



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



Connecticut Department of
**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

Mission

- Conserving, improving and protecting the natural resources and environmental quality in Connecticut
- Bringing cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy to the people and businesses of the state
- Building an integrated approach to energy and the environment that plays a positive role in growing Connecticut's economy, creating jobs, and fostering a sustainable and prosperous economic future



DEEP Priorities

- Fully protect human health, safety and the environment while supporting economic growth and job creation by:
 - Managing and protecting the quality of CT's air, water, and lands through the regulation of air emissions, wastewater discharges, and solid and hazardous wastes;
 - Conserve, protect, and enhance natural resources – including wildlife and aquatic species, key habitat areas and forest lands – and provide the public with high quality and diverse outdoor recreation opportunities at state parks and on other protected lands;
 - Promoting forward-looking energy efficiency, energy infrastructure, and clean power policies and programs, and effectively regulating the state's public utilities;
 - Implementing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate Climate Change and build more resilient and sustainable communities.



Strategies to Manage with Limited Resources

- Continue working with staff to advance opportunities and abilities to approach our work in thoughtful, efficient and innovative ways, by increasing cross-training and professional development
- Continue integrating the three branches of the agency – Environmental Conservation, Environmental Quality, Energy – to provide proactive, cohesive, and effective solutions to critical issues and new challenges
- Leverage our strong partnerships with other state agencies and stakeholders to increase efficiencies and develop new approaches
- Continue deploying staff to high priority areas and focus hiring on critical positions aligned with agency priorities
- Build on our multi-year LEAN initiative to improve decision making, and streamline processes and business operations
- Expand existing online services and e-government opportunities for the public and regulated entities, and build capacity for data-informed decision making
- Maintain our lands and built infrastructure in a manner that ensures public safety and enjoyment

