

**Notice: Public Information Session**  
**Concerning a Middletown/Berlin/Meriden Recreational Trails Grant Application for the**  
**The Lamentation Mountain Area**  
**November 18, 2025 @ 6:30 PM**  
**Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Road, Room 120**

Lamentation Mountain Area Master Plan Project

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is leading an effort, on behalf of the cities of Middletown and Meriden, and Town of Berlin, to apply for a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Recreational Trails Grant to prepare a master plan for the Lamentation Mountain Area. After the Lamentation Mountain area fire in the Fall of 2024, the towns initiated a dialogue about the appropriate response to restoration and improvements after the fire, and the identification of possible funding sources for these purposes. The Hawthorne/Lamentation Mountain fire damaged undeveloped areas in Berlin and Meriden and there were collateral impacts in Middletown related to roads created to fight the blaze. Berlin worked with Meriden, Middletown, and the three regional planning agencies (CRCOG, SCRCOG, and RiverCOG) to prepare for future funding opportunities. Each of the Towns contributed \$2,000 and CRCOG solicited proposals from firms to prepare a scope of work and cost estimate for future planning that could be used as the basis of a grant application that would focus on detailed planning, design, and cost estimating for future implementation grants. Tighe and Bond was selected for this work and prepared a scope and cost estimate for a Lamentation Mountain Master Plan.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) issued an invitation to submit grant applications for the Recreational Trails Grant Program with a due date of December 18, 2025. CRCOG is preparing a grant application for the Master Plan project. The grants require a 20% match and Berlin and Middletown have approved match contributions and Meriden is working on securing approval for its match contribution.

A public information session on the proposed application is being hosted by the Berlin Conservation Commission and will be part of the Berlin Conservation Commission's regular meeting on Tuesday November 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Room 120 of Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT. Interested parties may attend in person or remotely by video. The public information session is being held to provide information and to receive comments from nearby property owners and other members of the public. Additional information about the proposed application will be available for public viewing at the Planning and Zoning Department, Room 121, Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin and the Land Use Department, Room 111, Middletown City Hall, 245 deKoven Drive, Middletown. Information and remote links to attend the meeting can also be found at the events section of the homepage of the Town of Berlin website at [berlinct.gov](http://berlinct.gov), the homepage of the City of Middletown website at [middletownct.gov](http://middletownct.gov), and on the CRCOG Meetings and Events webpage at: <https://crocogct.gov/meetings-and-events/>.

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Planner, Capitol Region Council of Government (CRCOG) at [scarrizales@crcogct.gov](mailto:scarrizales@crcogct.gov) or 860-724-4278 with questions regarding the Recreational Trails Grant Application.