



The Last Green Valley

This NASA satellite image shows the eastern US at night. From south of Washington DC to north of Boston the night sky is illuminated by lights with the exception of the area around The Last Green Valley.

Dark skies are an integral part of the unique character of The Last Green Valley. The region got its name from pilots flying into Boston's Logan Airport from the south who saw it at night as the last dark area along the east coast. They would radio the control tower to say they were beginning their decent "at the Last Green Valley".

Come hear from an organization who's primary goal is to protect dark skies in regions like The Last Green Valley.



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Light pollution is called the theft of the night. In many communities you can no longer see the stars at night. Communities in The Last Green Valley struggle with how to keep the region's sky dark. There are techniques and lighting alternatives that can be used to address this goal. Many communities around the country are implementing ordinances to ensure that their skies remain dark. Come learn what other communities are doing to address this concern.

In June 2010 the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) developed a model ordinance that can help communities in TLGV maintain this important regional characteristic. Leo Smith, from the IDA will present this ordinance and share lessons learned from other communities who are working to protect their nighttime skies.

This topic is of interest to civic leaders, Planning and Economic Development Commission members, professional planners, landscape architects, and engineers, commercial property owners and investors, and developers, who are interested in keeping The Last Green Valley Green and Dark.

Leo Smith is a member of the International Dark-Sky Association Board of Directors, the Northeast IDA Chapter Coordinator and the IDA Connecticut Chapter Leader. Mr. Smith has drafted a number of ordinances and state statues that promote dark skies and the use of more energy efficient lighting. Mr. Smith has received multiple awards including the 2006 President's Award from the Illuminating Engineering Society for his work on the Model Outdoor Municipal Lighting Code Task Force.

Location and Info:

Chaplin Fire Station
on Rte 198
1/3 mile north of Rte 6



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Green Valley Institute, a cooperative venture among The Last Green Valley, UConn College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, UMass Extension, The Nature Conservancy and numerous other partners.

It is dedicated to: improving the knowledge base from which land use and natural resource decisions are made, and building local capacity to protect and manage natural resources as our region grows.



Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) is a program of the United States Department of Agriculture,

led by local volunteer councils that help people care for and protect their natural resources in a way that improves the local economy, environment and living standards.

Questions?

Contact GVI at 1-860-774-9600 ext 24
or email susan.westa@uconn.edu

Registration

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\$15 including a light dinner

We can provide light dinner and handouts only to those who have registered and paid one week in advance. Space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Please register by February 18th

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