

## **Branford Coastal Vulnerability ad hoc Working Group**

Town of Branford, Connecticut

Paul Muniz, Tracy Everson, Jonathan Waters, Peter Hentschel (chairperson)  
invited: Curt Johnson, Sharon Huttner, James Calderwood,  
guest, Yaprak Onat of CIRCA



Scheduled Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 5:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 896 9511 3126 Passcode: 552808 Phone 646-558-8656

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Discuss status and the next steps on the following primary ongoing initiatives:
  - a. CIRCA sea level monitoring and emergency notification system trials – Branford participation
    - Goal 1: to acquire new data on tidal sea level cycles and resulting road flooding.
    - Goal 2: to allow Branford to use their alert system to put out “micro-alerts” to neighborhoods.
    - Review and discussion of press release by TE
  - b. Community Flood Reporting and Photographic data acquisition - “MyCoast” Application
    - Goal 1: to engage the community in the photographic collection of roadway flooding data
    - Goal 2: to work with the MyCoast application software group in CA to facilitate uploading data
    - Review recent submissions - flood events
    - Discuss community engagement and press release?
  - c. Roadway Flooding – finding protective solutions – nuisance flooding tide walls.
    - Goal: to investigate possible resilience actions, consult with key regulatory authorities including DEEP, and determine DEEP’s response to - protecting low roadways from nuisance flooding by use of low retention walls, etc.
    - Update
  - d. WWTP vulnerability study – status of Phase 2, preliminary design of conceptual solutions
    - Goal: to promote the “hardening” of the town’s sanitary system and treatment plan.
    - Update
  - e. Zoning Regulation and Town Ordinance tools - PZC / CVWG joint working group - status
    - Goal: to determine actions to build resilience through ordinances and/or zoning regulations.
    - Update on meeting with new Town Planner
    - Discuss CIRCA engagement

Peter Hentschel, Chairperson