



# Community & Natural Resources Planning Program

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Join other land use commissioners and interested residents at workshops addressing the concerns of Connecticut communities. Each workshop will include ample time for discussion. These workshops are sponsored by Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency CRERPA



## Nov and Dec 2011 Workshops - in CT River Estuary

### LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT I - Mike Deitz

Nov 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday  
7-8:30pm

Low impact development (LID), an alternative approach to land development, focuses on preserving the hydrologic function of a landscape. LID tools such as bioretention, "rain gardens," pervious pavement and green roofs will be discussed in detail, with a focus on local examples and the costs versus benefits.

**LOCATION:** Middlesex County Extension Center, 1066 Old Saybrook Rd (Rte 154), Haddam



### BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLANNING - Susan Westa

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday  
7-8:30pm

Towns in Connecticut can become more sustainable by using resource inventories to guide growth and development. A solid natural resource based land use plan and implementing strategies designed to protect green infrastructure are necessary to sustain a community's environment and its character as it grows.

**LOCATION:** Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Paula Stahl

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday  
7-8:30pm

There are only three basics of economic development: retaining existing businesses and helping them expand, attracting new businesses and encouraging start-up businesses - but many ways to go about it. What's the right approach for your town? See how other communities have successfully implemented an economic development plan.

**LOCATION:** Essex Town Hall, 29 West Ave ( Rte 9, Exit 3 - turn left to West Ave), Essex



**Advance registration preferred. Fee: \$5 for each workshop**

To Register call 1-860-774-9600 ext 24 or email [susan.westa@uconn.edu](mailto:susan.westa@uconn.edu)

The Community & Natural Resource Planning Program (CNP) is a program of the University of Connecticut's Cooperative Extension System addressing community and natural resource planning issues throughout Connecticut. CNP's goal is to improve the knowledge base from which local land use & natural resource decisions are made. To learn more about our prior program, please visit [www.GreenValleyInstitute.org](http://www.GreenValleyInstitute.org) CNP's partners include the Connecticut Environmental Review Team (ERT) providing a public service available to all Connecticut municipalities free of charge to assist them in environmentally sound decision-making. [www.CTERT.org](http://www.CTERT.org)

*Mike Dietz is a water resources educator with the University of Connecticut Extension. He has a Masters and Ph.D. that focus on stormwater and low impact development (LID) techniques. Mike has experience in stormwater monitoring and LID, in addition to green building, energy conservation, and water harvesting.*

*Susan Westa, AICP, is a UConn Extension Educator with over 20 years of experience working with local communities on community and environmental planning issues. Recently her work has focused on innovative tools and techniques that help communities protect what they value while continuing to grow.*

*Paula Stahl, LLA, ASLA, AICP has been a UConn Extension Land Use Educator for 9 years. She holds an MBA in Finance and a BS in Landscape Architecture, and was a municipal finance director in Connecticut for 12 years. This unique background gives her a clear understanding of the fiscal impact of land use decisions. She is also the Chair of her town's Planning and Zoning Commission.*