



**Creating a Resilient Connecticut:
A CIRCA Forum on Science, Planning, Policy & Law
May 11, 2018
UConn School of Law – Hartford, CT
Reading Room, William F. Starr Hall**

AGENDA:

- 8:15** **Registration** (continental breakfast provided)
- 8:45** **Welcome**
Tim Fisher, UConn School of Law Dean and Professor of Law
Joe MacDougald, UConn Professor in Residence, Exec. Director of Center for Energy & Environmental Law, and CIRCA Director of Applied Research
- 9:00** **Opening Remarks**
Rob Klee, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)
- 9:15** **MUNICIPAL RESILIENCE PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROJECT**
Part 1 – Research Results
- *Sea Level Rise in Long Island Sound*
Jim O'Donnell, CIRCA Exec. Director and UConn Professor of Marine Sciences
 - *Statewide Riverine Flood Vulnerability Assessment*
Manos Anagnostou, UConn Professor of Engineering
 - *Legal and Policy Analyses to Support Resilience Measures*
Bill Rath, UConn Center for Energy & Environmental Law (CEEL)
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00** **Part 2 – Additional Research and Applications**
- *Tracking Connecticut's Coast Using Aerial Photography*
DeAva Lambert, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP Land & Water Resources Div.
 - *Resilience of Wastewater and Drinking Water Systems*
Christine Kirchhoff, UConn Assistant Professor of Engineering
 - *Vulnerability Assessment and Planning in New London*
Peter Miniutti, UConn Associate Professor Landscape Architecture
- 12:15** **Lunch (provided)**

- 1:00 - 1:45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Introduction by Evonne Klein, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Housing
- Connecticut's Future in a Disaster-Prone World:**
Harriet Tregoning, Strategic Policy Advisor and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Community Planning and Development at the U.S Department of Housing
- 1:45 – 2:30 Audience Based Policy Discussion with Expert Panel**
- Harriet Tregoning
 - George Bradner, Director, Connecticut Insurance Department
 - Sara Bronin, UConn Professor of Law and Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission
 - Michael Piscitelli, AICP, Deputy Economic Development Administrator, City of New Haven and President, CT Chapter, American Planning Association
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break**
- 2:45 – 4:15 Climate Resilience Project Panel (Moderated by Katie Lund, CIRCA Project Coordinator)**
- *Southeastern Connecticut Critical Facilities Assessment*
Amanda Kennedy, Assistant Director, Southeastern CT COG
 - *Municipal LID Design and Enhancing Rural Resiliency in the Northwest Hills*
Joanna Wozniak-Brown, Regional Planner, Northwest Hills COG:
 - *Planning for Flood Resilient and Fish-Friendly Road-Stream Crossings*
Mike Jastremski, Watershed Conservation Director, Housatonic Valley Association
 - *Hartford Climate Stewardship Initiative and Green Infrastructure Specialist*
Shubhada Kambli, Hartford Sustainability Coordinator
 - *Coastal Road Flooding Study in Branford*
Jim O'Donnell, CIRCA Executive Director and Professor of Marine Sciences:
- 4:15 Closing Remarks and Ice Cream Social**

POSTERS & TOOLS:

Participants are invited throughout the day to view information (located at the back of the Reading Room) that highlight CIRCA funded projects & products related to the event. Posters include overviews of the work being done by CRCOG, New Haven, RiverCOG, SCROG, WestCOG, and UConn researchers.

The Forum is a culmination of work undertaken over the past two years by DEEP/UCONN-CIRCA in ten focus areas to address the resilience of vulnerable communities along Connecticut's coast and inland waterways to the growing impacts of climate change. Important research is leading to the creation of products for assessing vulnerabilities and strategies to mitigate potential damage from climate change and storm impacts.

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