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ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT

The CTLCV Environmental Summit provides an opportunity for citizen advocates, environmental leaders, state legislators, municipal leaders and administration officials to share information about environmental priorities for the upcoming 2018 legislative session of the CT General Assembly.

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• Melissa Everett, Clean Water Action • Roger Reynolds, CT Fund for the Environment • Valerie Rosetti, Save Our Water
• Leticia Colon de Mejias, Efficiency For All • Chris Phelps, Environment CT



AGENDA

8:00 Coffee and Registration

9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Jane Peters, Partnership for Strong Communities
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Summit Moderator, Melissa Everett, Clean Water Action

9:30 **Panel: Water Protection and Planning**

David Sutherland, The Nature Conservancy
Alicea Charamut, CT River Conservancy
Margaret Miner, Rivers Alliance of CT

10:00 **Panel: Land Conservation**

Amy Paterson, CT Land Conservation Council
Karen Burnaska, CT Fund for the Environment
Eric Hammerling, CT Forest and Park Association

10:30 **Presentation of Administration's Priorities**

Commissioner Robert Klee, Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bryan Garcia, Governor's Council on Climate Change and CT Green Bank

11:00 **Panel: Clean Energy and Climate**

Claire Coleman, CT Fund for the Environment
Sara Bronin, Hartford Climate Stewardship Council
Letitica Colon de Mejias, Energy Efficiency Solutions

11:30 **Open Issue Forum**

12:00 **Lunch & Networking**

1:00 **Legislative Advocacy**



PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

PANEL: WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING

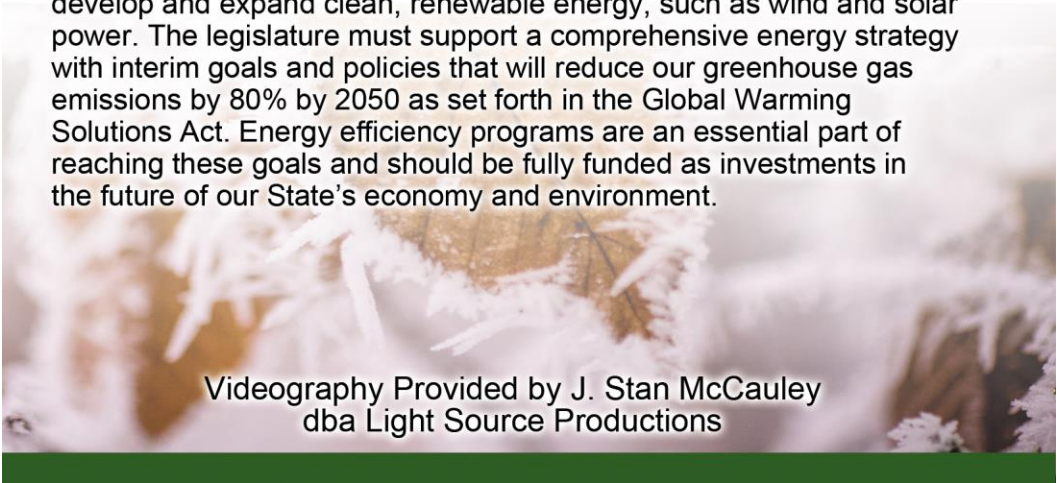
The panel will provide an overview of where we are in the state water planning process and flag key issues that must be addressed by the State, including protection of natural waters, sustainable water management, grandfathered water diversion rights (in “registrations”), and drought management. The issue of water as a “public trust resource” will be especially important when competing interests are at odds over this increasingly stressed resource.

PANEL: LAND CONSERVATION

This panel will describe current challenges to protecting Connecticut’s open space lands, the effort needed to stop new funding raids on the Community Investment Act and other conservation programs. New funding sources at the State and local levels will need the support of citizens and municipal leaders to get towns involved and to keep open space and recreational trails funding a state budget priority at the legislature. A state constitutional amendment to better protect state owned lands will be a top legislative priority this session.

PANEL: CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATE

The panel will discuss work that is being done in Connecticut to develop and expand clean, renewable energy, such as wind and solar power. The legislature must support a comprehensive energy strategy with interim goals and policies that will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050 as set forth in the Global Warming Solutions Act. Energy efficiency programs are an essential part of reaching these goals and should be fully funded as investments in the future of our State’s economy and environment.



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