

Good Morning everyone,

As we are approaching the January 1, 2024 deadline to complete the initial four (4) required credits of the land use commissioner training under the CGS Sec. 8-4c, I am excited to share a number of upcoming opportunities for our commissioners to obtain the required credits. I am listing the most immediate opportunities below and providing a link to our CT Land Use Commissioner Training Calendar [CT Land Use Commissioner Training \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com/calendar?calendar=ct_land_use_commissioner_training) where you can find training information and registration links (when available). Feel free to share the link to the calendar with your commissioners.

August 31, 2023: Land Use Commissioner Training - NHCOG 5th Thursday Event (1.5 credits - virtual)

The 5th Thursday event hosted by the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) will feature the CLEAR *Land Use Academy - Basic Training, The Legal Requirements & Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities* and provide 1.5 hours of credit toward the state required land use commissioner training. Presented by Renata Bertotti, AICP, Assistant Extension Educator in LU Planning and Climate Resilience, UConn CLEAR & CAHNR Department of Extension. Session will be presented online over ZOOM, be open to all and start at 7:00 p.m.

September 7, 2023: Land Use Commissioner Training - SCCOG (1.5 credits-virtual)

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) will host the CLEAR *Land Use Academy - Basic Training, Legal Requirements and Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities*, which provides 1.5 hours of credit toward the state required land use commissioner training. Presented by Renata Bertotti, AICP, Assistant Extension Educator in LU Planning and Climate Resilience, UConn CLEAR & CAHNR Department of Extension. Session will be presented online over ZOOM, be open to all and start at 6:30 p.m.

September 21, 2023: Land Use Commissioner Training - CRCOG (1.5 credits-virtual)

The Capital Region Connecticut Council of Governments (CRCOG) will host the CLEAR *Land Use Academy - Basic Training, Legal Requirements and Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities*, which provides 1.5 hours of credit toward the state required land use commissioner training. Presented by Renata Bertotti, AICP, Assistant Extension Educator in LU Planning and Climate Resilience, UConn CLEAR & CAHNR Department of Extension. Session will be presented online over ZOOM, be open to all and start at 7:00 p.m.

September 28, 2023: Land Use Commissioner Training - SCCOG (1.5 credits – in-person)

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) will host the CLEAR *Land Use Academy - Basic Training, Fundamentals of Reading Plans*, which provides 1.5 hours of credit toward the state required land use commissioner training. Presented by Renata Bertotti, AICP, Assistant Extension Educator in LU Planning and Climate Resilience, UConn CLEAR & CAHNR Department of Extension. This session assists commissioners with developing plan reading skills including understanding scale, topography, hydrology and stormwater. Participants learn to translate what is on the plans to what it will look like on the ground. The in-person session will start at 6:30 p.m. at 5 Connecticut Avenue, Norwich, CT 06360. The attendance is limited, future sessions may be held if there is interest.

September 30, 2023: Land Use Commissioner Training - NVCOG (4 credits – in person)

The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments will host the CLEAR *Land Use Academy Basic Training – The Legal Requirements & Procedures, Roles & Responsibilities and The Fundamentals of Reading Plans* which will cover three (3) credits of the required CGS Sec. 8-4c training. Presented by Renata Bertotti, AICP, Assistant Extension Educator in LU Planning and Climate Resilience, UConn CLEAR & CAHNR

Department of Extension. At the same event, Jocelyn Ayer, Director of the [Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity](#), will present a session on *Fair and Affordable Housing Policies*, which will cover one (1) credit on Fair and Affordable Housing Policies as required by State Statute. Registration details for this in-person event will be provided in September.

October 12, 2023: Land Use Commissioner Training - SCRCOG (4 credits – in person)

The South Central Regional Council of Governments will host the CLEAR *Land Use Academy Basic Training – The Legal Requirements & Procedures, Roles & Responsibilities and The Fundamentals of Reading Plans* which will cover three (3) credits of the required CGS Sec. 8-4c training. Presented by Renata Bertotti, AICP, Assistant Extension Educator in LU Planning and Climate Resilience, UConn CLEAR & CAHNR Department of Extension. At the same event, David Fink, former Policy Director at Partnership for Strong Communities and SCRCOG Regional Housing Consultant, will present a session on *Fair and Affordable Housing Policies* which will cover one (1) credit on Fair and Affordable Housing Policies as required by State Statute. This will be an in-person event conducted at location TBD, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and the attendance will be limited. Session will be recorded.

October 28, 2023: Land Use Commissioner Training - UConn CLEAR @ Middlesex County Extension (4 credits – in person)

The UConn Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) will be running an all-day *Land Use Academy* on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the UConn Middlesex County Extension Center located at 1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam, CT, 06438. This will be an in-person event at which the four (4) credits of the required CGS Sec. 8-4c training will be provided. Renata Bertotti will present the *Land Use Academy Basic Training – The Legal Requirements & Procedures, Roles & Responsibilities and The Fundamentals of Reading Plans*, which will cover three (3) credits of the required CGS Sec. 8-4c training, and Mark Branse, a distinguished attorney from Halloran Sage, will present a session on *Fair and Affordable Housing Policies* which will cover one (1) credit on Fair and Affordable Housing Policies as required by the State Statute. We plan on recording this session and posting it on CLEAR website for those who cannot attend. However, I am told that we have the best food caterer ever (at nominal charge to attendees), so in-person attendance is strongly recommended 😊. The Academy will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration will be available here soon: <https://clear.uconn.edu/lu/>

November 16, 2023: Land Use Commissioner Training @CRCOG (1.5 credits - virtual)

The Capital Region Connecticut Council of Governments will host the CLEAR *Land Use Academy - Basic Training, Fundamentals of Reading Plans*, which provides 1.5 hours of credit toward the state required land use commissioner training. Presented by Renata Bertotti, AICP, Assistant Extension Educator in LU Planning and Climate Resilience, UConn CLEAR & CAHNR Department of Extension. This session assists commissioners with developing plan reading skills including understanding scale, topography, hydrology and stormwater. Participants learn to translate what is on the plans to what it will look like on the ground. Session will be presented online over ZOOM, be open to all and start at 7:00 p.m.

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