

Actions & Impact

The Sustainable CT Newsletter



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Local Actions. Statewide Impact.



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From the [Hartford Courant](#):

Project to turn Hartford residents into micro-farmers aims to address food insecurity

A Sustainable CT Community Match Fund Project

By Ted Glazer

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HARTFORD — An idea six years ago to help residents of Haiti with food insecurity as part of a Boy Scouts Eagle Project led to a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Levo International's world headquarters in Hartford on Friday.



Christian Heiden was a 16-year-old student at Northwest Catholic High School in 2016 when he decided that he wanted to grow food in Haiti, a notorious food desert, through hydroponic technology, which enables farming without soil...

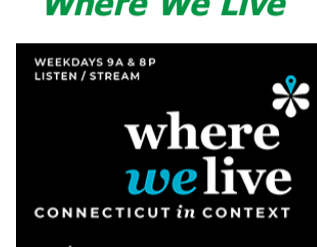
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This month: we celebrate Earth Day with Jonathan Foley of Project Drawdown

Available May 15 at sustainablect.org and wherever you get your podcasts.

Sustainable CT on WNPR's Where We Live



Our Executive Director, Lynn Stoddard, joined a panel discussion, "On this Earth Day, who gets to go green?" on Connecticut Public Radio/WNPR's **Where We Live** to talk about sustainability, privilege and environmental justice. Listen [HERE](#).



Climate Leadership: Using Green Energy to Connect and Strengthen Your Business Community

Support the sustainability of your business and non-profit community by connecting them to green energy upgrades to their buildings and flexible financing through C-PACE. **The Connecticut Green Bank** is partnering with municipalities to reach out and educate building owners about the benefits of C-PACE, helping them to reduce energy costs and focus on their core business. **Join us on May 5 at 12:00 p.m.** for an overview of the program, examples of effective outreach, and how you can increase sustainability while earning points in Sustainable CT.

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AND...

Climate Leadership: Statewide Resources to Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

Staff from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Urban and Service Forestry Programs will present on tools and resources that can help municipalities in CT accomplish Action **3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests**. This will include an overview of the urban and service forestry programs, an introduction to urban and community forestry grant programs, and demonstrations of online tools to assess forest cover (including the American Forests' **Tree Equity Score** and UConn CLEAR's **Changing Landscape Maps**).

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Our free technical assistance webinars are open to all, but **we especially encourage towns with an interest in pursuing our [Climate Leadership designation](#) to take part** in these events.



CTrides: Join the Challenge to Help Fight Climate Change

During the month of May, CTrides is launching its **2022 Drive Less Connecticut Challenge** to help in the fight against climate change by driving a little less. Join the challenge [here](#)

starting May 1st to make Connecticut a greener and healthier place to live and work. Anyone creating a new account in May will receive 5,000 bonus points to use for food, entertainment, and retail discounts!



Invest in the Earth: CT Green Bank Offers Green Liberty Note

Invest in the CT Green Bank's mission to confront climate change with as little as \$100. Investments support the Small Business Energy Advantage program, which enables small businesses in Connecticut to reduce their energy costs through efficiency upgrades and zero interest loans.

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PACE Seeks Info About Sustainability Groups

The Simsbury-based **People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE)** is reaching out to Connecticut's

cities and towns for a little info about energy or sustainability groups in each town. Responses to PACE's questionnaire will be managed so existing groups and individual "green collar workers" can connect with one another, and all CT towns can access [PACE's energy-related services](#). **Please take a minute to complete the PACE questionnaire.** Questions can be directed to PACE program manager Deb Roe at deb@pacecleanenergy.org.

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Community Match Fund Corner



CMF Office Hours for May: the Social Change Amplifier Fund

We're excited to host the May Community Match Fund Office Hours on the new **Social Change Amplifier Fund** (SCAF) launched with the generous partnership of the Supporting Organizing Work – CT funders collaborative. The SCAF dedicates funds via the existing \$1:\$1 Community Match Fund program to projects led by Black, Latinx, Multiracial, Indigenous and other People of Color community organizers and organizations.

If you, or an organization/person you know, could benefit from this program, please share and plan to join Joseph Dickerson, Sustainable CT's Community Partnership Manager, on **Thursday, May 26th from 12-1 p.m.** to discuss the details of this exciting new funding opportunity.

[\[REGISTER TODAY!\]](#)

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[Learn more about the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund](#)



The Next Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: May 20, 10 a.m.

A Sustainable CT web site tutorial on certification, including Climate Leaders designation

We know that submitting documents and applying for certification points can be confusing. We're here to take the mystery out of it. So, if this is the first time that you're applying for certification, or you're planning to do so in the future, or you're intending to go to the next level and pursue Climate Leadership designation, we invite you to join us for our next informative Coffee Hour. We'll answer any questions you have and provide clear guidance on how to successfully navigate the certification process.

Join Sustainable CT for (virtual) informal discussions **most third Fridays of each month at 10 a.m.** We share program updates and resources, explore your questions, and strengthen the network of Sustainable CT champions. These sessions are open to all.

[\[REGISTER for MAY 20\]](#)

For more fun and informative May events, check out [the Sustainable CT Trainings & Events Calendar](#)

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Funding Clean School Buses
Building a Better America with the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law** provides \$5 billion over five years nationally for the replacement of existing school buses with low and zero-emission school buses. With this school bus program, EPA has an exciting opportunity to make significant investments in the health, equity, and resilience of American communities. Find out about funding, technical assistance, educational events and more at [the EPA's Clean School Bus Program web site](#).



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