

7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

7.3 Train Municipal Commissions

Objective

Increase the knowledge-base and effectiveness of your local boards and commissions.

What to Do

1. Send at least one commissioner from both your Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning Commissions (one representative per commission), as well as two commissioners from other active commissions of your choice, to an equity training session or another training session that is relevant to their commission. The training may be online, or in-person, in your community or a neighboring community. You may partner with neighboring towns to invite your council of government to provide a training session. The type of training can be loosely interpreted to meet the needs of your municipality; whether it's an event, workshop, webinar, conference, etc. Activities that are used to earn points toward this Action may not be used to earn points toward any other Sustainable CT Action (i.e., no "double-counting").

Submit: The name of each commissioner and their associated commission, who attended a training, as well as the name and date of the training.

1. In September 2016 to P&Z Commission alternative members: Dennis Yeskey and Victoria Goss attended Land Use Academy offered by UConn.
<http://clear.uconn.edu/lua/advanced/index.htm>
2. William Rutherford, Conservation Commission Chairman received a training on April 2018, at Invasive Plant Control Workshop held by Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in Winsor, CT
3. Norma Kerlin, one of Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency member received Master Gardner certification through attending plant clinic at the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford in spring and summer last year. In addition, she attended *Hot Topic* on June 1, 2017 about climate change and on July 17, 2018, she learned about new ways of combating the wool adelgid tree disease. At the NY Botanical Garden she attended courses which included 1/24/17 Panda and Bogs, 3/11/17 Vines, 5/18-6/22 2017 Herbaceous Plants, 11/29, 30, 12/12, 6 7, 9/2017 Urban Naturalis Program.
4. Susan Baker, Shellfish Commission attended on Sunday, August 5, 2018 *Blue Crabs* presented by Tim Visel, former lobsterman who now is the Coordinator at New Haven's Sound School, discusses the status of Blue Crabs in the Sound and along the East Coast as well as new discoveries in understanding their larval stages. Explore the crabs of LI Sound all afternoon. This lecture is part of the Fred Elser First Sunday Science at the Seaside Center series.