

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](mailto: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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