

CONNECTICUT  
Land Conservation Council

**Summit on Land Use in Connecticut**  
***Connecting Grasstops to Grassroots***

January 19, 2024 9:30am - 3:30pm  
The Lyceum - 227 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT 06106

-Agenda-

**8:30am: Doors Open**

- ❖ Networking, coffee, tea, and light refreshments.

**9:30am: Opening Remarks**

- ❖ Amy Blaymore Paterson, Executive Director, Connecticut Land Conservation Council

**10:00am: Grasstops Panel (75 mins + 15 min Q&A)**

*Commissioners and other CT State Officials will discuss the current landscape of agency-level land use decisions. This discussion will offer insights into present and future opportunities for more strategic land use planning and policies in Connecticut.*

**Moderator**

- ❖ **John Guszkowski**  
*Co-Founder & Principal, Tyche Planning & Policy Group*

**Panelists:**

- ❖ **Commissioner Katie Dykes**  
*CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection*
- ❖ **Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt**  
*CT Department of Agriculture*
- ❖ **Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno**  
*CT Department of Housing*
- ❖ **Rebecca Augur, Responsible Growth Coordinator**  
*CT Office of Policy Management*
- ❖ **Binu Chandy, Director,**  
*Office of Brownfield Remediation & Development*  
- *CT Department of Economic and Community Development*

**11:30am: Lunch Break**

**12:45pm: Grassroots Panel (75 mins + 15 min Q&A)**

*Representatives from regional and municipal stakeholders will build on the conversation from the morning panel. They will discuss the nuances of land use at the local level, navigating state programs and policies, and opportunities to amplify community goals through innovative approaches across sectors.*

**Moderator**

- ❖ **Ashley Stewart,**  
*Owner, Stewart Environmental and Equity Consulting*

**Panelists:**

- ❖ **Kaleb Garrett, Founder**  
*The Circle*
- ❖ **Connie Manes, Director**  
*Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative*
- ❖ **Mirna Martinez, Executive Director**  
*Southeastern Connecticut Community Land Trust*
- ❖ **Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director, Planning & Development**  
*Town of Thompson, CT*
- ❖ **Francis Pickering, Executive Director**  
*Western Connecticut Council of Governments*
- ❖ **Jonathon Savage, Interim Executive Director**  
*Gather New Haven*

**2:15pm: Break (15 mins)**

**2:30pm: Audience Discussion: Insights, Questions, and Next Steps**

*To debrief, we will open up the space for a large group discussion. Audience members can offer their own reflections on topics covered earlier in the day. Attendees will be prompted to consider their own role in how land use is addressed within their sector of Connecticut and share any major takeaways from the summit panelists.*

**3:00pm: Closing Remarks**