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SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Juliana Barrett is with the University of Connecticut [Sea Grant College Program](#) and the Department of Extension. Her work focuses on adaptation, resilience and coastal habitat management and restoration working with Connecticut's municipalities, NGO's and state and federal partners. Prior to coming to Sea Grant in 2006 she worked as a consultant and for The Nature Conservancy as the Director of the Connecticut River Tidelands Last Great Places Program. She has a doctorate in plant ecology from the University of Connecticut and is a co-author of the Vegetation of Connecticut.

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As a Co-Founder of AirShark, Jon leads business development efforts. An FAA licensed pilot, Jon has been part of the success of two solar startups during the last decade. Before that, Jon was entrenched in both water quality technical instrumentation sales and water research with the federal government. A graduate of Colorado State University and Enterprise Airline Academy, Jon's technical sales skills, aviation background and energy experience have come full circle in helping AirShark become a reality.

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The NRCS is the federal government's premier conservation organization on private lands. As District Conservationist, Raymond manages county-level allocation, obligation and implementation of over 160 contracts valued at over \$9 million; and supervises the workload, training plans and day-to-day activities of field staff. He has developed partnerships with non-profits, municipalities and state agencies to leverage funds and improve outreach; and implemented Farm Bill conservation activities in a cooperative effort with internal and external partners. Raymond spearheaded the soil health movement in CT, a process that looks at managing the landscape to reduce inputs while improving soil function, increasing carbon sequestration, infiltration, improving nutrient cycling, and water holding capacity. In 2014, he received a Permaculture Design Certificate through [Permaculture FEAST](#), where he studied regenerative design lifestyle in a holistic way, incorporating social, economic, logistical, and ecological learning. Raymond graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources Management from the University of Connecticut and has worked for NRCS since 2002.

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Chris Donnelly has the good fortune to work with a broad cross-section of people involved with trees and urban forestry in the state of Connecticut. The urban forestry program at DEEP runs a small grant program, with the funding courtesy of the US Forest Service. DEEP Forestry also recommends communities as Tree City USA's and has an advisory role on a range of urban forestry related issues.



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Since graduating from the University of Maine, Orono, with a degree in Plant and Soil Sciences, Lisa has mapped soils in Maine and Florida, provided technical soils services in southern Maine, served as an agronomist and soil scientist on a New England Staff. She now provides technical soil services for NRCS Connecticut and is actively involved in educational programs such as the CT Envirothon and UCONN's Natural Resources Conservation Academy.

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As a salt marsh technician Katelyn traveled to marshes all along the coast of RI conducting bird and vegetation surveys. While working at EPA, she became interested in studying how anthropogenic stressors affect salt marshes and understanding ways in which research can inform management and policy decisions in order to protect and restore these valuable systems. Her master's work focuses on exploring how anthropogenic nitrogen loading affects greenhouse gas emissions from marshes along a nitrogen gradient. This work will contribute to a larger collaborative effort to provide data and a feasibility analysis needed to introduce wetland restoration to carbon markets. In addition, she is also interested in examining marsh migration in response to sea level rise. During her free time Katelyn enjoys traveling abroad to new places as well as kayaking, biking, and running.

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Joanna supports planning staff in the development, updating and implementation of regional/local Plans of Conservation & Development. She assists with transportation planning efforts, carries out specific research tasks and prepares technical reports for NHCOG planning staff. Joanna created and maintains the GIS databases, prepares GIS maps, maintains the NHCOG website and conduct social media outreach as needed during regional plan development or other planning activities. Joanna is a Doctoral Candidate at Antioch University with an MS in Environmental Planning & Management from Johns Hopkins University. She is a former Chair of the Sherman Conservation Commission and served as President of Friends of Happy Acres (a group of community members that seek to protect the rural character, environmental sustainability, and legacy of Happy Acres Farm in Sherman, CT).