



THE TIME FOR CONNECTICUT CLIMATE ACTION IS NOW



* The Cost of Inaction Exceeds the Cost of Action *

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Falling Behind in Leadership

Connecticut used to be a leader on climate policy. Now, we are falling behind neighboring states. While costs continue to rise in grocery stores, on utility bills, and in insurance rates, the state of Connecticut is failing on supporting strong climate action to mitigate these effects.

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Billion Dollar Weather Disasters

In Connecticut, from 1980-2024, there have been 45 confirmed weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each. Extreme weather events cost in terms of property damage, physical and mental health effects, days lost from work, crop losses, and utility damages that must be repaid through rates. In 2023, ratepayers had \$634 million in storm recovery and preparation.

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Air Quality Costs to Health

Hartford-East Hartford, CT metro area was named 28th most polluted in the nation for ozone pollution and 2nd worst in the Northeast, according to the American Lung Association's 2024 "State of the Air" report. The report also found that the metro area ranked 4th worst in the Northeast for year-round particle pollution. Increased emergency department visits and healthcare costs (in 2021, acute asthma visits in CT cost \$86,155,820 million) with an estimated 4-11% increase in annual new asthma cases with rising temperatures.

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Extreme Heat Hospitalizations

In CT, according to Yale's climate report, from 2007 to 2016, there were on average 422 emergency department visits and 45 hospitalizations per year for heat stress in Connecticut. This number is likely far underreported; as physicians fail to attribute cause of illness to extreme heat.

Priority Bills to Watch!

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SB 9: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL AND STATE PLANNING, AND THE USE OF NEONICOTINOIDS AND SECOND-GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES

Flood insurance and disclosure notification updates, climate resiliency measures, and toxics protections.

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HB 5004: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ASSOCIATED JOB SECTORS.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goals, studies regarding energy, and green workforce development to increase transparency, accountability, and the just transition to clean energy.

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HB 6273: AN ACT ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR FARMERS WHO HAVE CROP LOSS DUE TO SIGNIFICANT ACUTE WEATHER EVENTS.

Farmers' Crop Loss Reimbursement Grant Program to reimburse farmers in the state who experience crop loss attributable to significant acute weather events.

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SJ 36: RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

The Connecticut Environmental Rights Amendment would give every person the right to clean and healthy air, water and soil, a stable climate, and healthy ecosystems and protect them equitably.

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HB 6280: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLIMATE CHANGE SUPERFUND

A Climate Superfund would require polluters to fiscally contribute to climate adaptation projects in the state.

Various bills to increase access to
energy efficiency, clean energy,
and renewable technologies



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