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Community Resilience Building Workshops available to Sustainable CT communities.

Sustainable CT has partnered with the Nature Conservancy to offer complimentary [Community Resilience Building Workshops](#) to communities across the state. By participating in a Community Resilience Building (CRB) Workshop your city or town will satisfy the requirements for two Sustainable CT actions: [Assess Climate Vulnerability](#) (20 points for action 5.4.2) and [Implement Your Own Sustainability Action](#) (10 points for undertaking community resilience planning).

The CT Chapter of [the Nature Conservancy](#) team, in partnership with Sustainable CT staff, will facilitate a CRB session and provide your community with all submission requirements needed to satisfy these two actions, earning your community up to 20 points. While it is anticipated that sessions

will be offered online via Zoom, the possibility of an in-person event can be discussed.



The Community Resilience Building Workshop Process

The [Community Resilience Building \(CRB\) Workshop](#) process is ideally suited to constructively and collaboratively enable communities to locate, assess, and prioritize impacts and solutions to climate change and natural hazards for infrastructure, community, and the environment including creative options such as nature-based solutions.

Developed by the Nature Conservancy specifically for Connecticut communities, the CRB process has been used by over 450 communities across twelve states including Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York to help municipalities understand their own unique challenges and opportunities under current and future climate projections and natural disasters. In addition, the CRB process helps communities effectively and efficiently create resilience action plans specifically tailored to local needs.

Participation

In order to participate in this Sustainable CT offering of a free CRB Workshop, your municipality must:

- Be a [registered Sustainable CT community](#).
- Submit a letter of interest to participate in this Sustainable CT technical assistance opportunity ([template provided](#)). Your letter should include:
 - Identification of a core team to participate in the CRB workshop (might include representatives from Departments of Public Works, Planning, Police/Fire/Emergency Response, Social Services, Economic Development, Governing Body, Board of Education, etc.);
 - A description of how the municipality will use the results of this process to inform ongoing or new planning efforts such as local hazard mitigation plans, open space plans, master plans, etc., and how results from this process would be used to inform that plan. This may also include an initial assessment as to how this process can inform other actions via Sustainable CT; and
 - A commitment to complete the CRB workshop.
- Secure commitment from your core team to participate in the 3-hour online workshop session (potentially in-person depending on circumstances) facilitated by experts from the Nature Conservancy and Sustainable CT.

Once selected the Nature Conservancy team in partnership with Sustainable CT staff will work with your municipality's CRB workshop team to conduct a pre-workshop preparation materials and continue to work after the CRB workshop to complete a Summary of Findings Report from the workshop.

The Nature Conservancy will provide all professional facilitation services and report synthesis for individual municipalities. Each Community Resilience Building Workshop engagement will be provided for free to a select number of communities.

Letter of Interest

If your community is interested in being considered for this opportunity, please send a letter of interest ([template provided](#)) to Jessica LeClair at jessical@sustainablect.org. Letters will be accepted on a rolling basis and considered first-come, first serve.



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