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Your Weekly CCM Digest

January 7, 2026

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## A Message from the Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS):



The CEDAS Hour, a monthly webinar series created in 2025, continues for 2026 this month with "Proactive vs. Reactive Resilience in Connecticut: Creating Value & the Results of Inaction." CEDAS President, Kevin Bielmeier, is joined by Weston & Sampson planning, resilience, and economic development staff to explore the value of resilience improvements, including the economic benefits of acting sooner rather than later. The presentation will cover the vulnerability assessment process and why comprehensive, proactive planning is critical for effective flood and infrastructure resilience. Attendees will gain practical insights and tools to assess their community and projects and identify funding opportunities to advance local resilience initiatives.

### W&S Staff:

Robert Collins, AICP, Connecticut Planning Lead

Lindsay Naughton, AICP, Climate Resilience Project Manager

Karen Prescott, CEcD, Economic Development Project Manager

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

12 p.m. via Zoom

Free with registration. [Click here to register.](#)



**Are Residency Requirements a valuable tool that ensures a connection to your community or a barrier to robust candidate pools?**

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## Events & Workshops

### *Events You Should Know*

[Are you Newly Elected? Remember to Register for CCM's Newly Elected Workshop!](#)



Newly Elected Officials Workshop:

Date: Saturday, January 10, 2026

Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Courtyard Marriott Hartford in Cromwell; 4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416

CCM holds workshops for newly elected municipal officials every other year after the November elections. This event is meant to provide the basics for anyone new to municipal government and to serve as an opportunity to meet other municipal officials.

Topics include the Fundamentals of Municipal Government, FOIA Meetings & Ethics, and Municipal Finance 101.

**LIMITED ON-SITE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE.**

For questions, please e-mail [ccmtraining@ccm-ct.org](mailto:ccmtraining@ccm-ct.org)

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*Workshop Calendar*

- January 8, 2026, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - [Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network \(CLMRN\)](#)
- January 10, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - [2026 Newly Elected Officials Training \(In Person\)](#)
- January 21, 2026, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - [Protect Every Bus Stop: How CT Towns Are Reducing Illegal School Bus Passings](#)
- January 22, 2026, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - [Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection - Division of Fire Services Administration](#)
- January 23, 2026, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - [The Art of Positive Employee Relations for Leaders](#)

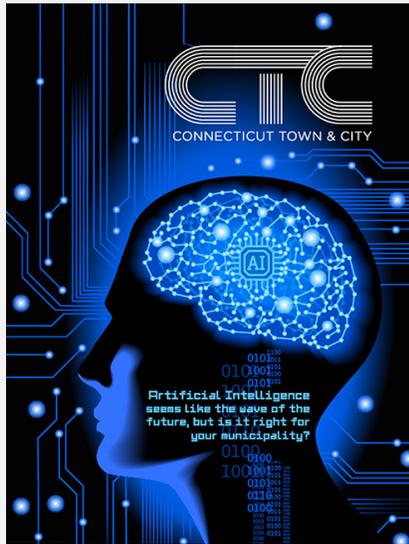
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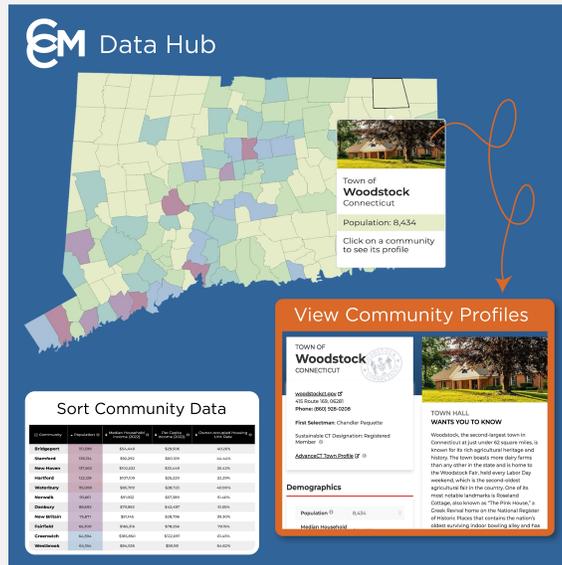
- *CT Insider*, [Joe DeLong \(opinion\): Connecticut's affordability crisis is no accident](#)
- *The Day*, [New London mayor elected president of powerful municipal lobbying group](#)
- *CT News Junkie*, [Four CT Communities Honored For Innovation, Sustainability and Resident Services](#)

### Research & Data



CCM is excited to announce the launch of its new DataHub. A one-stop-shop for municipal data, this page will feature detailed, informative information for municipal officials, policymakers, and residents.

[Check Out CCM's DataHub](#)



## Policy & Advocacy

### 2026 Legislative Session

The [2026 Legislative Session](#) is just around the corner, beginning in less than a month on **February 4** and **concluding on May 6**. This year's session is a short one, meaning business will move quickly and public hearings will arrive before we know it. We encourage members to attend our [virtual Legislative Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.](#), where we will discuss issues likely to come up during the legislative session and get your input on how to address them. Please feel free to reach out to members of our policy and advocacy team with any questions.

### Update on HB 8002

Now that Governor Lamont has [signed HB 8002 into law](#), we want to provide you with a clear overview of the major components of the bill and how they reflect the priorities and concerns raised by municipal officials throughout this process.

Leading up to last week's action by the legislature, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) worked closely with CCM membership, the Council of Small Towns (COST), the Connecticut Council of Governments (CTCOG), Governor Lamont, and legislative leadership over many months to ensure that municipal voices were central to the bill's development. The version passed by the General Assembly represents meaningful progress on several critical fronts.

Be on the lookout for the announcement of a joint workshop on this new bill.





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