

Sustainable CT

Local Actions. Statewide Impact.®

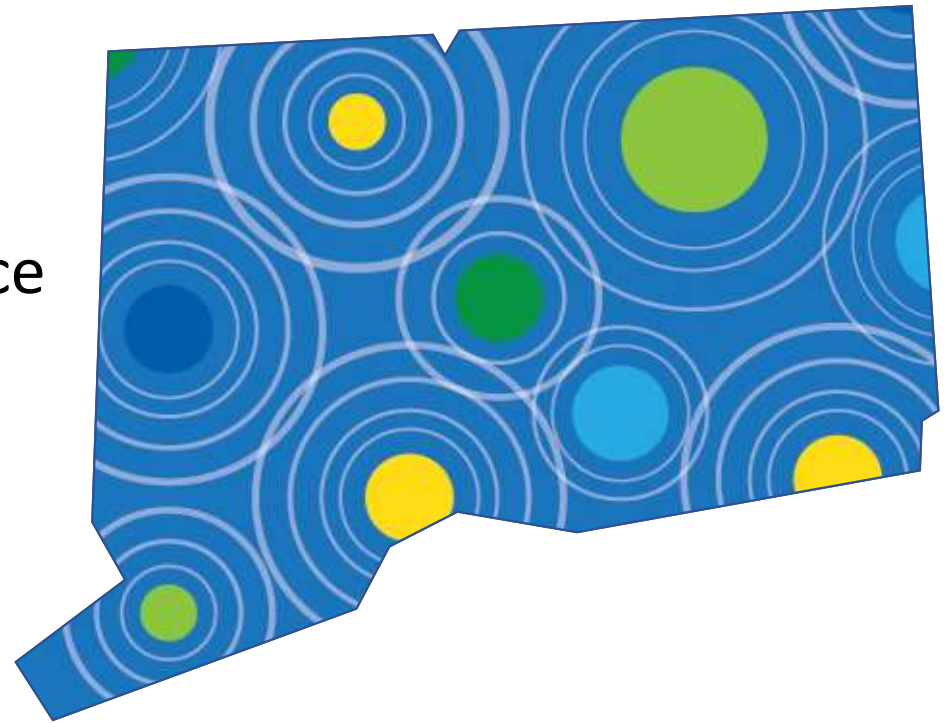


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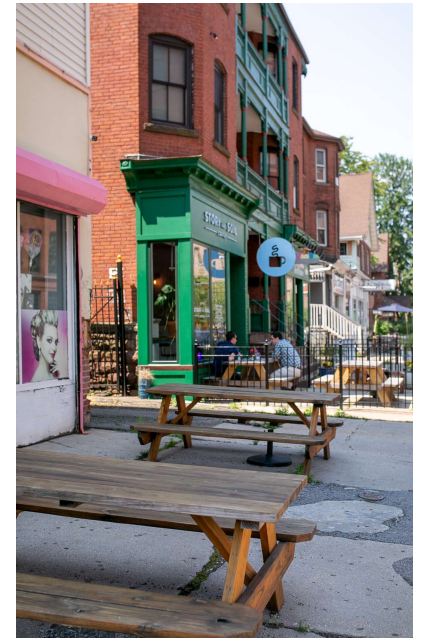


Sustainable CT: Our Vision

Sustainable CT strives to be inclusive, innovative, and collaborative.

We are committed to equity, and to creating communities where all are welcome and have the opportunity to thrive.

We recognize the natural environment as the foundation for the health and well-being of all people and the strength of the local economy.



Advancing Sustainability Through...



Roadmap

- Menu of sustainability actions



Resources

- Technical assistance and funding



Certification

- Recognition and celebration of achievements



Roadmap of Actions

Roadmap of Voluntary Actions

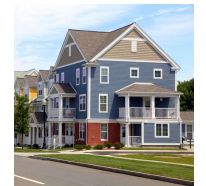
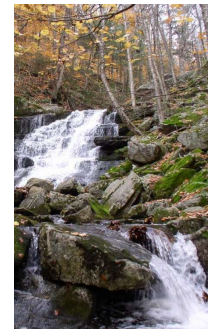
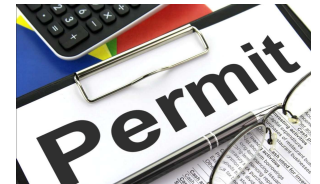
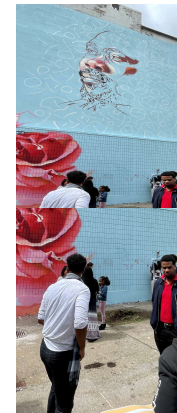
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| 1. Inclusive and equitable community impacts | 5. Dynamic and resilient planning | 9. Strategic materials management |
| 2. Thriving local economies | 6. Clean and diverse transportation systems | 10. Optimal health and wellness opportunities |
| 3. Well-steward land and natural resources | 7. Renewable and efficient energy infrastructure and operations | 11. Healthy, efficient, and diverse housing |
| 4. Vibrant and creative cultural ecosystems | 8. Inclusive engagement, communication and education | 12. Effective, compassionate homelessness prevention |



What Does Action Look Like?

Examples of the 200+ Qualifying Possibilities

- Purchasing of sustainable goods and services
- Watershed protection programs
- Arts and culture initiatives
- Inventory and assessment of historic resources
- Pro-sustainability permitting process
- Agriculture friendly practices
- Energy use reduction across municipal buildings
- Healthy and sustainable food networks
- Housing needs assessment





Resources

Support and Technical Assistance



Equity Coaches



Workshops, Training



Technical Assistance Partners




Fellowship Program

Community Match Fund





- Fast, easy, flexible, no deadlines
- Anyone with a good idea to improve their community
- Crowdfunding doubled by \$1-to-\$1 matching grant from Sustainable CT
- Up to \$7,500 from matching grant
- Coaching and support for project leaders
- More than \$2.5 million invested in over 220 community-led projects statewide


supported by



Send a Kid to Farm and Forest Camp!

Help Everyone Outside provide busses and more financial aid!

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Portland, CT
Community

Causes
Food & Agri

Education

\$7,387
funded of \$7,500 goal


88

patrons

1

day left

Support



This campaign is eligible for a grant from Sustainable CT


Story

Updates

Donors

Nature Connection should be for Everyone!

Central Connecticut non-profits [Everyone Outside](#) and [Fire Ring Farm](#) have teamed up to create a welcoming space for kids to spend time outside learning about our beautiful natural

 **PARTIAL FUNDING**

This campaign will collect all funds raised by Jun 10, 2022 12:00 PM.



Certification

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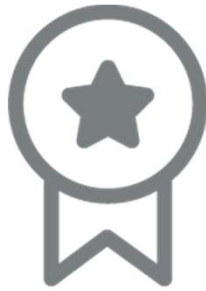


2022 Bronze **Certification Requirements**

Complete **1 Equity Toolkit**
in Action [*Optimize for Equity*](#).

Complete at least **1 action**
in each of the categories (1-12).

Successfully complete actions
totaling **200 or more points**.



2022 Silver **Certification Requirements**

Complete **3 Equity Toolkits**
in Action [*Optimize for Equity*](#).

Complete at least **1 action**
in each of the categories (1-12).

Successfully complete actions
totaling **400 or more points**.



2023 Gold **Certification Requirements**

COMING IN 2023!

Recognition



Climate Leaders Designation

Goals:

- Create high visibility around climate action within the Sustainable CT framework
- Accelerate municipal implementation of high-impact GHG actions
- Advance and align with state climate goals through collective municipal action

2022 Pilot Year:

- Climate Leaders Designation is an add-on to certification, showcasing towns that include high-impact GHG actions in achieving Sustainable CT certification
- Municipality can choose any combination of Climate Leaders actions to earn 140 points

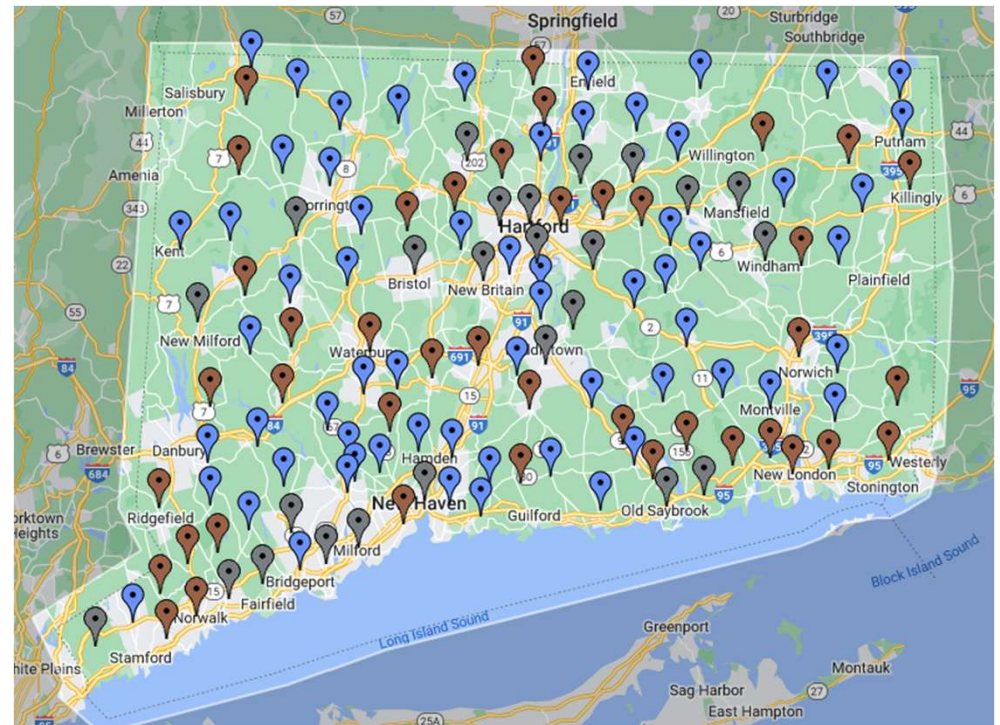




Impact and Benefits

Impact

- **129** CT towns participating (76%)
- **66** towns certified, representing 60% of population
- More than **2,750** sustainability actions implemented
- More than **\$2.5 million** invested in community-led projects
- Connected, inclusive, resilient communities



Benefits



“We are proud to see Hartford recognized once again with a Sustainable CT silver-level certification... and I want to thank Sustainable CT for their leadership in building a more sustainable Connecticut.”

—Mayor Luke Bronin, Hartford

- Protects the environment and reduces greenhouse gases
- Saves money
- Provides a rallying point and collective vision
- Offers access to matching funds for projects
- Recognizes/showcases your accomplishments and commitment to sustainability
- Promotes civic pride
- Attracts new business, smart development, a skilled workforce and new families



“Thanks to Sustainable CT’s jump-start, I Heart My Home CT is assisting other agencies and municipalities to meet their residential energy efficiency targets.”

—Kathy Fay, Director of Community Sustainability, NHS New Haven



“The [Equity] Coach helped us sharpen our focus on reaching out to the East Hartford community, to gain input and suggestions of individuals who may be underserved.”

—Tom Baptist, Director of Public Works, East Hartford



“This fellowship gave me a unique professional experience at the intersection of nonprofit work and municipal government.”

—Adrian Huq, 2022 Sustainable CT Fellow with Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments



Get Involved

Become a Sustainable CT Community

1

Pass a resolution, establish a Sustainability Team.

2

Register your community at sustainablect.org.

3

Set a vision for how to improve your community using Sustainable CT's roadmap.

4

Optimize for Equity – Start working on your equity action submission.

5

Complete at least 1 action in each category. Use our tools and resources!

6

Get certified!

Thank You, Sustainable CT Funders

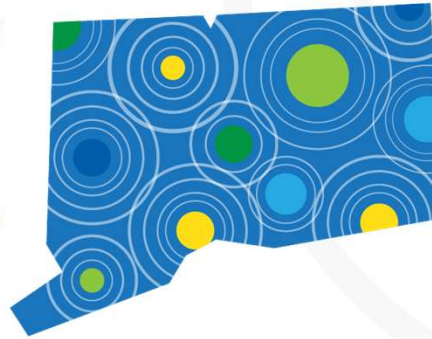


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