

Actions & Impact

The Sustainable CT Newsletter



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Five Communities Achieve Prestigious Sustainable CT Certification

Congratulations Guilford, Lyme, Southbury, Coventry and Vernon

We're excited to report that **five towns** qualified for certification during the 2022 spring submission cycle.



Guilford, Lyme and Southbury all met high standards in a broad range of sustainability accomplishments to qualify for bronze-level certification. Coventry and Vernon achieved silver-level certification, the highest level of certification currently offered.

Seventeen municipalities submitted paperwork for the Spring 2022 certification cycle; of those, four towns submitted only for review...

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Meet the 2022 Sustainable CT Fellows

Through the Sustainable CT Fellowship Program for 2022, twelve students from Connecticut colleges and universities will receive training, supervision, and a stipend to help our communities implement Sustainable CT actions and obtain points towards certification.

Fellows will assist cities and towns within the **Connecticut Councils of Government** (COG) territories, and will assist on COG projects that align with Sustainable CT goals. Fellows gain valuable experience working within a professional setting and will be directly engaged with cutting-edge sustainability initiatives, local government operations, and regional coordination and operation.

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2022 Energy & Environment Conference

Join the Connecticut Council of Small Towns on **June 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (in-person!)** for the Energy & Environment Conference at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. Hear from experts in the field and key lawmakers regarding energy and environmental issues affecting municipalities, including efforts to address solid waste management challenges and expand anaerobic digester capacity, expansion of public and private electric vehicle usage to reduce carbon emissions, and developments in solar and other renewable energy initiatives.

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2022 Connecticut Recycling Conference

The 2022 Conference program will include expert panel discussions of timely issues in recycling and sustainable approaches to materials management. Plus, CRC's annual legislator panel will round out the day, providing insight on what you need to know to make a difference in Connecticut. **A virtual event: June 09, 2022 - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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Tracking Solid Waste Generation in Your Community

Wondering how you calculate residential solid waste disposed per person and how you can use this data to reduce solid waste generation in your town? Join us to hear from **Jennifer Weymouth of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection** as she walks attendees through the steps to calculate your residential solid waste disposed per person and meet the requirements of Sustainable CT's sub-action action **9.1.1. Ginny Walton, Recycling Coordinator for the Town of Mansfield** will share insights about why this information is important, and how a community can use it to reduce waste. **A virtual event: Tuesday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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Climate Change Along the Connecticut River

Explore the basics of climate change and climate impacts we're experiencing in the northeast and along the Connecticut River. You'll hear highlights of work happening on-the-ground to help our human and natural communities become more resilient in the face of the climate crisis. **A live streaming event: June 15, 12:00 p.m to 1:00 p.m.**

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UConn CLEAR Webinar: Stormwater Utility Trends Across the Country

Dr. Warren Campbell from Western Kentucky University, "a human encyclopedia of stormwater utilities," will dive into how widespread stormwater utilities are in the U.S., and describe various trends and patterns he's seen throughout the years of his work. **A virtual event: June 15, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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Equity in Data Community of Practice for June 2022

The Equity in Data Community of Practice is a group-led community of data users in Connecticut who are supporting one another as they work toward more equitable data practices. Building on the **work of a group of Trinity College students**, **Jack Dougherty**, the Trinity professor who supported this intriguing data work, will talk with guests about the process. **A virtual event: June 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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NY Sea Grant Webinar: Community Heat Mapping with Climate Engine

In this New York Sea Grant EJ Mapping Tools Project webinar, **Dr. Andrew Reinmann** will describe a method for mapping heat and other variables using the freely available Climate Engine app, which allows users to quickly access, visualize, and analyze remote sensing data and insights at the community level. **A virtual event: June 24, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

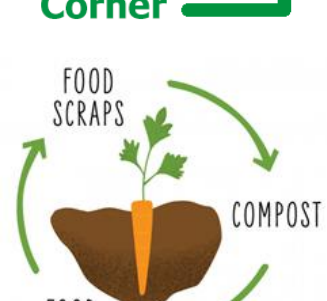
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This month: we chat with our very own Joseph Dickerson, "Mr. Community Match Fund."

The **IMPACT** is available **June 15** at sustainablect.org and wherever you get your podcasts.

Community Match Fund Corner



CMF Office Hours for June: Boosting Compost Projects

Sustainable CT is excited to host the June Community Match Fund Office Hour with a focus on Boosting Composting projects. With the generous support of CT, Sustainable CT has dedicated funding to amplify compost and food waste diversion efforts via the existing \$1:\$1 Community Match Fund program.

If you (or a town/ organization/ person you know) have a passion for compost, please share and plan to join **Joseph Dickerson**, Sustainable CT's Community Partnership Manager, on **Thursday, June 30, 12-1 p.m.** to discuss the details of this exciting funding opportunity.

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



The Next Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: June 24, 10 a.m.

Join us at the Adventure Park at Storrs for a LIVE STREAM with our 2022 Fellows

This is a Coffee Hour built for fun. We'll be **live streaming** our next get-together at **the Adventure Park at Storrs**.

Bring a thermos and meet our newest class of Fellows - virtually, of course - as they gather to view the world from a slightly higher perspective. Meet & greet and interviews are on the agenda, as well as a few salient discussions about the challenges facing our Sustainable CT Fellows off the ropes course. It's sure to be a fun and informative experience.

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 free and open to all.

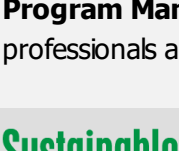
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For more fun and informative June events, check out [the Sustainable CT Trainings & Events Calendar](#)

Good things happen in the spring



Spring is a time of growth and renewal in Connecticut, right? The flowers know it, and we know it, too. Not only has Sustainable CT recently blossomed into a stand-alone nonprofit, but we continue to grow to increase our actions and broaden our impact. Please join us in welcoming or new **Project Assistant, Nicole Govert** (left), and **Kate Richards** (right), our new **Program Manager for Sustainability Best Practices**. These talented, experienced professionals are eager to help Connecticut towns and cities bloom in any season.



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