



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

October 25, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.

**Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West
North Haven, CT 06473**

Full agenda materials can be found at our website – www.scrkog.org

1. Call to Order and Introductions – *Mayor Toni Harp, Chairwoman*
2. **Presentation: Regional Employment Outlook** – *William Villano, Executive Director, Workforce Alliance*
3. Adoption of 9/27/17 SCRCOG Minutes – *First Selectman James Cosgrove, Secretary* Pages 2-4
4. Treasurer's Report for month ending 9/30/17 – *Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, Treasurer* Pages 5,6
5. Transportation Committee Report – *Mayor William Dickinson*
Regional Transportation Safety Plan for SCRCOG – *Stephen Dudley, Transportation Director*
6. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute Consultant Agreement related to the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) Grant of \$74,228 for Regional Open Space Inventory
7. Congressional Reports – *Louis Mangini, Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Evan Johnson, Aide to U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy;*
8. State Legislative Reports – *Michael Muszynski, Advocacy Manager, CCM; Betsy Gara, Executive Director, Council of Small Towns (COST)*
9. Update on PURA Utility Tree Trimming Docket- *Carl Amento, Executive Director*
10. **Presentation: CT State Water Plan** – *Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, CT Department of Public Health*
11. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report – *Carl Amento, Executive Director*
12. Grant Opportunities – *Carl Amento, Executive Director* Attachment
13. Upcoming Events – *Carl Amento, Executive Director* Attachment
14. REX Development Report – *Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director, REX Development* Pages 7,8
15. DESPP/ DEMHS Report – *John B. Field, Jr., Region 2 Coordinator* Pages 9,10
16. Regional Planning Commission October Action Table Page 11
17. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
18. Adjournment

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Planning for Our Region's Future

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TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **First Selectman James Cosgrove, Secretary**
DATE: **October 18, 2017**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of September 27, 2017**

Present:

Bethany	First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford	First Selectman James Cosgrove, Secretary
East Haven	Salvatore Brancati, <i>proxy for Mayor Joseph Maturo</i>
Guilford	First Selectman Joseph Mazza, Vice Chairman
Madison	First Selectman Thomas Banisch
Milford	Mayor Benjamin Blake, Immediate Past Chairman
New Haven	Mayor Toni Harp, Chairwoman
North Haven	Michael Paulhus, <i>proxy for Mayor Michael Doody</i>
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
West Haven	Mayor Edward O'Brien, Treasurer
Woodbridge	Sheila McCreven, <i>proxy for First Selectwoman Beth Heller</i>

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, James Rode, Eugene Livshits, Christopher Rappa, Rebecca Andreucci

Guests: William Rath and Joseph A. MacDougald, *UConn Law School*; Miriam Brody, *Hamden-North Haven League of Women Voters*; Ginny Kozlowski, *REX Development*; Mary Ann Bigelow, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Michael Muszynski, *CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM)*; Michael Piscitelli, *City of New Haven*; Lou Mangini and Amy Tennanbaum, *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*; John Wardzala, *The Kennedy Center*; Josh Lecar, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Ken Shooshan-Stoller and David Nardone, *FHWA*; Carolyn Soltis, *SCRCOG Regional Election Monitor*; Mark Zaretsky, *New Haven Register*

1. **Call to order and Introductions**

Chairwoman Mayor Harp called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Presentation: Southern CT Regional Framework for Coastal Resilience**

SCRCOG Planners Eugene Livshits and Rebecca Andreucci presented on the recently completed Regional Framework for Coastal Resilience funded by a \$700,000 grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and conducted in partnership with MetroCOG and The Nature Conservancy.

3. **Presentation: Long Island Sound Legal and Regulatory Issues Given Climate Change and Rising Seas**

William Rath and Joseph A. MacDougald from the Center for Energy and Environmental Law at UConn School of Law presented on their Long Island Sound study.

4. **Adoption of August 23, 2017 SCRCOG meeting minutes**
First Selectman Cosgrove presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG meeting of August 23, 2017, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-4. He moved for their approval. Mayor Blake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
5. **Treasurer's Report for month ending August 31, 2017**
Mayor O'Brien presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2017, which was included in the agenda packet at pages 5-6. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of \$1,274,000 with approximately \$724,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also \$412,000 due from CTDOT. Mayor O'Brien moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
6. **Introduction of Carolyn Soltis, SCRCOG Regional Election Monitor**
Carolyn Soltis, retired Cheshire Town Clerk, has been hired as SCRCOG's Regional Election Monitor.
7. **Congressional Report**
Louis Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's Office referred to the Congresswoman's commitment to provide disaster relief to Puerto Rico. He noted that the proposed federal defense budget would provide funds for projects to be built by CT defense contractors such as Sikorsky and UTC. Evan Johnson from U.S. Senator Murphy's office referenced EPA Brownfield grants available to municipalities. Ellen Graham from U.S. Senator Blumenthal's office discussed the Puerto Rican crisis.
8. **State Legislative Report**
Michael Muszynski from CCM remarked on the continuing lack of a state budget. The Governor has pledged to veto the budget passed by the General Assembly. There may be a short session this week to deal with the hospital tax since it is tied to federal Medicaid funds. Mayor Harp led a discussion as to what impacts SCRCOG members are experiencing because of the lack of a state budget.
9. **SCRCOG Executive Director's Report**
Executive Director Amento distributed several items, including:
 - (1) An executive summary of the 2017 Comprehensive Energy Strategy;
 - (2) A PowerPoint Presentation on the FY 2018-2023 State Plan of Conservation and Development;
 - (3) Information regarding the Final Draft of the CT State Water Plan. There will be a presentation on the state plan at the SCRCOG meeting next month; and
 - (4) Notice of CTTransit New Haven Area Bus Route Renumbering

Executive Director Amento reported on Utility Tree Trimming Practices: Clean Up/Disposal and Stump Grinding. He distributed a notice of a Technical Meeting and Public Hearing before PURA which has been scheduled for October 5th at 9:30 am. Executive Director Amento reported that he will attend the PURA meeting and hearing, and asked if mayors, first selectmen or city/town staffers wished to attend.
10. **Grant Opportunities**
Grant Opportunities were included in the agenda packet as an attachment. One additional grant opportunity for Diesel Emission Control Projects was distributed.
11. **Upcoming Events**
Upcoming Events were included in the agenda packet as an attachment. Additional materials regarding the October 18th public information meeting on Heroes Tunnel were distributed.

12. **REX Development Report**

Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development reviewed the REX report at Pages 7-9 of the agenda packet. REX is working with New Haven and Bridgeport, SCRCOG and MetroCOG to apply for Amazon's second headquarters in North America.

13. **DESPP/ DEMHS Report**

Mr. Field was unable to attend, but he submitted a written report at Pages 10-11 of the agenda packet.

14. **Regional Planning Commission September Action Table**

The September Action Table found at Page 12 of the agenda packet was reviewed.

15. **Regional Cooperation/Other Business**

None

16. **Adjournment**

Mayor Blake moved to adjourn; First Selectwoman Gorski seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman James Cosgrove, *Secretary*

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 9/30/2017

Assets

Key Bank - Checking Account	625,235.91
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	157,543.30
Start Community Bank	101,988.09
Municipal - Special Assessment	14,463.00
CT Department of Transportation - FY 16	(156.75)
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	24,498.40
CT Department of Transportation	203,814.77
CT Office of Policy and Management	26,760.42
Other Federal Grants (FEMA)	34,236.48
National Fish & Wildlife	2,299.67
Other State Grants (CIRCA)	5,320.00
Furniture & Equipment	43,121.97

Total Assets	1,239,125.26
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Liabilities

Municipal - Deferred Revenue	90,691.73
Deferred Revenue - OPM	25,915.60
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	220,641.59
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	10,326.16
Municipal Special Assessment - Deferred	56,081.85

Total Liabilities	403,656.93
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	786,109.71
Amount for Accrued Leave	12,835.44
Investment in Equipment	43,121.95
Change in Fund Balance	(6,598.77)

Total Fund Balance	835,468.33
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,239,125.26
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Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 9/30/2017

	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Resources			
Municipal - Revenue	15,864.23	48,958.47	165,000.00
Municipal - Special Assessment	3,998.19	8,739.19	62,500.00
REX Development			10,000.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	10,044.00	19,288.50	382,500.00
CT OPM - RPI Grant, GIS Project		23,910.00	28,500.00
CT OPM - RPI Grant, Open Space Inventory	419.09	539.64	64,228.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	70,700.01	172,259.57	1,518,369.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	754.97	1,156.53	225,571.00
CTDOT - Mobility Manager	7,603.95	14,614.17	113,345.00
National Fish & Wildlife Grant		2,299.68	
FEMA - Hazard Mitigation Plan	11,994.58	26,217.58	187,500.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitoring	784.84	784.84	11,111.00
CIRCA - Municipal Resilience Grant		2,460.00	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	.01	.02	
Interest - Revenue	139.22	417.58	1,000.00
Total Resources	122,303.09	321,645.77	2,794,624.00
Direct Expenses			
Transportation Planning Consultants	8,187.00	19,397.00	966,000.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	25,613.26	75,003.76	297,500.00
Other Consultants	7,603.95	14,614.17	103,200.00
Travel	143.93	1,003.70	13,400.00
Data Processing		2,400.00	6,800.00
Commercial Printing		2,299.68	
Subscriptions and Books			3,750.00
Insurance and Professional Services			2,700.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	276.23	662.16	22,000.00
Miscellaneous			2,653.00
Transportation - Reserved			173,258.00
LOTICP - Reserved			198,163.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant - Reserved			38,757.00
Regional Planning - July - October, 2018			61,500.00
Total Direct Expenses	41,824.37	115,380.47	1,889,681.00
Direct Labor			
Direct Labor – Employees	33,681.93	86,198.06	392,303.00
Overhead			
Indirect Labor - Employees	19,694.97	54,915.58	166,136.00
Employee Benefits	14,554.68	49,760.52	170,154.00
Travel			200.00
Data Processing	24.00	72.00	13,650.00
Rent	8,769.67	34,880.98	107,700.00
Telephone and Internet	474.49	1,183.44	7,800.00
Office Supplies	23.13	123.24	10,300.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,598.14	4,120.96	16,900.00
Subscriptions and Books			200.00
Insurance and Professional Services		7,599.00	19,300.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising			100.00
Miscellaneous	57.25	169.87	200.00
Total Overhead	45,196.33	152,825.59	512,640.00
Total Operating Expenses	120,702.63	354,404.12	2,794,624.00

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OCTOBER 2017

Ginny Kozlowski



Business Recruitment, Retention

Business Assistance

Collaborating with SCRCOG and CT Data Collaborative integration

Franklin Construction/Canal Crossing

Business Recruitment

Collaborating with Greater Bridgeport region on a proposal for Amazon HQ2 and positioning the larger region for future collaborative development

Brownfields

2115 State Street Brownfield Loan for a Phase II assessment

Regional Collaboration

2018 5-Year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update—gathering input through subcommittees

Infrastructure

Appeal being submitted on Tweed New Haven Regional Airport

Update on Port of New Haven by Evan Matthews potential uses and infrastructure needs

Featured Development Site



900 Northrop Rd..
Wallingford
25,000 sq. feet



November 2, 1-6 pm

ScaleUp CT, www.ct.org/events



October 20-22

StartUp Weekend



November 16

GNHCC: The Big Connect
www.gnhccexpo.com

Rail Service

CT Rail Focus Group—discussion on promoting aware of the new rail service on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield line

Education & Training

Attended Northeast Economic Development Association (NEDA) conference in Providence

Federal Highway Administration and US Department of Commerce webinar on aligning transportation planning with economic development goals

Entrepreneurs & Startups

Working with the Elm City Innovation Collaborative for project finalization

Sponsored and attended StartUp Grind New Haven

Sponsoring Startup Weekend October 20-22

CT Entrepreneur Summit planning Committee for April 20

Advocacy

CLA continued to support a dedicated statewide tourism marketing

Continued efforts with the Trafficking in Persons Council

Expand Global Opportunities

Attended Senator Chris Murphy's Transatlantic Trade Conference

Invest in Bavaria Trade Mission—October 23

Marketing & Communications

Kicking off ad sales for the Greater New Haven Visitors and Relocation Guide

Arts, Culture & Tourism

Tourism

Opening of Snack Shack Info Center off I-95, exit 46

Connecticut Lodging Association Annual Meeting and Stars of the Industry Event

Provided logistical assistance for the African American Mayors Association Women's Retreat and National Leadership Summit

CT Convention & Sports Bureau Annual Meeting

REDFO

October 27, 2017

Mark Lassoff

Startup Weekend New Haven

Tentative

Visitor Newsletter Features

- Long Wharf Theatre
- Regional Halloween events
- City-wide Open Studios
- Yale University Art Gallery

Media Hits

- New Haven Register
- Yale Daily News
- Westerly Sun
- Milford Mirror

Community Outreach

- GNHCC Economic Development Committee
- Orange EDC CEDS presentation
- West Haven Chamber of Commerce
- Milford Progress
- Regional Leadership Council
- CERC Board of Directors

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



DEMHS Region 2

John B. Field Jr., Emergency Management Area Coordinator

Re: October 2017 COG Report

CT DESPP-DEMHS

CT DESPP-DEMHS is coordinating efforts regarding evacuees relocating to the State of Connecticut. Working with other State agencies, non-governmental agencies, faith based organizations and non-profit organizations DEMHS has developed a Hurricane Evacuee Support Plan to assure anyone arriving from hurricane ravished areas. The Plan assures evacuees are directed to the appropriate resources for any of their needs. Regularly scheduled conference calls are occurring in each DEMHS Region to evaluate the status of cities/towns as they deal with the evacuee support.

CT DESPP-DEMHS is finalizing details of the 2017 Governor's Exercise Preparation and Planning Initiative (EPPI). Details are not finalized but we will not be requesting cities/towns convene their entire emergency operations staff and lightening the burden placed on the communities. Each DEMHS Region will host an annual Emergency Management Director meeting and part of the meeting will include a tabletop exercise. DEMHS will be requesting cities/towns participate in a National Cyber Security Exercise scheduled for the Spring of 2018.

CT DEMHS Region 2

CT DEMHS Region 2 Office is working to update the Regional Emergency Support Plan (RESP) for Region 2. We have provided each Emergency Support Function (ESF) with a copy of their responsibilities and they have returned their updates. We are currently awaiting Counsel's review and it is hopeful we will provide a draft for the next REPT-SC meeting in November. Once reviewed by the REPT-SC they will make recommendation for approval to the REPT.

CT DEMHS Region 2 Office is working to complete the approval of the Region 2 Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP). The CT Interoperable Committee has possession of the document for review. Upon approval, they will return the document to the Region 2 REPT for final approval and signature.

CT DEMHS Region 2 cities/towns have received 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) applications. Application submittal deadline has passed but we continue to encourage cities/towns to submit their applications. All city/town officials should have received an EMPG Manual which provides guidance on completing the requirements of the Grant. It is hopeful the manual will assist the municipality in completely the Grant process effectively and efficiently.

The Region 2 Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT) has received a 2015 Supplemental allocation of \$87,083.90, of which \$40,000 must be spent on Regional Bomb Squads. The Region 2 REPT-Steering Committee will invite proposals and be developing a spending plan for these funds. For additional information Chief Elected Officials should speak to their Emergency Management Directors, COG Representatives or REPT proxies. As usual you may also contact the Region 2 Office for any information needed.

Region 2 personnel continue to provide assistance as needed. Please do not hesitate to contact the Region 2 Office at any time.

Respectfully submitted:

John B. Field Jr.

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SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
Regional Planning Commission

October 2017 Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	10/02/2017	<i>Town of North Haven: Proposed zoning regulation amendment to Section 5.1.3.16.16 to modify the adaptive reuse requirements</i>	East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, North Branford, Wallingford	By resolution, 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.

Grant Opportunities



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www.ct.gov/deep

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

October 2, 2017

Subject: Funds Available for Diesel Reduction Projects

Dear Clean Diesel Stakeholders:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is announcing the anticipated availability of at least \$183,000 in new federal funds for the reduction of diesel emissions in our state. This money is authorized under the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) and is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In addition, DEEP has reserved the opportunity to double its State DERA allocation if demand is sufficient.

All interested parties are encouraged to apply, submitting their proposal on the attached form, which can also be found at: http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322100&deepNav_GID=1619. Completed forms and inquiries should be directed to Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov; proposals must be submitted no later than November 14, 2017.

DERA funding presents an excellent opportunity to leverage federal funds for newer, cleaner equipment that benefits you while also helping to improve air quality and to protect public health in Connecticut. DEEP may only use DERA funds for projects that reduce diesel emissions. A complete list of eligible projects is provided in the attached 2017 Guidance for State DERA Project Proposals. DEEP is seeking grant proposals from municipalities, organizations, and businesses for diesel reduction projects that are environmentally and economically-beneficial, can be initiated promptly, and will be completed quickly. Projects must be completed by August 31, 2018.

Potential applicants should be aware that Connecticut's Volkswagen Mitigation Program (VW Program) will launch later this year with over \$50 million in funding for various nitrogen oxide (NO_x) mitigation projects, including diesel reduction projects. Many clean diesel projects that are eligible for the State DERA Program, are not eligible for VW funding. Among these are early replacement of construction, agricultural, or transport refrigeration equipment and engine replacement for commercial fishing vessels. DEEP recommends that you familiarize yourselves with the proposed Volkswagen Amended Partial Consent Decree at http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/air/mobile/vw/2016-10-25_-_VW_Partial_Consent_Decree-web.pdf (see Appendix D-2 at page 220) as you consider options for both the existing DERA and future VW opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Klee", is written over a large, stylized blue oval that serves as a background for the signature.

Robert J. Klee
Commissioner

Attachments: 3

Attachment A

State DERA Funding Fact Sheet

This year, there are a number of changes in project eligibility and in the maximum incentives available for DERA projects. A complete list of eligible projects is provided in the attached 2017 Guidance for State DERA Project Proposals (2017 DERA Guidance). We draw your attention to projects in the list below, which are eligible for DERA funding but will not be eligible for VW Program funding:

- Early replacement or repowering (engine replacement) of nonroad construction or agricultural equipment (including loaders and commercial mowers), transport refrigeration units (TRUs), stationary generators and pumps;
- Engine upgrades (rebuids) of on-highway, nonroad, marine or locomotive engines;
- Replacement or repowering of commercial vessels (marine engine funding under the VW Program is limited to tugboats and ferries);
- Replacement or repowering for long haul locomotives;
- Idle reduction technologies, including auxiliary power units on long haul trucks and school buses, truck stop electrification, idle reduction for locomotives, and shorepower for TRUs; and
- Emission control technologies for diesel vehicles or equipment.

This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of projects eligible for funding under the State DERA Program; see the 2017 DERA Guidance for a complete list of eligible projects and restrictions. Additional information regarding this opportunity, may be found on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel>.

Proposed projects will be evaluated based on diesel emission reductions and cost effectiveness. To advance EPA's priorities for the DERA program, projects also will be prioritized based on the degree to which they meet the criteria listed in the 2017 DERA Guidance. This is a reimbursement program; award recipients will be required to demonstrate payment for the project before receiving awarded funds. Projects must be completed by August 31, 2018; funding cannot be guaranteed for projects completed and invoiced after that date.

**EDAP2017**
**FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs Application submission
and program requirements for EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment
Assistance programs.**
Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	EDAP2017
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs Application submission and program requirements for EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs.
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)
Category Explanation:	The Economic Development Administration's (EDA's) mission is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for economic growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA fulfills this mission through strategic investments and partnerships that create the regional economic ecosystems required to foster globally competitive regions throughout the United States. EDA supports development in economically distressed areas of the United States by fostering job creation and attracting private investment. Specifically, under the Economic Development Assistance programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Through the EDAP FFO, EDA solicits applications from rural and urban communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions.
Expected Number of Awards:	
CFDA Number(s):	11.300 -- Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities 11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes
Version:	Synopsis 3
Posted Date:	Dec 23, 2016
Last Updated Date:	Jun 19, 2017
Original Closing Date for Applications:	There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new EDAP FFO.
Current Closing Date for Applications:	There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new EDAP FFO.
Archive Date:	Jun 19, 2017
Estimated Total Program Funding:	
Award Ceiling:	\$3,000,000
Award Floor:	\$100,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants: Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
 Private institutions of higher education
 Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
 County governments
 Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
 State governments
 Special district governments
 Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
 Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
 Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
 City or township governments

Additional Information on Eligibility: Eligible applicants for EDA financial assistance under the Public Works and EAA programs include a(n): (i) District Organization of a designated Economic Development District; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See Section 3 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA) (42 U.S.C. § 3122) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3. EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name: Economic Development Administration

Description: Under this FFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive- merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States.

Link to Additional Information: Economic Development Administration

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

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact: the EDA representative for your state. A complete list of EDA representatives is available on EDA's website at <http://www.eda.gov/contact/>

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Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (C.G.S. Section 7-131d to 7-131k, inclusive)

The Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA) Grant Program provides financial assistance to municipalities and nonprofit land conservation organizations to acquire land for open space and to water companies to acquire land to be classified as Class I or Class II water supply property.

DEEP is currently accepting applications through February 1, 2018.

The Department is accepting applications from municipalities, non-profit land conservation organizations, and water companies for the competitive Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. The Department will be awarding grants to projects that offer the highest conservation and recreational value - and that leverage the greatest percentage of private and municipal funding.

Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program Overview & Selection

An application form and required supporting documentation including maps, title searches and appraisals must be submitted to the DEEP by the deadline. Applications must be endorsed by local Planning, Zoning, Conservation and/or Open Space Commissions and must include an advisory report and the recommendations of the appropriate regional planning agency. Applicants are encouraged to apply for parcels that can realistically be acquired within a six to twelve-month time frame. Projects with the required matching share available, appraisal(s) completed, title work completed with a current survey are encouraged. Preference will be given to those lands currently available for acquisition within a twelve-month period.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will utilize a project selection process to objectively evaluate proposals. Land identified for acquisition will be evaluated by a review team consisting of staff from the various resource management divisions of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture. The decision to pursue acquisition of a parcel will be based on the scores and comments provided by the review team in addition to considerations such as: the criteria for the program; cost; fulfillment of a resource need; geographic distribution; proximity to urban areas or areas with a deficiency of public open space; availability of a donation or bargain sale; stewardship needs and management constraints; compatibility with the State Plan of Conservation and Development and other State environmental plans, policies, goals and objectives; and proximity to other protected open space.

Please review the current version of the grant questionnaire and application carefully and respond fully. For a project proposal(s) to be considered for funding, answer all questions and provide appropriate identified supporting material within the allotted time. The Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant program is a competitive program. Any missing information will result in less than optimum scoring. Any information found misleading within the

application is grounds for withdrawal of the application and forfeiture of any possible/awarded grant.

Grants are made for the purchase of land that is 1) valuable for recreation, forestry, fishing, conservation of wildlife or natural resources; 2) a prime natural feature of the state's landscape; 3) habitat for native plant or animal species listed as threatened, endangered or of special concern; 4) a relatively undisturbed outstanding example of an uncommon native ecological community; 5) important for enhancing and conserving water quality; 6) valuable for preserving local agricultural heritage; or 7) eligible to be classified as Class I or Class II watershed land.

Careful attention should be given to the criteria previously listed and to: 1) protection of land adjacent to and complementary to existing open space, preserved agricultural land or Class I or Class II water company land; 2) proximity to urban areas; 3) land vulnerable to development; 4) consistency with the State's Plan of Conservation and Development; and 5) lands with multiple values such as water supply protection and recreation, or forest preservation and fishing access. Linkages between open spaces are an important consideration as are multi-town projects such as greenways. Cooperative efforts should be fostered between towns, land conservation organizations and local community groups. Preference will be given to open space acquisitions that comply with local and regional open space or conservation and development plans.

Land acquired will be preserved in perpetuity: 1) predominately in its natural scenic and open condition; 2) for the protection or provision of potable water; 3) or for agriculture. A permanent conservation easement will be provided to the State to ensure that the property remains in a natural and open condition for the conservation, open space, agriculture, green space or water supply purpose for which it was acquired. The easement will include a requirement that the property be made available to the general public for appropriate recreational purposes. Where development rights will be purchased and where general public access would be disruptive of agricultural activity, an exception to the provision for public recreational access may be made, at the discretion of the Commissioner. Where development rights are to be purchased, the State of Connecticut will become an equal holder of those rights as a substitute for the easement. No grant may be made for: 1) land to be used for commercial purposes or for recreational purposes requiring intensive development except for forest management or agricultural use; 2) land with environmental contamination; 3) land which has already been committed for public use; 4) development costs; 5) land to be acquired by eminent domain; 6) reimbursement of in-kind services or incidental expenses; 7) for property acquired to the grant applicant prior to the grant application deadline.

The Department may approve grants...

.....to a.....for.....	...in an amount not exceed...*
Municipality	Open space	65% of fair market value
Municipality	Class I & Class II Water supply property	65% of fair market value
Distressed municipality or targeted investment community **	Open space	75% of fair market value
Distressed municipality or targeted investment community **	Resource enhancement or protection	50% of cost of such work
Nonprofit land conservation organization	Open space or watershed protection	65% of fair market value
Nonprofit land conservation organization (if land is located within a distressed or targeted community)	Open space or watershed protection	75% of fair market value
Water company	Class I & Class II water supply property	65% of fair market value

* Please note that the percentages shown represent the maximum grant award and that grant awards may be reduced to a lesser percentage or may be reduced to not exceed an administrative cap.

Additional Information and Assistance

If you have additional questions, please contact [David Stygar](#), Environmental Analyst or [Allyson Clarke](#), Property Agent, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Office of Constituent Affairs/Land Management, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106, (860) 424-3081 or 424-3774. For application questions regarding conserving a working farm, contact Elisabeth Moore, Project Director at Connecticut Farmland Trust, at emoore@ctfarmland.org.

Upcoming Events

UConn



CIRCA Upcoming Events



A Service of the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation (CIRCA)

Public Meeting on CIRCA Updated Projections of Sea Level Rise for the State of Connecticut

Thursday, October 19, 2017

9:30-11 am

UConn Avery Point

Remote Attendance Option

Register for webinar at <http://bit.ly/2ggclQy>

Agenda:

Marine Sciences Professor and CIRCA Executive Director, James O'Donnell will present sea level rise projections for the state of Connecticut. These projections update the global mean sea level rise projections produced by [NOAA \(2012 CPO-1 report\)](#) using Connecticut's local tide gauge information and the current best available science. Based on the updated projections, CIRCA recommends that planning anticipates that sea level will be 0.5 m (1ft 8inches) higher than the national tidal datum in Long Island Sound by 2050 and that it is likely that sea level will continue to increase after 2050.

UConn Law School CEEL Professor-in-Residence, Joe MacDougald and CEEL legal fellow, Bill Rath will also present their CIRCA study on the legal and policy implications of sea level rise for Connecticut and their survey of state sea level rise policies.

Who Should Attend:

This meeting is free and open to the public. Municipal staff and elected leaders concerned about or in the process of planning for sea level rise and coastal resilience are encouraged to attend. Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

If you have any questions or require accommodation to attend this event, please contact Lauren Yaworsky at lauren.yaworsky@uconn.edu or 860.405.9124.

CT Trails Symposium – October 19, 2017

Presented by the CT Greenways Council

In Partnership with and Held on the East Hartford Campus of Goodwin College

9am-3pm

AGENDA

Engage in conversation about why and how to put your local trail systems to work for your community. Speakers and panels will use local examples to illustrate the demand for and benefits of local trails and how your community can sustain a world class trail system.

9:00 – 9:15 **Registration / Networking & Continental Breakfast**

9:15 – 9:30 **Welcome:** Todd Andrews, Goodwin College, VP Economic & Strategic Development and **Overview of Day:** Bruce Donald, CT Greenways Council Chair and Tri-State Coordinator for the East Coast Greenway

9:30 -10:30 – **Connecticut's Own Success Story: The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail**

Over 80 miles of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCHT) and the eighteen miles of the Farmington River Trail constitute one of the most picturesque and historic greenways in New England. The Connecticut section from New Haven to Suffield runs 54 miles through eleven towns and connects with many more biking and walking trails. The FCHT has been designated a Community Millennium Trail under the federal Millennium Trails Initiative based upon its special value to the communities it serves. You will be able to talk with a panel including member municipalities, non-profit organizations, local businesses and volunteers who have worked to create this world class trail system. The panel will give insight into collaboration, construction, marketing, and maintenance as well as some of the greatest benefits now being enjoyed.

10:30 - 10:45 **Break** & refreshments (enjoy displays)

10:45 -12:00 **Everyone Wants Local Trail Systems**

- Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) – DEEP' Bureau of Outdoor Recreation will discuss the SCORP trail user survey results, how they have driven State Parks future agenda and opportunities for local municipalities and land trusts to use the data and collaborate with CT State Parks.
- CT Trail Census – UCONN Cooperative Extension, the Naugatuck Valley COG and UConn's Center for Landuse Education and Research will discuss results and on-going plans as well as how local communities can use the information and get involved.
- Group discussions and information exchange – UCONN Cooperative Extension will facilitate. Each table of attendees will be provided with information and question(s) to discuss and report out on based upon the above two presentations.

12:00- 1:00 – **Lunch** provided. Enjoy Goodwin College's CT Riverside Trail or the East Coast Greenway

1:00 – 2:45 – **Concurrent Sessions** themes include how to market and maintain trail systems, collaborate on larger trail systems, and enjoy economic and other benefits

1:00 – 1:45 **Session One**

- Connecticut Forest & Park Association –Finding the Right Trail Crew for You. CFPA's Trails Stewardship Director, Clare Cain, will feature four trail crew models that have been used on the Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System. The discussion will cover pros & cons, planning, costs, and requirements of each crew type. Are you ready to host your own crew? Come ready to learn and be inspired!
- Naugatuck Valley COG Economic Development Study - results and implementation discussion lead by Aaron Budris and Mark Nielsen
- CT Trail Census – This session is a feedback session for participants in the CT Trail Census Trail User surveys.
- Eversource Energy, a Unique Trail Partner - Learn the process of getting easements, partnership opportunities and information on trusted Best Management Practices for corridor construction and maintenance. Jamie Lintner, Land Management Administrator

2:00 – 2:45 – **Session Two**

- Town of Cheshire- One of CT's first town's to embrace the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail discusses trail planning, maintenance and patrol programs and how these are funded.
- City of New Britain – How and why the City has dedicated time towards planning, construction and maintenance of its trail system. Carl J. Gandza, Engineering Project Manager.
- Regional Trail Planning –Northwest Hills COG's trail mapping project (Rick Lynn, Executive Director).

2:45 - 3:00 **Wrap-up** – Thank you and Evaluations



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Events in October

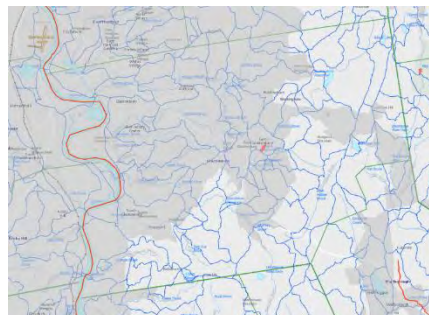
Webinar Series

MS4 Permit Mapping Requirements & Tools

Tuesday October 24, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

CT's new permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) includes several mapping related requirements. From mapping your town storm drainage system to calculating your directly connected impervious area, an awareness of geospatial data, technologies, and options are certainly needed.

This webinar will run through the mapping requirements of the permit and highlight some of the data, tools, and options available to help you comply.



REGISTER for the
Webinar at
<http://bit.ly/2x3NdCc>

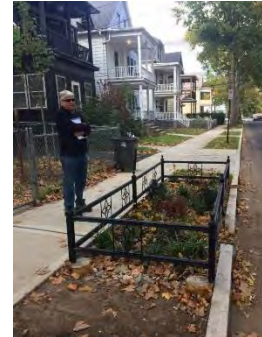


New Haven Green Infrastructure Talk & Tour

200 Orange Street, 5th Floor, New Haven, CT
Friday October 20, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Join us in New Haven for a presentation by the City of New Haven Engineering Department on their efforts to use LID/Green Infrastructure to address stormwater quantity and quality impacts. New Haven is installing 200 bioswales in the downtown area over the next 2-3 years. The City has found this to be an effective and cost effective way to deal with both flooding and water quality.

The City Engineers will present on what is working, what hasn't, where they are going, and what the impacts have been. We will then visit a few sites to see how they work within a densely packed urban area.



REGISTER for the
Talk & Tour at
<http://bit.ly/2l0swFJ>



THE NEXT STORM IS COMING IS YOUR COMMUNITY READY?



2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON • MERIDEN

The question is not if the next big storm is coming. It's when. The Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM) has held three annual conferences, drawing professionals together to share their flood management experience and promote flood resiliency in Connecticut. This year, CAFM is planning an engaging program that will appeal to professionals working in coastal and riverine communities in various roles, whether they are planners, engineers, surveyors, or insurers.

The Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM) will convene its fourth Annual Conference and Meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway Meriden. We invite you to share your experiences as municipal and state officials, industry leaders, consultants, and other interested parties to promote a more resilient Connecticut.

CAFM is inviting a broad range of professionals to address the many issues and problems associated with managing flood risk, making communities more sustainable, and protecting floodplain and fragile natural resources. This conference will examine the challenges facing Connecticut, and share experiences and lessons learned as flood managers and municipal officials.

This year, presenters will present a broad range of riverine and coastal topics, including floodplain restoration, resilience planning, flood inundation mapping, floodplain modeling, stream crossings, community engagement, and critical facilities assessment. We will also have a panel of legal professionals to discuss the legal aspects of floodplain management, including takings and regulatory decisions based upon forward-looking climate science.

ABOUT CAFM

Modeled after similar organizations in other states throughout the country, CAFM is a statewide chapter of the Association of Floodplain Managers. CAFM's mission is to develop a professional community that promotes education, policies, and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding, and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains. CAFM is a 501(c)3 organization.

Visit us on the web at ctfloods.org

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF FLOOD MANAGERS • PO BOX 270213 • WEST HARTFORD, CT 06105

REGISTRATION FORM

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 8:00 am to 4:00pm (Annual Meeting to occur during lunch)

Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden



REGISTRATION FEES (CHECK ONE)

Category	Registration Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> CAFM Member	\$ 65
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member (Registering by October 11)	\$ 80
<input type="checkbox"/> CAFM Member Late Registration (Registering after October 11)	\$ 90
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member (Registering after October 11)	\$ 110

Note: New Membership registrations run through December 2018.

MEAL CHOICE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ Buffet luncheon , includes: garden salad and signature salad; vegetarian pasta and seasonal vegetables; grilled chicken with sun-dried tomatoes and artichokes; grilled salmon; and assorted desserts
- ☐ I have dietary restrictions. (CAFM will contact you)

ABOUT YOU

Name: _____

Badge (first name): _____ Position/Title: _____

Organization: _____

Office Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____ Registration Fee: _____

Please check if you are a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) ► ☐

- ☐ I am interested in taking the CFM Exam in 2018 ☐ My firm/organization is interested in being a sponsor

Please make checks payable to CAFM, and remit to: CAFM, PO BOX 270213, West Hartford, CT 06105

Or pay online at www.ctfloods.org

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

CAFM is excited to announce our conference program! We are proud to have a wide variety of topics presented by professionals from state, local and federal government, researchers, and consultants.

Time Slot		Venue	
Start	End	Concurrent Session A	Concurrent Session B
8:00	8:45	Registration / Exhibitors	
8:45	9:00	Welcome Remarks <i>Diane Ifkovic (CAFM Board, State NFIP Coordinator)</i>	
9:00	9:30	Opening Address <i>Robert Klee, Commissioner, CTDEEP</i>	
9:30	10:00	Flood Inundation Mapping Science <i>Gardner Bent, USGS</i> <i>Elizabeth Ahearn, USGS</i>	
10:00	10:30	New Hampshire’s Road-Stream Crossings – Where Data, Hazard Mitigation, Infrastructure and Fish Passage Come Together to Reduce Flood Risk <i>Shane Csiki, New Hampshire DES</i>	The Flood Resistant Provisions of Connecticut’s Newest Building Codes <i>Laura Ghorbi, AECOM</i>
10:30	11:00	Break / Exhibitors	
11:00	11:30	Overview of HEC-RAS 2D Modeling and How It Can be Used to Evaluate and Reduce Flood Hazards <i>Christine Suhonen, GZA GeoEnvironmental</i>	SLR Risk Decision Making <i>Daniel Stapleton, GZA GeoEnvironmental</i> <i>Bin Wang, GZA GeoEnvironmental</i>
11:30	12:00	Sheffield Brook Floodplain Restoration <i>Lesley Sweeney, NRCS</i> Sheffield Brook Stream and Floodplain Restoration for Flooding and Climate Resiliency <i>Karen Baker, Fuss & O’Neill</i>	Pawtuxet Riverbank Stabilization Project: A Holistic Approach to Preserving History While Enhancing Flood Resiliency <i>Sean Arruda, Fuss & O’Neill</i>
12:00	1:00	Lunch (12:00 – 1:00) CAFM Annual Meeting (1:00 – 1:15)	
1:15	2:00	Panel: Legal Issues of Floodplain Management and Forward-Looking Climate Science <i>Dwight Merriam, Robinson & Cole</i> <i>William Rath, University of Connecticut Law School</i> <i>Marjorie Shansky</i>	
2:00	2:30	Post-Sandy Improvements and Coastal Resiliency in Fairfield <i>Jonathan Richer, Tighe & Bond</i>	
2:30	3:00	Sea Level Rise Impacts on Connecticut: Increased Frequency of Coastal Flooding along Roads and Marshes in Branford <i>Rebecca French, UCONN CIRCA</i>	
2:45	3:15	Break / Exhibitors	
3:15	3:45	Bi-County Coastal Resilience Plan <i>David Kooris, CT Dept. of Housing</i> <i>Rebecca French, UCONN CIRCA</i>	Flood Vulnerability and Adaptation for the Massachusetts Statewide Resilience Plan <i>Frank Ricciardi, Weston & Sampson</i>
3:45	4:00	Closing Remarks	



*"Preparations for a Changing Climate:
Impacts on Connecticut Habitats & Populations"*

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Location: Radisson Hotel Cromwell (new location!) • ([hotel website](#))

Pick from several multiple-track **educational sessions**, including:

- Environmental Benefits and Aesthetics of Wet Meadows
- Tools & Guidance for Nature-based Community Climate Resilience in Connecticut
- Techniques for Commissioners on Protecting & Conserving Land
- Changing Migratory Bird Populations in Connecticut
- Tackling Invasive Plants: A Guide for Commissioners & Towns
- Connecticut's Natural Diversity Database
- 2017 Wetlands Law & Regulations Update
- Key Facts About the Revised General Stormwater Permit
- Understanding Coyotes and Ways to Resolve Conflicts
- Reviewing Subdivision Applications
- Enforcement by Wetlands Agencies
- The Connecticut Aquifer Protection Area Program



PLUS: Keynote speakers **Robert Dubrow, MD, PhD**, Director of the Yale Climate Change and Health Initiative; and **David Skelly, PhD**, Director, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History (*pictured above*).

CEUs pending for SWS Recertification, CT DEEP, and RIDEM credits. Subject matter appropriate for 4.25 credit hours for Connecticut-licensed landscape architects.

Registration (includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and workshops):

- CACIWC members: **\$60**; Non-Members: **\$75**

Register online at <http://bit.ly/2zwMcEm>.
Questions? Email AnnualMtg@caciwc.org.



2017 CELEBRATE CT! Recipients Announced

The top economic development projects, programs, and leaders from throughout the state to be honored at the annual CELEBRATE CT! event on Thursday evening, November 30, 2017 at The Bushnell in Hartford.

The 21 honorees (see next page) were selected by economic development officials in each of 10 regions across Connecticut for their contribution to the state's economy. The honorees include initiatives, businesses, organizations and individuals that are widely known in their communities, and some that are less well-known.



Thursday, November 30, 2017

The Bushnell, Hartford

4:30 p.m.

Early bird registration ends November 1st.

REGISTER TODAY at cerc.com/celebratect.

Connecticut's Most Notable Economic Growth Initiatives Recognized for Impact, Influence on Communities and State

By Kristi Sullivan, CERC, 860-571-6213 10/16/2017

The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. (CERC) has named top economic development projects, programs and leaders from throughout the state to be honored at the annual CELEBRATE CT! event on Thursday evening, November 30, 2017 at The Bushnell in Hartford.

The 21 honorees were selected by economic development officials in each of 10 regions across Connecticut for their contribution to the state's economy – such as consistent or growing employment levels, playing a critical role in changing the character of its community or civic engagement, strong public/private collaboration to encourage new investment, or leadership resulting in growth or improvements. The honorees include initiatives, businesses, organizations and individuals that are widely known in their communities, and some that are less well-known.

“These awards acknowledge key people, programs and projects that are stimulating new jobs and investment in our economy,” said CERC President and CEO Robert Santy. “They are well earned and well-deserved, and CERC is proud to recognize the 2017 honorees and their noteworthy accomplishments that are having a positive impact on Connecticut's business environment.”

This is the 8th year the event is being hosted by CERC, a nonprofit corporation and public-private partnership that provides economic development services, working closely with an extensive network of state, regional, local and utility partners to leverage Connecticut's unique advantages as a premier business location.

Nearly 200 economic development and business professionals from around the state are expected to attend CELEBRATE CT! To register or sponsor the event, visit cerc.com/celebratect.

Photos will be available after the 11/30 event.

The 2017 CELEBRATE CT! award honorees:

- **Capitol Region/Hartford**
Joining Technologies
UConn Hartford Campus
- **Central/New Britain**
Alvarium Beer Company
Jasko Development LLC
- **South Central/New Haven**
Stony Creek Brewery
Mike Freda (for Amazon Fulfillment Center, North Haven)
- **Southeastern/New London**
Beer'd Brewing
Sean Nugent (for Preston Riverwalk)
- **Lower CT River Valley/Middlesex**
Goodspeed Musicals
Pegasus Manufacturing
- **Naugatuck Valley/Waterbury**
Basement Systems
Bristol Centre Square Project
- **West/Danbury-Fairfield**
BRT General Corporation
Ferguson Library (1 Million Cups)
Inspira Marketing Group
- **Metropolitan/Bridgeport**
Corvus Capital Partners LLC
Future Health Care Systems
- **Northeastern/Windham**
Heirloom Food Company
Thompson Branding Plan
- **Northwest Hills/Torrington**
Hurley Manufacturing
Whiting Mills

TRIFECTA ECOSYSTEMS AQUAPONIC FARM TOUR



Trifecta Ecosystems newest indoor aquaponic farm in Meriden CT will showcase new ways of growing year-round in Connecticut, while also using the farm as an educational resource. In addition, Trifecta partners Andrew Ingalls and Kieran Foran will showcase the farm and the LED lighting which was made possible using incentives through Eversource's energy efficiency program.

FALL CT FARM ENERGY QUARTERLY PARTNERS MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017
1 - 3 pm

Hosted at TRIFECTA ECOSYSTEMS
290 PRATT ST., MERIDEN, CT

The tour will begin at 1 pm. The quarterly partners meeting will follow the tour, from 2 - 3 pm. All are welcome to attend either the tour or meeting or both.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by November 27, 2017.

For more information, please contact:

Amanda Fargo-Johnson at 860.345.3977 or amanda@ctfarmenergy.org or Jillian Corley at 860.665.3688

