

***RETIREED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, June 24, 2015.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.***

DENISE SAVAGEAU

CLIMATE CHANGE, WHAT IT MEANS FOR GREENWICH



In reading the newspapers, and watching the news on television, it often seems that the effects of climate change are felt somewhere else: droughts, turbulent weather such as tornadoes and hurricanes, rising sea levels, impacts on the ecosystem. The gathering storm seems far away, so that we do not think of it as affecting our lives and our community in Greenwich. But that would be a mistake. Denise Savageau has served as Conservation Director for the Town of Greenwich's Conservation Commission since November 1997, responsible for protecting the natural and cultural resources of the Town. She will discuss the impacts of climate change on Greenwich and what this means in terms of planning for a resilient community. She will review types of changes we are experiencing already, what else can we expect, and what types of climate adaptations the Town of Greenwich should be considering for long term sustainability.

The Greenwich Conservation Commission is an advisory board set up under State statute and local ordinance to assist the Town with planning and management of its natural and cultural resources. Its staff works daily with Planning and Zoning, Inland Wetlands, Health, Parks and Recreation and the Board of Selectmen. In addition to her primary responsibility for environmental planning, Ms. Savageau is actively involved in the Town's Emergency Operations Center, hazard mitigation planning and education, and she leads the Town's community resiliency/climate change adaptation program. Her focus is on a myriad of local, state, and national environmental issues that impact local communities. Currently she serves on the Connecticut Water Planning Council Advisory Board and co-chairs a workgroup to update the State's Drought Management Plan, is a member of the CT Source Water Collaborative, and is also involved with the University of Connecticut's Sea Grant program called the Coastal Storm Awareness Program, a tri-state initiative. She also served on the Governor's Climate Change Adaptation Subcommittee and co-chaired its infrastructure subcommittee. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and holds a B.S. in Agricultural Economics with a concentration in Environmental Economics and Natural Resource Management.

RMA Meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:45 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 11:00. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.