

Our Changing Climate - Its Impacts on the Economy and the Way We Live A Symposium

April 15, 2016

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Middlesex Community College
Chapman Hall
100 Training Hill Road
Middletown, CT 06457**

It's not just sea level rise and coastal flooding. Our changing climate affects all aspects of our lives - our infrastructure, our farms, the wildlife around us, our leisure activities, the tourist attractions that draw people to our towns and our businesses, and more. The direct effect and the ripple effects of our changing climate impact our economy and the way we live. We need to think about how we build our roads and how we design our drainage, about the vegetables we buy from our local farms and the animals we find in our backyards, about our tourist attractions and the businesses the tourists frequent. Come learn more about the issues and how to deal with them.

Early Registration (until March 15): \$40

Regular Registration: \$45

Student Registration: \$20

Optional Lunch: \$15

See full Program below. AICP CM Credits Pending

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PROGRAM

- 8:00-8:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30-8:35 **Welcome to MxCC** – Anna Wasecha, MxCC President
- 8:35-9:00 **Introduction and Overview** – Bruce Hyde/Juliana Barrett, UConn
- 9:00-9:45 **Change is Happening** – David Vallee, Hydrologist in Charge, NOAA/NWS, Northeast River Forecast Center
 changes in rainfall frequencies, the shifting design storm based on the new NOAA Atlas, changes in general flood behavior in the lower Connecticut basin and sea level rise and storm surge
- 9:45-10:15 **Infrastructure** – Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, City of New Haven,
 impacts of the change in storminess on drainage systems, roads, and infrastructure, including how green infrastructure/LID figures into the equation
- 10:15-10:30 **Break**
- 10:30-11:30 **Agriculture/Recreation/Tourism Impacts**
 Kip Kolesinskas (CT Dept. of Agriculture) - effects on farms and the foods and products we can buy locally
 Michelle Eckman (CT Audubon) - consequences for biodiversity and ecosystems, impacts on tourism and the animals we see in our yards
 Chris Dobbs (CT River Museum) – the immediate impact of the rising river on the museum and the potential ripple effect on tourist attraction has on other tourist attractions and businesses
 Sean Hayes (Powder Ridge Mountain Park & Resort) – how the change in storminess and everyday weather affects seasonal businesses and the tourist industry
- 11:30-11:40 **Brief Break**
- 11:40-1:00 **Panel** – Question & Answer:
 David Vallee – NOAA/NWS
 Giovanni Zin - Infrastructure
 Kip Kolesinskas – Agriculture
 Michelle Eckman - Wildlife
 Chris Dobbs – Tourism
 Sean Hayes - Recreation
- 1:00 **Optional Lunch**

