

# CLEAR Programs in Action

The University of Connecticut Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) provides information, education and assistance to land use decision makers on how better to protect natural resources while accommodating economic growth. Land use and land use planning are critical issues that help to determine the vibrancy of our communities, the health of our natural resources and the viability of our Connecticut economy. **Website: [clear.uconn.edu](http://clear.uconn.edu)**

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## NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials)

**Website: [nemo.uconn.edu](http://nemo.uconn.edu)**

The NEMO Program is a statewide program for Connecticut communities that focuses on the links between land use and water resource protection. NEMO has been educating local land use decision makers since 1991 on a range of topics related to stormwater management and natural resource-based planning. NEMO is a partnership between Extension and the Connecticut Sea Grant College Program.

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## Land Use Academy

**Website: [clear.uconn.edu/lua](http://clear.uconn.edu/lua)**

The Land Use Academy provides practical education on the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to serve effectively on a local land use commission. The Academy's training is offered in locations across Connecticut, allowing commissioners statewide the opportunity to participate. The Land Use Academy is recognized as the state's official certification program in basic land use education for local commissioners.

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## National NEMO Network

**Website: [nemonet.uconn.edu](http://nemonet.uconn.edu)**

The National NEMO Network is a group of projects patterned after the University of Connecticut NEMO Program. Currently comprised of 31 programs in 30 states, the Network exists to share ideas, resources and tools in the pursuit of educating local land use decision makers on balancing growth and natural resource protection.

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## Forestry

**Website:** [www.ctforestry.uconn.edu](http://www.ctforestry.uconn.edu)

The University of Connecticut's Extension Forestry Programs provide information and assistance to the private landowners that own the majority of Connecticut's forest lands. The Coverts Project and the Forest Stewardship Program help landowners develop skills and formulate plans to better manage their forest lands, while the Urban and Community Forestry Program and Meskwaka Tree Project assist communities in caring for their trees and wooded landscapes.

## Geospatial Training

**Website:** [clear.uconn.edu/geospatial](http://clear.uconn.edu/geospatial)

The Geospatial Training Program conducts hands-on training courses to introduce new users to GIS, GPS and remote sensing technologies, and connects existing users to data sources and the latest developments in the geospatial world.

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## The Community & Natural Resource Planning (CNP)

The Community and Natural Resource Planning Program (CNP) provides educational resources to help communities plan for their future. CNP's programs address issues related to growth and community character; building green infrastructure; innovative regulatory tools and techniques; and the economics of land use.

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## LERIS (Laboratory for Earth Resource Information Systems)

**Website:** [clear.uconn.edu/LERIS](http://clear.uconn.edu/LERIS)

LERIS is the main research program of CLEAR, and the principal place at the University of Connecticut for conducting remote sensing and GIS research focused on natural resources, landscape characterization and change, and the interaction of the two.