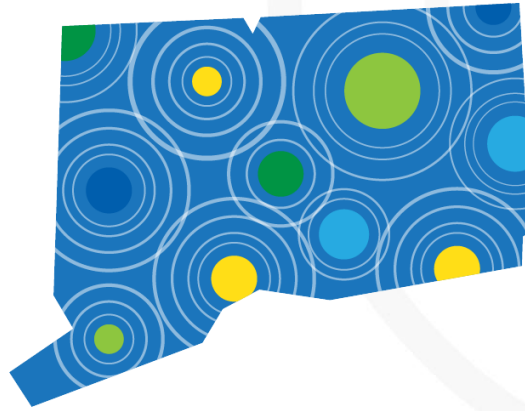


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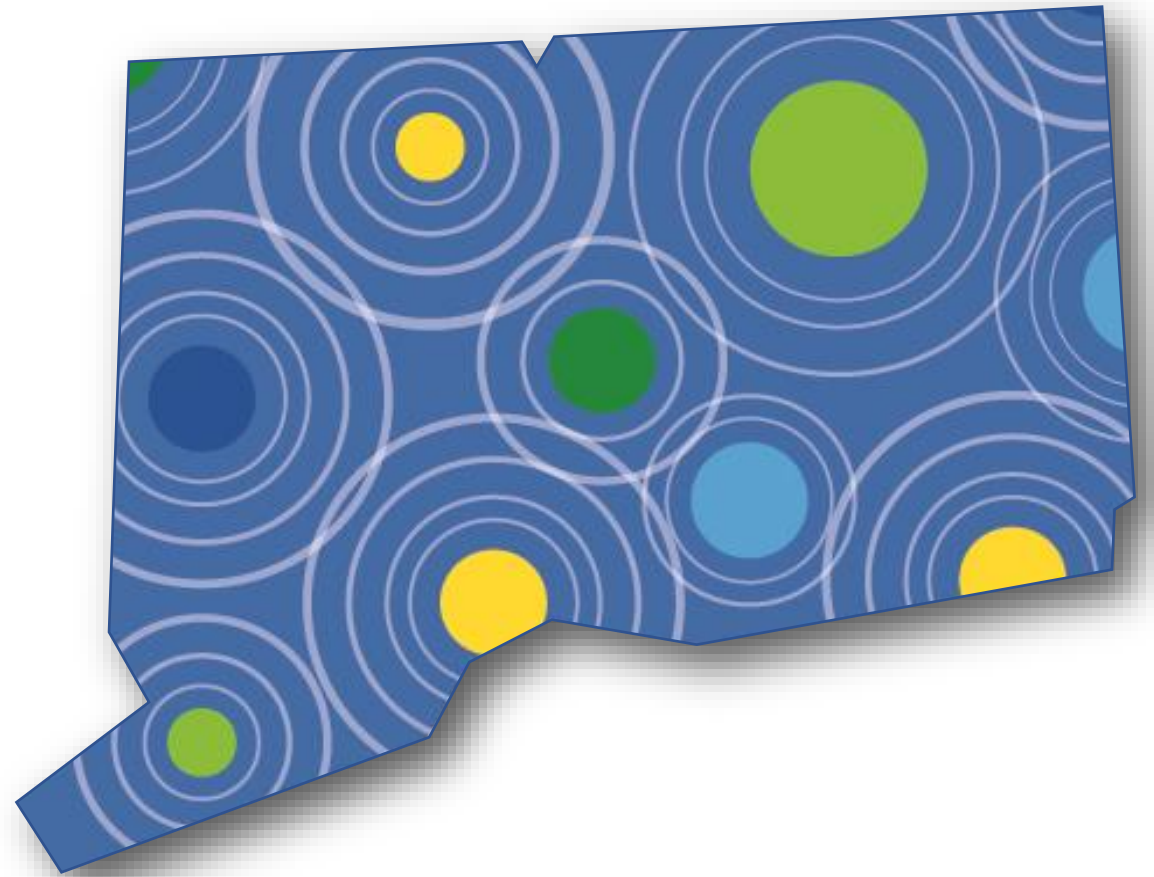
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Sustainable CT Program Updates for 2023

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Sustainable CT Overview

Advancing Sustainability Through...



Roadmap

- Menu of sustainability actions



Resources

- Technical assistance and funding



Certification

- Recognition and celebration of achievements

Roadmap of Voluntary Actions

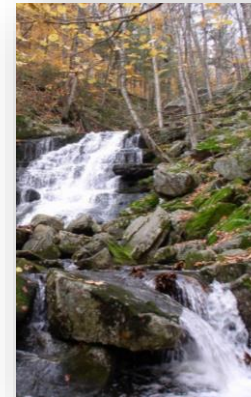
1. Inclusive and **equitable community** impacts
2. Thriving **local economies**
3. Well-steward **land and natural resources**
4. Vibrant and creative **cultural ecosystems**
5. Dynamic and resilient **planning**
6. Clean and diverse **transportation** systems
7. Renewable and efficient **energy infrastructure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



What Does Action Look Like?

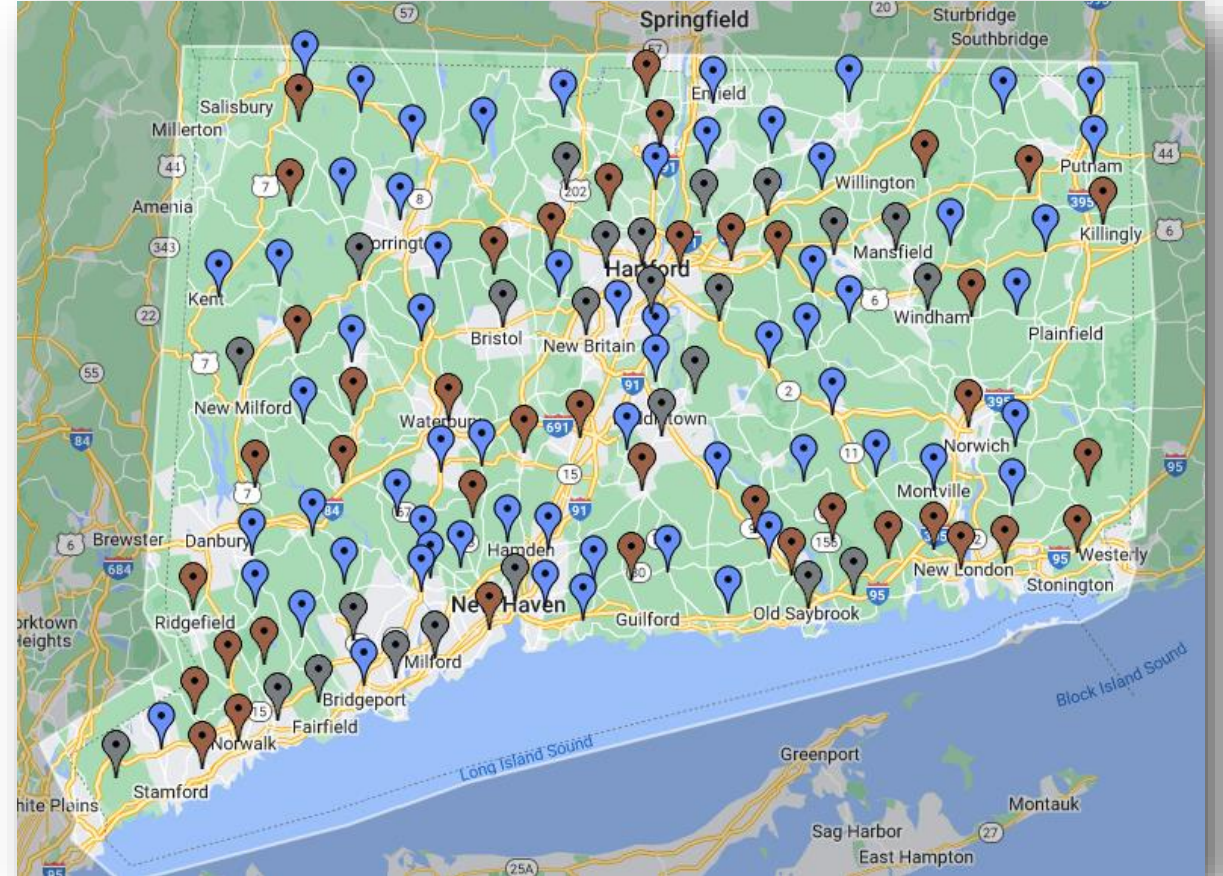
Examples of the 200+ Qualifying Possibilities

- 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



Impact

- **131** CT towns participating (77%)
- **59** towns certified
- More than **3,287** sustainability actions implemented
- More than **\$2.8 million** invested in community-led projects
- Connected, inclusive, resilient communities



Congratulations CRCOG Municipalities!

- Ashford: Bronze Certified
- Avon: Bronze Certified
- Bolton: Bronze Certified
- Coventry: Silver Certified
- Glastonbury: Silver Certified, Climate Leader Designee
- Hartford: Silver Certified
- Manchester: Silver Certified
- Mansfield: Silver Certified
- New Britain: Silver Certified, Climate Leader Designee
- Rocky Hill: Bronze Certified
- Suffield: Bronze Certified
- Vernon: Silver Certified
- West Hartford: Silver Certified, Climate Leader Designee
- Wethersfield: Silver Certified
- Windsor: Bronze Certified
- Windsor Locks: Bronze Certified

Certification Updates



2023 Certification Overview



2023 *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** (no change from current points threshold).



2023 *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 **500 or more points** (100 points higher than 2022 points threshold).

2023 Certification Overview



2023 *Gold* Certification Requirements

Complete **4 Equity Toolkits** in Action [*Optimize for Equity*](#).

Complete all actions in category 1, **Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts**, and least **1 action** in each of the remaining categories (2-12).

Achieve **Climate Leaders Designation**.

Complete new Action ***Collaborate with Other Municipalities on Sustainability Actions***.

Successfully complete actions totaling **750 or more points**.

Climate Leader Designation



- Add existing Sustainable CT Action *Assess Climate Vulnerability*
- Add new Sustainable CT Actions:
 - *Promote Cool Roofs*
 - *Complete Energy Audits of Municipal Buildings*
 - *Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability (project dependent)*
 - *Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat*
- Increase points threshold for Climate Leaders Designation from 140 to 150 points



Resources, Funding, and Free Technical Assistance

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 \$2.8 million invested in over 220 community-led projects statewide

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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**

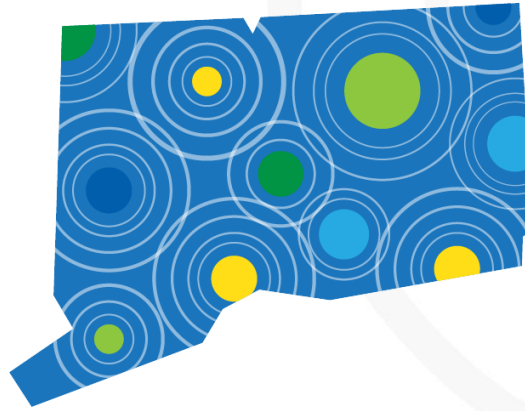
 **PARTIAL FUNDING**
This campaign will collect all funds raised by Jun 10, 2022 12:00 PM.

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

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