

Second Annual

RESILIENT CONNECTICUT SUMMIT

November 20, 2020

9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

CIRCA initiated the Resilient Connecticut project in 2018 in coordination with state agencies, regional councils of governments, and municipalities in the Superstorm Sandy impacted regions of New Haven and Fairfield Counties. The project will generate recommendations for a *Statewide Resilience Roadmap* that includes regional resilience planning, policy considerations, and actionable priorities. In addition, science-based risk assessments will inform municipal to regional scale initiatives and pilot projects to tackle challenges of future storms, sea-level rise, and riverine flooding.

Keynote Address

Barry E. Hill is a Visiting Scholar at the Environmental Law Institute, which is a research, education, and publication nongovernmental organization at the Vermont Law School. Previously, Mr. Hill was the senior counsel for environmental governance of the Office of International and Tribal Affairs at the U.S. EPA. He also served as the director of the Office of Environmental Justice at the EPA, the associate solicitor of the Division of Conservation and Wildlife, and director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the U.S. Department of the Interior. ([Read his full bio](#))



Dr. Hill will discuss the close interrelationship between environmental justice and climate justice in the United States, and how the victims of environmental/climate injustice are potential "climate refugees." Environmental/climate justice are environmental, public health, and public policy issues. He will then discuss how attorney generals in several different climate change cases are seeking to address these issues using traditional state environmental laws, environmental justice legislation, environmental rights amendments, public trust laws, as well as consumer protection laws. Finally, he will offer valuable observations for policy makers in Connecticut.

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Event Location

Virtual (a link to join this event will be sent on Nov. 19th by Total Webcasting to all registrants)

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About CIRCA

The mission of the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) is to increase the resilience and sustainability of vulnerable communities along Connecticut's coast and inland waterways to the growing impacts of climate change on the natural, built, and human environment.



Agenda

9:00 – 9:45	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shanté Hanks, Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Housing • Jim O’Donnell, CIRCA Executive Director and Professor of Marine Sciences, University of Connecticut • John Truscinski, CIRCA Director of Resilience Planning 								
9:45 – 10:25	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Barry E. Hill, Adjunct Professor, Environmental Law Institute, Vermont Law School - “Attorney Generals Addressing Instances of Environmental/Climate Injustice Through Climate Change Litigation” (Moderated by Joe MacDougald, UConn Professor in Residence, Exec. Director of Center for Energy & Environmental Law)</p>								
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