

Conservation Technical Advisory Committee Regular Meeting: Monday, March 21st, 2022 @ 11:00 AM- Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions- Hannah Reichle,** MetroCOG
	* **Attendees:** Jim Hunt, Lynn Haig, Gregg Dancho, Chris Malik, Sheila Warren, Barbara Thomas, Meghan Sloan, Tatiana Solovey, Anthony Allen, Kimberly Bradley, Chadwick S., Steve H., Devin Clarke, Hannah Reichle
2. **Regional Programs Update- Hannah Reichle,** MetroCOG
	* Sustainable CT Fellow Interviews are underway
		+ Three candidates are very well qualified
		+ Fellow will be able to assist with research/registration/certification into the program
	* Brownfields Update
		+ EPA website highlights the Cherry Street Lofts redevelopment as a success story
3. **Resilient Connecticut Update- David Murphy, Director of Resilience Engineering,** CIRCA
	* N/A
4. **US Army Corps of Engineers Floodplain Management Services Program & Grant Opportunities and Success Stories– Sheila Warren,** USACE
	* Sheila Warren – Silver Jacket Coordinator
		+ A team of state and federal agencies that work collaboratively to manage flood risks at the local level
		+ These participating agencies meet to identify projects in high flood risk areas
			- Project are usually planning documents and planning tools- no levees or dams, etc.
			- This program promotes and prefers non-structural approaches such as modeling and planning, installation of high-water line signs, etc.
			- Website provides examples of past project proposals, and previously funded projects since the program’s inception in 2013.
			- Average project costs have been ~100k, and communities have implemented projects/efforts identified in the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Program can provide technical assistance for ongoing projects as well if there is no standalone project interest
		+ Online Flood Tool kit provides contextual assistance at any point during a flood emergency
		+ Refer to the attached Tool Kit PDF, which is a very valuable resource.
5. **Sustainable CT Program Update- Sustainable CT Staff**
	* Currently ~76% of 169 municipalities in CT are participants in the Sustainable CT program. ~34% so far have received a certification
	* Currently in the pilot year the Sustainable CT administration is developing a framework to provide a “Gold” standard to the already ‘Bronze & Silver” certifications
	* Special Amplifier fund available for composting and climate change/energy. Projects must align with Sustainable CT goals. Ideal opportunity for black, brown, and other underserved communities. Contact funding@sustainablect.org for more info.
	* Sustainable CTT also would like to engage corporate companies in CT.
6. **Other Business**
	* Chris Malik is retiring starting April 1st, new point of contact will be Eric Biden.
7. **Adjourn**

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