Flood Training Module for Municipal Decision Makers

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- Staying current on climate and resilience related issues is difficult; huge volume of information and new things being added
- Our goal for this project is to provide the most current information on issues related to climate resilience for both coastal and inland communities in Connecticut to local decision makers. Through short (10 to 15 minute) videos, commission members will learn about climate change in Connecticut and impacts with a goal of providing information that is useful for decision making at the local level.

Flooding in Connecticut Training Module

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https://youtu.be/r7-gtq9kd40

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- Climate Change in Connecticut under development
- Adaptation
- Stormwater
- Infrastructure
- Mapping Tools

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