

2022 ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT

January 25th

12:00 - 2:30pm

12:00 **Welcome & Overview**
Tribute to Julie Belaga

12:10 **State Funding**

The panel will discuss DEEP budget and staffing, specific programs impacted, federal funding opportunities, and aligning funding with state policy goals.

Speakers: Denise Savageau, Eric Hammerling, Amy Paterson, Rob LaFrance

12:55 **Environmental Justice**

Representative Geraldo Reyes and Representative Bobby Gibson, Chair and Vice Chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, will discuss the need for equitable investments and the effort to pass Environmental Justice legislation.

1:15 **Climate and Clean Energy**

The panel will discuss CT's Global Warming Solutions Act, efforts to end fossil fuel expansion, bolster energy efficiency programs, and remove obstacles to solar energy. The panel will also present a Climate Agenda for immediate action.

Speakers: Leah Lopez Schmalz, Sam Dynowski, Mark Scully, Amy McLean, Nathan Frohling

2:00 **Environment Committee priorities**

Senator Christine Cohen and Representative Joe Gresko, Co-Chairs of the Environment Committee, will provide insights on the committee's priority legislation for the session.

January 27th

12:00 - 2:30pm

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12:05 **Governor Lamont & DEEP Priorities**

Governor Lamont will speak to his administration's priorities for the environment. He will be joined by DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes who will provide an update on the Agency's activities and top priorities for the year ahead.

12:30 Waste Management

Scott Cassel of the Product Stewardship Institute will discuss legislation to require the manufacturers and distributors of products to develop environmentally responsible solutions to reduce waste resulting from their products, as well as plan for proper recycling or disposal.

12:45 Pesticides

Tara Cook-Littman will explain the need to ban the highly toxic pesticide Chlorpyrifos on Golf Courses across Connecticut. She will also explain the environmental damage to pollinators caused by neo-nicotinoid pesticides and outline efforts to better track and regulate these chemicals.

12:55 Transportation

This panel will address three critical efforts to reduce the impact of transportation pollution on our climate: adopting emission standards for trucks, removing obstacles for the sale of electric vehicles, and reducing our overall “vehicle miles traveled” in CT.

Speakers: Shannon Laun, Barry Kresch, Thomas Lefebvre

1:30 Youth Perspective

Following a short video by Roger Kuhns, leaders from the Sunrise CT movement will discuss their legislative priorities for the session.

Speakers: Roger Kuhns, Sena Wazer, Kimmy Reindl, Matthew Plourd, Max Coretto

2:00 Land Conservation

The panel will discuss recommendation to protect forests (“Forest Resilience” project), preserve and enhance agricultural soils, and review new recommendations to curb the threat of invasive species. There will be a short video on Solar Canopies.

Speakers: Eric Hammerling, Peter Hearn, Chelsea Gazillo, Kieren Rudge