

**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** - coffee and continental breakfast
- 8:45** **Welcome**
Tim Fisher, UConn School of Law Dean and Professor of Law
Joe MacDougald, UConn Professor of 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
 - *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)
- 11:00** **Break**
- 11:15** **Part 2 – Application of Research Results**
- *Municipal Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessments*
Christine Kirchhoff, UConn Assistant Professor of Engineering
 - *Vulnerability Assessment and Planning in New London and Milford*
Peter Miniutti, UConn Associate Professor Landscape Architecture
 - *Tracking Connecticut's Coast Using Aerial Photography*
DeAva Lambert, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP Land & Water Resources Div.
- 12:15** **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:00 - 1:45** **Keynote Address: *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** (Moderated by Bill Rath, CEEL)
- Harriet Tregoning
 - George Bradner – Director, Connecticut Insurance Department Director
 - Sara Bronin – UConn Prof. of Law & Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission
 - Municipal representative (TBD)

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 4:15 Climate-Informed Resilience Project Panel (Moderated by Katie Lund, CIRCA)

Coastal Council of Governments **Amanda Kennedy**, Assistant Director - Southeastern CT COG: Critical Facilities Assessment

Inland Council of Governments **Joanna Wozniak-Brown**, Regional Planner - Northwest Hills COG: Municipal LID Design and Enhancing Rural Resiliency in the Northwest Hills

Watershed Organization **Mike Jastremski**, Watershed Conservation Director - Housatonic Valley Association: Planning for Flood Resilient and Fish-Friendly Road-Stream Crossings

Inland Municipality **Shubhada Kambli**, Hartford Sustainability Coordinator: Climate Stewardship Initiative and Green Infrastructure Specialist

Coastal Municipality **Jim O'Donnell**, CIRCA Executive Director and Professor of Marine Sciences: Road Flooding in Coastal Connecticut (Branford)

4:15 Closing Remarks and Ice Cream Social

POSTERS & TOOLS: Participants are invited throughout the day to view posters and online tools located around the venue, which highlight CIRCA funded projects & products related to this event

This event is the 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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