

Climate Adaptation Academy Workshop

Legal Issues in the Age of Climate Adaptation III: Road Flooding:

January 25, 2019

Middlesex County Extension Center, Haddam, CT

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15 Introduction

9:15 – 10:00 **SLAMM II** – David Kozak, Senior Coastal Planner, Land and Water Resources Division CT DEEP

Model results of tidal wetland migration and road flooding under various sea level rise scenarios

10:00- 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:15 **Physical/Engineered Responses to Road Flooding –**

Janice Plaziak (Town Engineer, Guilford); Steve Johnson (Acting Asst. Public Works Director/Open Space and Nat. Resource Agent, Milford)

Various approaches to identifying and prioritizing road flooding issues, as explored by municipal planners, conservation officers, and engineers including consideration of environmental and natural resource impacts, basic engineering concerns and local “political” issues.

11:15 – Noon **Legal Issues: Review Legal Factsheet: Responding to Nuisance Flooding of Coastal Highways: Options for Municipalities**

A discussion of legal underpinnings to road flooding responses including road discontinuance, road elevation and road abandonment.

Read Porter, Senior Staff Attorney, Marine Affairs Institute and Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program, Roger William University School of Law and Olivia Thompson, Legal Intern and Student, Roger Williams School of Law.

Noon –12:30 LUNCH

12:30 – 1:30 **Environmental and Regulatory Implications of Adaptation Alternatives –**

Harry Yamalis, Environmental Analyst II Land and Water Resources Division, CT DEEP, Jeff Caiola, Assistant Director, Land & Water Resources Division, CT DEEP, and Paula Kullberg, Senior Project Manager, Regulatory Division, ACOE

Exploration of expected environmental/natural resource impacts of solutions to road flooding such as elevating roads, bridges, and culverts and the associated regulatory regimes and requirements.

1:30 –2:30 **Panel Discussion and Q & A**