate

### Hits

- Aer Lingus Cara Magazine (Jan/Feb)
- Group Travel Leader

## Community Outreach

- Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce Presentation: Staycation
- Regional Leadership Council
- REDFO
- Made in New Haven press event
- Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Regional Plan of Conservation and Development meeting for economic development and land use
- Milford Progress Inc.
- CT Open Tennis Tournament Media Day
- Meeting with Grand Prix event organizers
- West Haven Chamber of Commerce
- Hosted Japanese tour operators from Hiroshi Harano H,I,S International Tours
- Meeting regarding event hosting at the Boathouse at Canal Dock
- Meeting with owner/operator of new Long Wharf Information Center, Snack Shack
- Craft Beer Run 8/5

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Regional Planning Commission**

**July 2017 Action Table**

<b>Ref. #</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Adjacent RPC Towns</b>	<b>Abridged RPC Action</b>
<b>2.1</b>	6/22/2017	<i>Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Section 677, Article VIII, and Table 6.1 regarding Marijuana Dispensaries and Producers in Retail/Manufacturing districts</i>	Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Woodbridge	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
<b>2.2</b>	6/22/2017	<i>Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to Section 150.b. regarding Multiple Zone Lots</i>	Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Woodbridge	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
<b>2.3</b>	6/22/2017	<i>Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Various Sections</i>	Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Woodbridge	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
<b>2.4</b>	7/5/2017	<i>Town of North Haven: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to Section 5.1.3.16.16 regarding adaptive reuse requirements</i>	East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, North Branford, Wallingford	Although there was not an official quorum at the meeting, by consensus of the members present, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. The proposed amendment does appear to be inconsistent with Section 5.1.3.16.15 – Adaptive Reuse to ILUWMU Developments.



Grant Opportunities  
July 2017



## **FEMA ANNOUNCES FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

**July 10, 2017**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is announcing that \$250 million in funding is available through two [Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\)](#) grant programs: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM). These competitive grant programs assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in strengthening our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages.

### **Flood Mitigation Assistance**

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program provides funds on an annual basis for measures to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). New in this application cycle, FEMA has set-aside \$70 million of the \$160 million in FMA grant funds for community advance assistance and flood mitigation projects. The remainder of the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY 17) FMA grants will continue to focus on reducing or eliminating the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures. FEMA will also fund flood hazard mitigation planning as well as technical assistance for applicants who were awarded FMA grant program funds totaling at least \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2016.

### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation**

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program provides funds on an annual basis for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster. The goal of the PDM grant program is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures, while at the same time reducing reliance on federal funding from actual disaster declarations. In FY17, \$90 million is available for PDM grants, including \$10 million set-aside for federally-recognized tribes. As directed by the Congressional appropriations language, FEMA will use the majority of the PDM funding for mitigation projects.

As required in the [Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act \(Stafford Act\)](#), FEMA will provide the remainder of grant funding allocations to states and territories. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. FEMA's highest priority for competitive sub-applications is multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives. In addition, FEMA's funding priorities are intended to avoid duplication of programs by providing pre-disaster funding to areas without post-disaster funding available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and funding mitigation activities that cannot be funded by the FMA grant program.

Beginning June 10, 2017, potential applicants can review the specifics of the FY17 FMA and PDM programs in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) which includes details such as

eligibility, funding guidelines and evaluation criteria. The NOFO for FMA and PDM is available online at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and additional information is available at FEMA.gov.

FEMA will open the FY17 HMA application period Aug. 14, 2017. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal accessible at <https://portal.fema.gov>. All applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Nov. 14, 2017.

Further information on these grant programs is available at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>.

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Congressional Affairs Division at (202) 646-4500.

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## Fiscal Year 2017: Flood Mitigation Assistance Overview

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is authorized by Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program.

Funding Available	\$160 million	
Funding Priorities	FEMA's priorities for the FY17 FMA program are:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Priority	Community flood mitigation advance assistance and projects up to \$70 million. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Advance assistance sub-applications not to exceed \$100,000 federal share for flood mitigation design up to \$2 million; and,</li><li>b. Community flood mitigation project subapplications not to exceed \$10,000,000 federal share per subapplication up to the total remaining.</li></ul>	
	FEMA will select proposal types based on the below weighted priorities:	
	Priority	Total Points
	Private Partnership Costshare	150
	Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) rating	100
	Community Rating System (CRS) Participation	100
	Cooperating Technical Partners Program (CTP) Participation	100
	International Building Codes (IBC) Adopted	50
	<b>Total Points Available</b>	
	<b>500*</b>	
	If the total of points results in a tie between two or more of these proposal types, FEMA will use the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ highest Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) for projects; and,</li><li>▪ total number of active policies in the local jurisdiction for advance assistance.</li></ul>	

## Flood Mitigation Assistance Overview Continued

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> priority</b>	Technical assistance sub-applications up to \$50,000 federal share for applicants who were awarded FMA Grant Program funds totaling at least \$1 million in FY 2016;
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> priority</b>	Planning sub-applications up to \$100,000 federal share per applicant with a maximum of \$50,000 for the flood portion of state mitigation plans and \$25,000 for local flood mitigation planning;
<b>4<sup>th</sup> priority</b>	<p>Competitive funding for property flood mitigation projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects that will mitigate at least 50 percent of structures included in the sub-application that meet definition part (b)(ii) of a SRL property: at least two separate NFIP claim payments have been made with the cumulative amount of such claims exceeding the market value of the insured structure;</li> <li>Projects that will mitigate at least 50 percent of structures included in the sub-application that meet the definition of a FMA RL property: have incurred flood-related damage on two occasions, in which the cost of the repair, on the average, equaled or exceeded 25% of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event;</li> <li>Projects that will mitigate at least 50 percent of structures included in the sub-application that meet definition part (b)(i) of a SRL property: four or more separate NFIP claims payments have been made with the amount of each claim exceeding \$5,000, and with the cumulative amount of claims payments exceeding \$20,000.</li> </ol> <p>FEMA will further prioritize projects in priorities 4.a-4.c above as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The highest percentage of structures included in the sub-application that meet the definition from 100 to 50 percent;</li> <li>The largest number of structures included in the sub-application that meet the definition; and,</li> <li>FEMA-validated Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR).</li> </ol>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Priority</b>	The balance of FMA grant program funding will be distributed on a competitive basis to all eligible applicants for flood hazard mitigation projects.
<b>Eligibility</b>	All 50 states and territories are eligible to apply for the FY 2016 FMA grant program. Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory.
<b>FEMA.gov</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program">https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program</a>

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## Fiscal Year 2017: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Overview

The *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, Public Law 93-288, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 5133), Section 203 authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

Funding Available	\$90 million
Funding Priorities	FEMA's priorities for the FY 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program are:
1 <sup>st</sup> Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mitigation planning and project sub-applications up to \$575,000 federal share per states/territories/District of Columbia consistent with Section 203 (f)(1) of the Stafford Act;</li></ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Up to \$10 Million for mitigation planning and project sub-applications; up to \$575,000 Federal share per tribal applicant;</li></ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The balance of the PDM Grant Program funding will be distributed on a competitive basis to all eligible applicants in the following order:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives;</li></ul></li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>B. Mitigation planning from applicants with less than \$400,000 <a href="#">Hazard Mitigation Grant Program</a> (HMGP) planning funds available;</li></ul>
	<p>C. Projects from applicants that have less than \$4 million HMGP regular project funds available in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Non-flood hazard (e.g., seismic, wildfire, landslide, wind and drought) mitigation projects;</li><li>Flood mitigation activities except acquisition, elevation, mitigation reconstruction (e.g., stormwater management and flood control measures);</li><li>Acquisition, elevation and mitigation reconstruction projects;</li><li>Generators for critical facilities.</li></ul>

## Pre-Disaster Mitigation Overview Continued

	D. Planning from applicants with at least \$400,000 HMGP planning funds available;
	<p>E. Projects from applicants that have at least \$4 million HMPG project funds available in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-flood hazard mitigation projects;</li> <li>• Flood mitigation activities except non-acquisition, elevation, mitigation reconstruction;</li> <li>• Acquisition, elevation and mitigation reconstruction projects; and,</li> <li>• Generators for critical facilities.</li> </ul>
	<p>For the competitive sub-applications, priorities 2 and 3 listed above, FEMA will further prioritize sub-applications as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Small, impoverished community status;</li> <li>2. Indication of public-private partnership (i.e. whether private sector funding is included in the required non-federal cost share);</li> <li>3. FEMA-validated residential or commercial <a href="#">Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS)</a> rating, as appropriate to the activity type, from a grade of 1 to 10;</li> <li>4. FEMA-validated <a href="#">Benefit Cost Ratio</a> (BCR) for projects; and,</li> <li>5. Applicant rank.</li> </ol>
<b>Eligibility</b>	All 50 states, territories and federally-recognized tribes are eligible to apply for the FY 2017 PDM Grant Program. Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory.
<b>FEMA.gov</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program">https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program</a>

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## ***CIRCA Municipal Resilience Grant Program***

**\$100,000 Available to Support Climate Resilience Across Connecticut**

CIRCA has made up to \$100,000 in funds available to municipal governments and councils of government for grant proposals that advance resilience, including the creation of conceptual design, construction (demonstration projects or other) of structures, or the design of practices and policies that increase their resilience to climate change and severe weather.

This program is focused on implementation and proposals must review and consider integration of CIRCA's research products into proposed projects. More information about the Municipal Resilience Grant Program and a link to the application are found at <http://circa.uconn.edu/funds-muni/>.

**Proposals are due to CIRCA by September 1, 2017.**

Project proposals should develop knowledge or experience that is transferable to multiple locations in Connecticut and have well-defined goals. Projects need to be implemented in a 12-month time frame. Preference will be given to those projects that leverage multiple funding sources and that involve collaboration with CIRCA to address at least one of the following priority areas:

- Develop and deploy natural science, engineering, legal, financial, and policy best practices for climate resilience;
- Undertake or oversee pilot projects designed to improve resilience and sustainability of the natural and built environment along Connecticut's coast and inland waterways;
- Foster resilient actions and sustainable communities - particularly along the Connecticut coastline and inland waterways - that can adapt to the impacts and hazards of climate change; and
- Reduce the loss of life and property, natural system and ecological damage, and social disruption from high-impact events.

Contact [CIRCA\\_municipalfunds@uconn.edu](mailto:CIRCA_municipalfunds@uconn.edu) with any questions.

**CIRCA will hold a required informational webinar describing research products on July 26, 2017 from 10 am - 11:30 am.** Click [Click here to register and join](#) the webinar. If you cannot attend the live webinar, a recording will be made available on the CIRCA website after July 26, 2017.



Community



Connectivity

Grant Program

The Community Connectivity Program is intended to improve conditions for walking and bicycling to and within Connecticut's community centers. Community Centers are defined as places where people from a particular municipality can meet for social, educational, employment or recreational activities. This program is one of the outputs from Governor Dannel Malloy's Let'sGoCT! Transportation program which addresses short-term and long-term transportation needs across the State.

Under Let'sGoCT!, the **Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP)** has been developed to provide construction funding for local initiatives that will contribute to reaching the overall goal of the broader Community Connectivity Program. Projects funded through the CCGP will allow municipalities to perform smaller scale capital improvements. The Department will administer the CCGP and will solicit applications for grants from municipalities. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will range between \$75,000 and \$400,000.

Guidelines for the program and an electronic application can be found at: <http://ctconnectivity.com>  
The Guidelines provide an overview of the CCGP and all the necessary details to complete an application for grant funding. Please note that this is a competitive process, where applications will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the application materials.

The CCGP is the second phase of the broader Community Connectivity Program. The first phase offered Connecticut's municipalities' assistance to conduct Road Safety Audits (RSA's) to examine safety issues and counter-measures to help improve safety and reduce crashes at important bike and pedestrian corridors and intersections. The RSA's began in the spring of 2016, and a total of 80 RSA's were completed over a period of twelve months. *It is important to note that having a completed RSA is not a prerequisite to receive CCGP funding.*

The application deadline for the CCGP is **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.**  
Each Municipality will be allowed to submit **one** application.

All general inquiries regarding the Community Connectivity Grant Program shall be directed to Colleen Kissane, Transportation Assistant Planning Director, Bureau of Policy and Planning, at (860) 594-2132, [CTDOT.CCGP@ct.gov](mailto:CTDOT.CCGP@ct.gov)

All state and local roads are eligible for this Program.

# FY2017 HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants

Total FY17 funding for Choice Neighborhoods grants = \$137 million

*Anticipated allocation:*

Planning Grants (including Planning & Action) = \$5 million maximum

## **Planning Grants NOFA**

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which focus on directing resources to address three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood. To achieve these core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. The Transformation Plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

**Deadline – Monday, August 28, 2017**

More Information here: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=choice>

FR-6100-N-38  
Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program  
Department of Housing and Urban Development

If you would like to receive email notifications of changes to this grant opportunity click [send me change notification emails](#). You only need to provide your email address.

General Information

<b>Document Type:</b>	Grants Notice	<b>Version:</b>	Synopsis 2
<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	FR-6100-N-38	<b>Posted Date:</b>	Jun 28, 2017
<b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b>	Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program	<b>Last Updated Date:</b>	Jun 28, 2017
<b>Opportunity Category:</b>	Discretionary	<b>Original Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Aug 28, 2017 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.
<b>Opportunity Category Explanation:</b>		<b>Current Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Aug 28, 2017 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.
<b>Funding Instrument Type:</b>	Grant	<b>Archive Date:</b>	Sep 27, 2017
<b>Category of Funding Activity:</b>	Housing	<b>Estimated Total Program Funding:</b>	\$5,000,000
<b>Category Explanation:</b>		<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$1,300,000
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	6	<b>Award Floor:</b>	\$1
<b>CFDA Number(s):</b>	14.892 -- Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants		
<b>Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:</b>	Yes		

Eligibility

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
<b>Additional Information on Eligibility:</b>	Eligible applicants under this NOFA are Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), local governments, tribal entities, and nonprofits. Refer to the definitions in section I.A.3.b for definitions of these terms. Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement.

Additional Information

**Agency Name:** Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Description:** With this publication, HUD is making available up to \$5,000,000 for Planning Grants, including Planning and Action Grants.1. Planning Grants are two-year grants that assist communities with severely distressed public or HUD-assisted housing in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and building the support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented.2. Planning and Action Grants are three and a half year planning grants that pair planning with action. Experience shows that tangible actions taken early on help communities build momentum for further planning and the eventual transition from planning to implementation of that plan. These actions improve neighborhood confidence, which in turn sustains the community's energy, attracts more engagement and resources, and helps convince skeptical stakeholders that positive change is possible. Under these grants, the planning process activities would take place during the first 24 months of the grant period. The planning process will identify Action Activities that will be carried out during the latter portion of the grant period. Action Activities must build upon the planning for the target housing and neighborhood.

**Link to Additional Information:** [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail)

**Grantor Contact Information:** If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov

# National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant Program

Link: <https://shar.es/1B88IV>

## Date Correction! NEA Seeks Creative Placemaking Proposals for Our Town Grant Program

Applications Due: September 11

The **National Endowment for the Arts** has published **guidelines and the application** for the next funding round of Our Town, the agency's primary creative placemaking grants program. The grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core.

The program offers support for projects in two areas:

- Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects: Projects in this category should represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. They also must involve a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching grants will range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.
- Projects that Build Knowledge (about creative placemaking): Grants in this category are available to arts and design service organizations and industry or university organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work. Matching grants will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

## OUR TOWN: Introduction

**The NEA remains open and our FY 2017 operations remain unchanged. In May the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, a bipartisan agreement to fund the government for the remainder of FY 2017 passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate and was signed by the President; it included funding for the NEA at \$149.849 million. The agency continues to make FY 2017 grant awards and to honor all obligated grant funds made to date. The President's FY 2018 budget blueprint proposes the elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts, however, this budget request is a first step in a **very long budget process**. We continue to accept grant applications for FY 2018 at our usual deadlines and will continue to operate as usual until a new budget is enacted by Congress.**

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The Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places – achieving these community goals through strategies that incorporate arts, culture, and/or design. Creative placemaking is when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture into community revitalization work - placing arts at the table with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies. This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, and create or preserve a distinct sense of place.

Through Our Town, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants for creative placemaking. Our Town requires partnerships between arts organizations and government, other nonprofit organizations, and private entities to achieve livability goals for communities.

Our Town offers support for projects in two areas:

- **Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects.** These projects represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.
- **Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking.** These projects are available to arts and design service organizations, and industry, policy, or university organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Through Our Town projects, the National Endowment for the Arts intends to achieve the following objective: *Livability: American communities are strengthened through the arts.* See "Livability" for more details.



## Partners for Places



### **Request for Proposals now available for the Partners for Places Round 11 Grant Cycle!**

The Round 11 RFP for the general program is now available. The application deadline for Round Eleven is July 31, 2017 (by 11:59 p.m., any time zone). Please follow the links on the right to review the current Request for Proposals, access the Proposal Form, and to consult the Frequently Asked Questions.

As always, if you have any questions about the program or the grant process, please feel free to contact Ashley Quintana at [ashley@fundersnetwork.org](mailto:ashley@fundersnetwork.org)

**Partners for Places Makes a Difference In Communities**

**Link:** <http://www.fundersnetwork.org/partnersforplaces/>

Learn more about Partners for Places and see how a Partners for Places grant helped Appleton, Wisc., turn an abandoned golf course into a urban garden that promotes a healthy environment, a strong economy, and the well-being of all its residents. A successful matching grant program, Partners for Places creates opportunities for cities and counties in the United States and Canada to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations.

National funders invest in local projects to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy, and well-being of all residents. Through these projects, Partners for Places fosters long-term relationships that make our urban areas more prosperous, livable, and vibrant. The grant program will provide partnership investments between

\$25,000 and \$75,000 for one year projects, or \$50,000 and \$150,000 for two year projects, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundations.

For more information, read through our 2016 [Annual Report](#), and check out the [Idea Bank](#) where you can read summaries of all the project ideas that have been submitted to the grant program. We hope to attract additional interest in urban sustainability projects beyond those that we were able to fund.

### **Testimonials**

"We have a totally collaborative relationship with the (Portland, Ore.) Sustainability Office now. We have a sense of what our missions have in common and we talk all the time." *Neelima Shah, Bullitt Foundation*

"Partners for Places allowed us to tap into the local giving community, which we previously had no access to. This has opened the door to more resources for our sustainability initiatives." *Steve Johns, Sustainability Coordinator Cincinnati, Ohio*  
Follow Partners for Places on Twitter: [@partners4places](#)

### **About Partners for Places**

The Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities and the [Urban Sustainability Directors Network](#) (USDN) launched the Local Sustainability Matching Fund in 2012. Now called Partners for Places, the program is managed by the Funders' Network and supported by [Bloomberg Philanthropies](#), [The JPB Foundation](#), Kendeda Fund, [The New York Community Trust](#), [The Summit Foundation](#), and [Surdna Foundation](#).



# PEOPLEFORBIKES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

## GRANT GUIDELINES

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. Please review the following information carefully before submitting a grant application. Proposals that are incomplete or do not fall within our funding priority areas will not be considered. Visit our Grants Awarded database for examples of funded projects.

### Who Can Apply

PeopleForBikes accepts grant applications from non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development, from city or county agencies or departments, and from state or federal agencies working locally. PeopleForBikes only funds projects in the United States. Requests must support a specific project or program; we do not grant funds for general operating costs.

### What We Fund

PeopleForBikes focuses most grant funds on bicycle infrastructure projects such as:

- Bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges
- Mountain bike facilities
- Bike parks and pump tracks
- BMX facilities
- End-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, bike repair stations and bike storage

We also fund some advocacy projects, such as:

- Programs that transform city streets, such as Ciclovías or Open Streets Days
- Initiatives designed to increase ridership or the investment in bicycle infrastructure

PeopleForBikes will fund engineering and design work, construction costs including materials, labor, and equipment rental, and reasonable volunteer support costs. For advocacy projects, we will fund staffing that is directly related to accomplishing the goals of the initiative.

PeopleForBikes accepts requests for funding of up to \$10,000. We do not require a specific percentage match, but we do look at leverage and funding partnerships very carefully. We will not consider grant requests in which our funding would amount to 50% or more of the project budget.

PeopleForBikes **DOES NOT FUND**:

- Feasibility studies, master plans, policy documents, or litigation

- Signs, maps, and travel
- Trailheads, information kiosks, benches, and restroom facilities
- Parking lots for motorized vehicles
- Bicycles, helmets, tools, and other accessories or equipment
- Events, races, clinics/classes, or bicycle rodeos
- Bike recycling, repair, or earn-a-bike programs
- Education programs
- General operating costs
- Staff salaries, except where used to support a specific advocacy initiative
- Rides and event sponsorships
- Planning and retreats
- Projects in which PeopleForBikes is the sole or primary funder
- Projects outside the U.S.

## **Schedules and Deadlines**

PeopleForBikes generally holds 1-2 open grant cycles every year. In an effort to green our grants process, we have moved to an online grant application system.

### Fall 2017 Grant Cycle

Online application opens:	June 12, 2017
Online Letter of Interest due:	July 21, 2017
Notification of LOI status:	September 1, 2017
Full Applications due:	October 13, 2017
Grant award notifications:	by December 1, 2017

## **Evaluation Process**

All Letter of Interest and Full Application submissions will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt. If you have not received a confirmation email within two business days of submitting your application, please contact the Director of Grants and Partnerships.

The PeopleForBike (PFB) Community Grant Program application has two parts:

1. Letter of Interest: Interested applicants should submit an online letter of interest (LOI) through the PFB website. LOIs will include basic information about the applying organization and contact person, as well as an overview of the project proposed for funding.
2. Full Application: PFB will request a full project application from a short list of qualified applicants. Invited organizations will receive access to the online application.

Please note that the PeopleForBikes application and review process is fairly competitive and we are only able to fund 10-15% of the proposals we receive.

The Grant Committee will evaluate each application based on the following criteria:

- Project quality - project scope, applicant's ability to complete project successfully, resources available, alignment between community need and project response, thoughtfulness in location and purpose
- Benefits to the community - population(s) reached, reason and methods for picking this project at this time, potential to increase ridership
- Measurement and evaluation - measurement methodology, applicant's ability to conduct measurement
- Community support and partnerships - reasons for project prioritization, capacity to make the project a success, community, business, and leadership engagement
- Role of PeopleForBikes funding - ability of our funds to make a difference, match or leverage of PFB funds
- Diversity - geographic, project type, size of community

## **Reporting Requirements**

PeopleForBikes requests that all grant recipients keep us updated on the progress of their projects.

Articles, photos, or other information is always welcome; additionally, we would like a brief letter or email every six months that includes:

- An update on the current status of your project
- An overview of upcoming project components or efforts
- A list of partners or supporters participating in your project

A final report upon completion of your project is required. The final report should be three pages or less and include the following:

- Outcome: what did your project build, improve, develop or accomplish?
- Who participated: identify volunteers, supporters, businesses, other groups who helped make your project a reality, including any political support received
- Benefits to the community, including economic impact if information is available
- Impact on ridership
- Keys to success and lessons learned: help us help others with what worked and what did not
- Summary of media coverage
- How PeopleForBikes support was recognized

Please attach:

- Project income and expense report reflecting all funding sources for the whole project
- Copies of or links to press clippings
- Two or three photos - we love pictures of people on bikes!

Submit reports via email to: [grants@peopleforbikes.org](mailto:grants@peopleforbikes.org)

## Reapplying for support

If your proposal is denied, it is not likely to be funded in a future cycle. **Please do not resubmit a rejected proposal unless asked to do so.**

PeopleForBikes does not consider additional funding requests from grantees for at least three years from the time of the original grant. This policy is designed to promote geographic and project diversity among our grant recipients.

## Questions?

Please contact Zoe Kircos, Director of Grants and Partnerships, at 303-449-4893 x106 or [zoe@peopleforbikes.org](mailto:zoe@peopleforbikes.org)

Upcoming Events  
July 2017

# **REEBA** Roundtable



## Is a Microgrid the Right Choice for Your Municipality, Hospital, or Large Business?

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 1, 2017

**TIME:** 7:30 - 9:30 AM

**LOCATION:** VIVO, Hartford, CT (at the Hartford Marriott Downtown)

A modern microgrid includes at least two separately metered facilities that share the same onsite power generation and control capabilities. This allows those facilities to disconnect from the larger electric grid and power themselves during electric grid power outages. Our experienced panel will discuss microgrids and the process to design, develop, obtain public funding, and implement a microgrid in Connecticut.

### Our Panel:

**Paul R. Michaud, Esq.** - Chair of Murtha Cullina LLP's Renewable Energy Practice Group, and Executive Director, REEBA

**Veronica Szczerkowski** - Microgrid Program Coordinator for DEEP

**Brandon Robertson** - Town Manager, Town of Avon

**Christopher Bluer** - Project Developer, Schneider Electric

### Who Should Attend?

Municipal Leaders and Facilities Management

Hospital Facilities Managers and Executive Management

Facilities and Executive Management for any large Commercial facility

***For questions or more information about these events, please contact:  
Kathryn Dube at [kdube@reeba.org](mailto:kdube@reeba.org)***

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# CT NEMO Training & Workshops

<http://nemo.uconn.edu/training/index.htm>

The goal of every NEMO workshop is to give local decision makers some tangible action items toward protecting their municipality's resources. These actions span a wide range, from revisions to overall town policies to very specific changes to regulations or development practices.

## **Traveling to Town Hall**

NEMO goes to its target audience. NEMO staff work with community contacts to ensure that the format and audience of the workshop help to maximize the chances for positive follow up. The ideal audience is a group that has representation from all of the local land use boards, as well as municipal departments (planning, engineering, public works) and any interested organizations (land trusts, chamber of commerce).

## **Get the troops out!**

Get as many land use commissions, departments and other "players" as possible together to hear the NEMO presentation at the same time. Have your chief elected official provide the motivation.

The workshops are free of charge, and most take about 1 hour, however additional time for discussion is strongly recommended. Depending on the presentation given, we also provide educational publications, maps, web-based information and individual consultation. If you don't see a workshop specific to your needs, contact us, we are happy to consider adding new topics!

## **Residential Rain Garden Training**

**A practical 1.5 day short course for landscapers, designers, maintenance care providers and volunteers.**

Rain gardens are vegetated areas designed and built to accept stormwater runoff from surfaces including rooftops, roads and compacted soils. Rain gardens are increasingly being used by homeowners and municipalities to reduce the impact of stormwater on local waterways and the Long Island Sound. Participants of past rain garden trainings install plants during the field installation.

Training schedule and links to additional information can be found on [NEMO's Rain Gardens Home page](#). Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 for more information.

## Linking Land Use to Water Quality

The Linking Land Use to Water Quality workshop addresses the relationship of **land use to natural resource protection** with an emphasis on water quality. It explains the concepts of nonpoint source pollution and watersheds as well as reviewing the impacts of land use on water resources. Natural resource-based planning is introduced as a framework for dealing with land use issues.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

## Planning for Stormwater

Impervious surfaces like asphalt, concrete and rooftops generate polluted runoff and are a major indicator of the impacts of development on water resources. This workshop reviews planning and site design options to reduce both the amount and the impact of impervious surfaces. It also includes information on road and parking lot designs and alternative materials that promote infiltration.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

## Managing Stormwater in Urban Areas

This presentation focuses on “restorative redevelopment” strategies and opportunities for managing stormwater in urban areas. Planning and design considerations for stormwater-friendly roads, parking lots, roofs and other stormwater-generating surfaces are reviewed. This workshop touches on all the same areas as the Planning for Stormwater workshop, but with examples drawn from urban, rather than rural or suburban, landscapes.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

## Conducting a Community Resource Inventory (CRI)

In order to protect your town's resources and character, you first have to know what those resources are and what makes up the "character" of your town! A complete [Community Resource Inventory \(CRI\)](#) is made up of three different resource inventories: natural, cultural and economic. This workshop describes the importance of each, where you can get resources and information, and what to do with the inventory once it is completed. This workshop is supported the CRI Online website in the Tools & Resources section.



**You will learn a 6-step process to create this basic and critical component of resource-based planning:**

- Assemble work group
- Determine study area
- Review existing documents
- Assemble maps and information
- Write a Draft Report
- Publicize and solicit information

The workshop ends with illustrations of how to use your CRI taken from other Connecticut towns. Since so much digital mapping information is available statewide, a good portion of the workshop will be spent on step 4, assembling maps and information. This will give your community a good sense of how to get started on your own CRI.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

## Open Space Planning

Even when land trusts and towns are actively seeking to protect open space, there is usually no concrete plan as to where, how or even why open space should be acquired. This presentation includes methods and options on how to inventory, prioritize and acquire open space.

### Learn About:

- Identifying open space
- Characterizing open space
- Prioritizing open space
- Acquiring open space
- Funding open space

*“... we must realize if we take the necessary steps to first protect our unique natural resources, quality development, sensitive to those resources will follow and as a result our regions’ special character and your quality of life will be enriched.”*

– Jim Gibbons, Extension Educator/Land Use Planner

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

## Natural Resource-based Planning for Watersheds

The NEMO Team has found there are two major stumbling blocks to local watershed efforts, an inability to get started and an overload of maps/information. This workshop and its companion

publication **Natural Resource-Based Planning for Watersheds—A practical Starter Kit For Watershed Projects** (cover below) will outline a process that will help you get started!

**You will learn about our recommended 6-step process to watershed planning:**

1. Assemble a core group of local leaders & resource experts.
2. Determine the land in the watershed still available to be developed.
3. Determine priority water, land and cultural resource areas.
4. Formulate an Action plan, based on the comparison of priority resource areas to developable lands.
5. Educate the populous, especially key private and public land use decision makers, on the key findings and recommendations of the Action Plan.
6. Realize the Action Plan through well-crafted recommendations and continuing education.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

### **Coastal Habitats**

Is your community in the coastal area of Connecticut? If so, this workshop is your point of entry into an integrated educational program to help your town better protect priority coastal habitat areas.

#### **Learn About:**

- Land use patterns along the coastal of Long Island Sound;
- Critical coastal habitat areas like submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), migratory fish and tidal marshes—what they are, where they are and what is threatening them;
- Protection strategies that you can start on now!
- How the partners can help you.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

### **Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual**

The Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual provides guidance on the measures necessary to protect the waters of the State of Connecticut from the adverse impacts of post-construction stormwater runoff. This manual focuses on site planning, source control and stormwater treatment practices and is intended for use as a planning tool and design guidance document by the regulated and regulatory communities involved in stormwater quality management.

**Learn About:**

- Planning
- Design
- Sample Regulations
- Sizing
- Specifications

**For More Information:**

**On the manual:** Cheryl Chase, CT DEP, (860) 424-3860, [cheryl.chase@po.state.ct.us](mailto:cheryl.chase@po.state.ct.us)

**On the workshops:** Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

### Connecticut's Changing Landscape

Using satellite images, the University of Connecticut Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) has produced maps and charts documenting land cover change in Connecticut from 1985 to 2002. Highlighted are developed areas as well as areas in agricultural and forest land cover. This research has for the first time provided a basis to compare land cover trends over time. This has proven especially useful in discussions on smart growth and sprawl issues that are often debated on emotion rather than hard research. The workshop reviews the research and describes how it might be used by local land use officials in resource inventories, open space plans, economic development plans and plans of conservation and development.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1.5 hours long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact John Rozum at [john.rozum@uconn.edu](mailto:john.rozum@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-5225 to schedule a workshop.

### Wet Lands

The Wet Lands workshop goes over the basic functions and values of wetlands, as well as the regulatory issues surrounding wetland protection and wetland/watercourse buffers.

**You will learn:**

- How wetlands and watercourses are defined and identified.
- Functions and values of wetlands and watercourses.
- Impacts of development and land use on wet lands.
- Wet lands protection: how it is or can be done.
- Hot issues: buffers, wetland restoration, creation and mitigation.

PLEASE NOTE: This workshop is intended for land use commissions that do not have a direct regulatory role over inland wetlands and watercourses (i.e. Planning, Zoning and Conservation

Commissions). Inland Wetland commission members seeking education should contact CT DEEP.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

## GIS in Your Town

**Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** are revolutionizing how municipal governments and other groups work with natural resource, land use, infrastructure and related data. A GIS uses computer technology to encode, store, analyze and display geographic data. Increasingly, Connecticut municipalities are using GIS to help prepare local plans of development, to manage infrastructure and land records, to evaluate proposed developments, to assess open space options, to plan school bus routes and for many other applications.

The GIS in Your Town workshop is designed to introduce municipal officials and volunteers to basic GIS concepts and terminology. The workshop presents information to help organizations understand some of the planning, management, database and application issues important to successful GIS programs.

### Topics Include:

- GIS basics
- Hardware and software options
- Start up and operational costs
- Where to get GIS data
- How to get organized
- Staff and training needs
- Where to get assistance
- Pitfalls to avoid
- Examples of municipal applications

No prior knowledge of GIS is necessary and comments, questions and discussion are encouraged. The material covered in the workshop is particularly valuable to organizations that are considering or just getting started with GIS.

The workshop is free of charge and about 1 hour long. We recommend scheduling 2 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact CT NEMO at [nemo@uconn.edu](mailto:nemo@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to schedule a workshop.

## Forest Stewardship

Forest resources provide innumerable benefits to a community; watershed protection, wildlife habitat, aesthetic value, recreational value and even have the potential to provide commercial

value. The Forest Stewardship workshop, conducted by Cooperative Extension Forestry staff, can help landowners get the information they need to help protect and manage their forested land, now and in the future. Contact the [Forestry staff](#) to determine what presentation is best for you.

**Workshop presentation options include:**

- **Woods and Water** - a program for Inland Wetland Commissioners about timber harvesting and wetlands regulations.
- **Gray Ghosts** - Hemlocks, their role in the ecosystem, the effect of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and management issues.
- **Riparian Forest Buffers** - their value, function and design.
- **Regeneration Methods** - how timber harvesting systems can be designed to successfully regenerate the forest.
- **350 Years of Use and Abuse** - A history of the forest resource in CT, and the impact of that history on the forests and other land use patterns of today.
- **Competition, Continuum and Change** - Why the forest grows the way it does.
- **Forest Fragmentation and Parcelization** - A commentary on the major forces that threaten the forest resource and the numerous public benefits it provides.
- **Watersheds of a Last Great Place** - The role of forested lands in protecting water quality and community character at the landscape scale.
- **Forests and the Connecticut Economy** - From Wildlife Viewing to White Oak Veneer, the contribution made by the forest resource to the economy of our state.
- **Forest Stewardship for Private Landowners** - What it means, how to get started and where to go for help.
- **Conservation Planning Tools** - Options for Landowners.
- **Selling and Marketing Timber** - pitfalls and practicalities associated with commercial timber transactions.

The workshop is free of charge and about 45 minutes long. We recommend scheduling 1.5 hours to allow for discussion and questions. Contact Tom Worthley at [thomas.worthley@uconn.edu](mailto:thomas.worthley@uconn.edu) or call (860) 345-4511 to set up a workshop.