

# Actions & Impact

## The Sustainable CT Newsletter



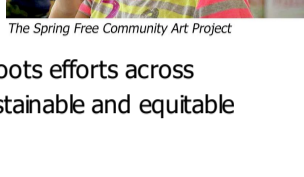
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### CPTV Features Sustainable CT Community Match Fund Projects in Re:source:ful 3

**Encore broadcast scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, at 9 a.m.**

Sustainable CT stories are featured, and the projects we support are the stars of the show, in Connecticut Public's latest edition of "Re:source:ful" – a

program documenting grassroots efforts across Connecticut that promote sustainable and equitable communities.



*The Spring Free Community Art Project*

This is the third in CPTV's "Re:source:ful" series. Each episode has highlighted important projects, with compelling human stories, all supported by the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund. In this episode, CPTV takes its viewers on a tour of some great projects: the Niantic Bay Sailing Academy, Levo Vertical Farming, the Spring Free Community Art Project, and the New Haven Climate Movement.

"Re:source:ful 3" premiered on CPTV and the CPTV Livestream on October 1. It encores on CPTV Spirit on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 9 a.m.** The program is also available to stream on-demand on [the CPTV web site](#).



### Governor Lamont Approves \$31.3M in State Grants to 77 Towns for Infrastructure Improvements

Governor Ned Lamont announced that he is approving \$31.3 million in state grants for 77 small towns in Connecticut to complete a wide variety of infrastructure improvements, such as the road safety reconstruction projects, sewer and drainage upgrades, sidewalk and pedestrian safety enhancements, and other kinds of capital improvement projects.

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### Annual Partnership Forum: Alliances for Inclusive Resilience

The Resilient Nation Partnership Network is excited to announce the fall dates of the seventh Annual Partnership Forum. This year's focus will center on "Alliances for Inclusive Resilience" and will bring together thought leaders across resilience, mitigation, and equity to discuss how we can leverage strategic partnerships to advance inclusive resilience for all. The virtual series will occur **every Wednesday this October from 1-3 p.m. ET**.

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### This month: we talk with Catherine Diviney, West Hartford's Energy Specialist and a co-creator of Sustainable CT.

**Listen and energize!**

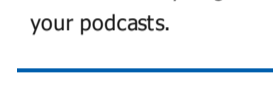
The **IMPACT** is available **October 15** at [sustainablect.org](#) and wherever you get your podcasts.



### Eversource First Thursdays Communities Webinar Series: EV Charging Overview

Through the end of this calendar year, join Eversource each first Thursday of the month to learn about their energy efficiency programs and offerings in Connecticut. This month, they'll provide an overview of their electric vehicle (EV) charging program. Eversource will be joined by Jacob Buckman, EV Implementation Program Manager. Jacob will walk attendees through an overview of the EV program and resources available for customers considering installing EV charging. A virtual event: **Thursday, October 6, 2022, noon-1pm**.

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### DEEP Climate Resilience Fund Webinars

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) recently announced that funding is now available through the Climate Resilience Fund for grants to help Connecticut communities initiate planning and develop projects that will help communities become more resilient to the effects of climate change. The Fund specifically is intended to support climate resilience planning at regional, municipal, and neighborhood-level scales, and to support resilience project scoping and development. Check the [Engagement Schedule](#) for upcoming webinars. The next webinar (Track 1: Planning Details and Q&A) is scheduled for **October 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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### Down on Main Street: Supporting Small Businesses

We all know small businesses are the lifeblood of Main Street, but are we giving them the support they need or actually want? Supported by [Main Street America's](#) 2022 Small Business Survey, the CT Main Street Center (CMSC) reviews the findings and highlight the top three types of support small businesses want: incentives & financial support, increased district-wide marketing & promotion, and stronger organization of businesses in the area. Webinar: **October 11, 10-11 a.m.**

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### Soup to Nuts: Nonprofit Fundamentals

Hosted by Fairfield County's Community Foundation's Center for Nonprofit Excellence and the United Way of Western Connecticut, this training series covers the essential aspects of nonprofit management. **Webinars are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month (except December) through May of 2023, 9:30-11 a.m.** This month's webinar - "Grassroots Advocacy" - will take place **October 12**.

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### Just Food: Access, Opportunity and Economic Empowerment

The Greenwich Food System Forum 2022 will engage thought leaders on the interconnectedness between the industrialized food system and our greatest ecological and social challenges: human and ecological health, economic disparity, racial inequity, food insecurity and access, affordable housing and climate change. Panel discussions will set context, connect dots, and provide solutions that call for systemic and structural change. Webinar: **October 19, 7-8:30 p.m.**

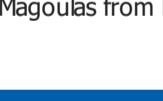
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### Sustainable CT: Energy Webinar with Eversource and Avangrid

Sustainable CT has partnered with **Eversource** and **Avangrid** to focus on **Energize CT programs** to advance energy efficiency in municipal buildings and infrastructure for EVs (chargers, vehicles). With the launch of our **Climate Leader designation** this year, Sustainable CT actions that are focused on energy and EVs also qualify for Climate Leader points. The webinar will feature Gary Pattavina and Marriott Dowden from Avangrid and Chad Magoulas from Eversource. **October 20, 10-11 a.m.**

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### Virtual Invasive Plant Symposium

The Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group's 2022 symposium, "Strategies for Managing Invasive Plants: Assess, Remove, and Restore," takes the form of a full-day webcast on **Thursday, November 3, 2022**. Sessions include a variety of techniques for management of terrestrial and aquatic invasives, as well as restoration with native alternatives. Registration is \$50 on or before October 7 and \$65 after Oct. 7; \$25 for students.

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### Community Match Fund Corner



### ArtsWestCT Pilot Programs

ArtsWestCT supports creative pathways for youth and platforms for arts and culture collaboration in West Haven. They bring opportunities to West Haven children, teens, adults, and seniors who want to express themselves creatively, providing entertainment, cultural education, and inspiration for the whole community.

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### CMF Office Hour to Focus on "Re:source:ful 3" Projects



Our Community Match Fund is bursting with pride over **Connecticut Public's latest "Re:source:ful" episode**. For the CMF Office Hour this month we'll be focusing on the accomplishments of the projects highlighted in "Re:source:ful 3" - the Niantic Bay Sailing Academy, Levo Vertical Farming, the Spring Free Community Art Project, and the New Haven Climate Movement. We'll be speaking with project leaders to learn how they managed, funded and implemented their projects. We have a special interest in any lessons learned that can help them - and all of our CMF project leaders, current or potential - in their future endeavors. Be sure to join Joseph Dickerson for this special Community Match Fund Office Hour on Thursday, October 20, at 1 p.m.

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### Learn more about the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund

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### The Next Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: October 21, 10 a.m.

### FUNDING sustainability actions

Finding sufficient and reliable sources of funding for your sustainability projects can be a daunting experience. We're here to help - and help each other - identify, locate and tap into what's available. Grants, Community Match fund dollars, and other state and federal resources - we'll invest the time to cover them all in our next Coffee Hour, where the virtual java is always free.

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 sessions, 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 October events, check out the Sustainable CT Trainings & Events Calendar

### Sustainable CT Virtual Equity Training: Fall 2022



**Wednesdays ~ October 19, November 16, December 7 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

This **free**, three-part, virtual equity workshop series provides a framework of racial equity, diversity, and inclusion (REDI). *Attendance at all three sessions is required.* Content will be geared to help Sustainability Teams integrate equity considerations into their Sustainable CT initiatives. Who should attend? Sustainability Team members (elected officials, municipal staff, commissioners, volunteers) in registered Sustainable CT communities. This latest series includes **new material**, so even if you've attended in the past, you may want to take another look. Space is limited, so **REGISTER** today!



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