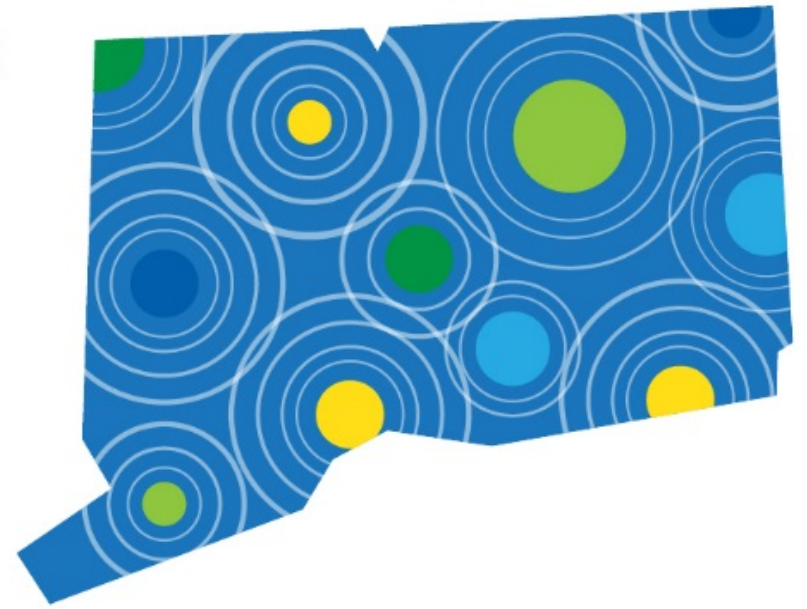


# Sustainable CT

Local Actions. Statewide Impact.



# Goals for Today

- Introduce Sustainable CT program
- Review and discuss housing actions

# The Vision and Program Framework



- **Road map.** A menu of coordinated, voluntary actions to promote sustainability.
- **Resources.** Support, including funding, to help municipalities implement actions.
- **Certification.** To recognize municipalities for their sustainability achievements.
- **Flexibility.** Meeting the needs of *all* municipalities, urban or rural, big or small.
- **Livability.** More sustainable, efficient, healthy, safe, resilient, thriving municipalities.

# Sustainable CT communities strive to be...

...thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.

# Initial Partnership



Connecticut Conference  
of Municipalities

collaborating for the common good



At Eastern Connecticut  
State University



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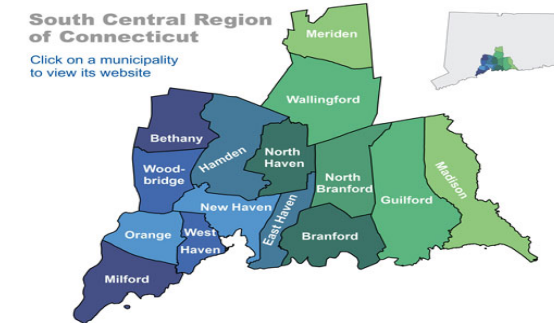
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# Sustainable CT Funding Opportunities

- Sponsor the **Sustainable CT Launch**, November 28, 2017 at the CT Conference of Municipalities Annual Convention
- Provide **Sustainable CT program sponsorship**
- Contribute to a pool of **small project grants** to catalyze implementation of municipal actions
- Provide **technical assistance grants**
- Support the **Sustainable CT intern corps**—interns from colleges throughout Connecticut supporting their local communities on Sustainable CT actions
- Support **clean energy-generating public art** – initial Willimantic Riverfront project

# Advisory Committee



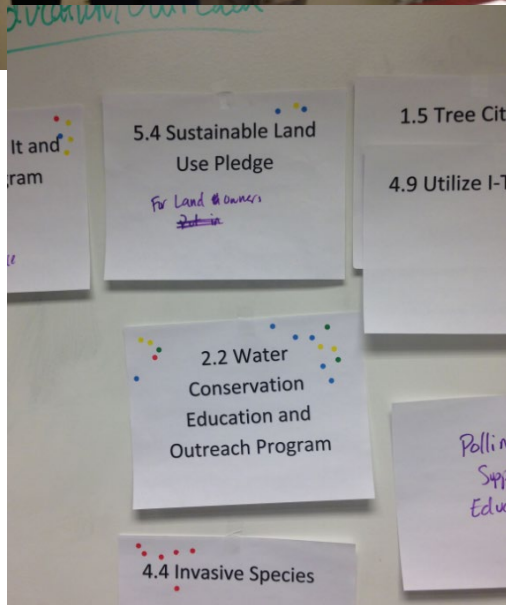
# 200+ Muni Leaders, Experts in Working Groups

- Clean and diverse **transportation** systems and choices
- Efficient **physical infrastructure and operations**
- Strategic and inclusive **public services**
- Dynamic and resilient **planning**
- Well-stewarded **land and natural resources**
- Thriving **local economies**
- Healthy, efficient and diverse **housing**
- Vibrant and creative **cultural ecosystems**





# Action Development and Refinement



Expert  
Input

Equity  
Working  
Group

July 30, 2023 Draft

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\* = proposed Priority Action List

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<b>Mandatory Actions</b>	
Create a Sustainability Team	
<b>Well-Stewarded Land &amp; Natural Resources</b>	
Improve Watershed Management	*
Develop an Open Space/Agricultural Land Preservation Plan	*
Create a Natural Resource and Habitat Inventory	
Provide Education on Water Conservation	
Reduce Municipal Water Use	
Implement Low Impact Development	*
Facilitate Invasive Species Education & Management	
Create a Forestry Advisory Board	
<b>Efficient Physical Infrastructure &amp; Operations</b>	
Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings	*
Increase Use of Renewable Energy	
Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings	
Develop a Municipal Energy Plan	*
Reduce Municipal Fleet Emissions	
Assess Regulations to Support Clean Energy	
Set Benchmark and Track Energy Use	*
Implement Green-Grounds & Maintenance Program	
Convert to LED Streetlights	
<b>Vibrant &amp; Creative Cultural Experiences</b>	
Map Cultural Assets	
Hold a Sustainability Court	*
Provide an Arts & Culture Program for Youth	*
Establish a Creative Task Force	
Develop a Creative Placemaking Plan	*
Provide Effective Community Communications	
Support Arts & Creative Culture	
<b>Dynamic &amp; Resilient Planning</b>	
Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation & Development	*
Establish Sustainable Design Zoning Requirements	*
Assess Climate Vulnerability	*
Develop Agency-Energy Partnerships	
Inventory and Assess Cultural & Historic Resources	
Establish Expedited Permitting	
Train Municipal Commissioners	
<b>Streamline Solar Permitting</b>	
<b>Clean &amp; Diverse Transportation Systems &amp; Choices</b>	
Adopt a Complete Streets Policy	*
Engage in Complete Streets Planning	*
Implement Complete Streets	
Implement Sustainable Supportive Planning & Zoning	*
Encourage Smart Commuting	
Manage Parking Effectively	
Educate and Engage the Community	
Promote Public Transit & Other Mobility Strategies	
<b>Strategic &amp; Inclusive Public Services</b>	
Create a Local Food Environment Data Profile	*
Identify & Navigate Healthy Food Outlets	
Prevent and Recover Food Waste	
Report Materials Management Data	
Implement Swap Stores & Reuse Trail Program	*
Recycle Additional Materials	
Develop a Food Waste Reduction Campaign	
Conduct Health Impact Assessments	*
Encourage Smoke-Free & Tobacco-Free Public Places	
<b>Thriving Local Economies</b>	
Create a Brownfields Inventory & Prioritize	
Conduct Brownfields Reuse Planning	
Market Prioritized Brownfields Sites	
Adopt a Sustainable Purchasing Policy	
Purchase from Local Businesses	
Implement a Buy Local Campaign	
Provide Resources & Supports to Local Businesses	*
Promote Sustainable Workforce Development	
Participate in & Promote the C-Place Program	
<b>Healthy, Efficient &amp; Diverse Housing</b>	
Create a Housing Data Profile	*
Design & Implement a Housing Needs Assessment	*
Educate Residents on Clean & Efficient Energy Opportunities	
Grow Sustainable, Affordable Housing Options	
Set Benchmark Multifamily Housing	
<b>Innovation</b>	
Implement Other Sustainability Action (Not on this List)	

Muni Pilot  
Testing

N2S2O

Multisolving

# Program Features:

- To participate a municipality must:
  - 1) pass a resolution to join Sustainable CT, and
  - 2) create a Sustainability Team
- To become certified a municipality must implement actions from the roadmap, achieving a certain threshold of points
- 2 levels of certification available (bronze and silver) for year 1



# Action Review

- Are the requirements of the action clear?
- Are the submission requirements reasonable?
- Has your municipality completed this action? If so, when? If not, would you pursue it?

Tuesday, September 12, 2017



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DRAFT LIST OF ACTIONS. To become Sustainable CT Certified, municipalities must complete & document a variety of actions from this list.

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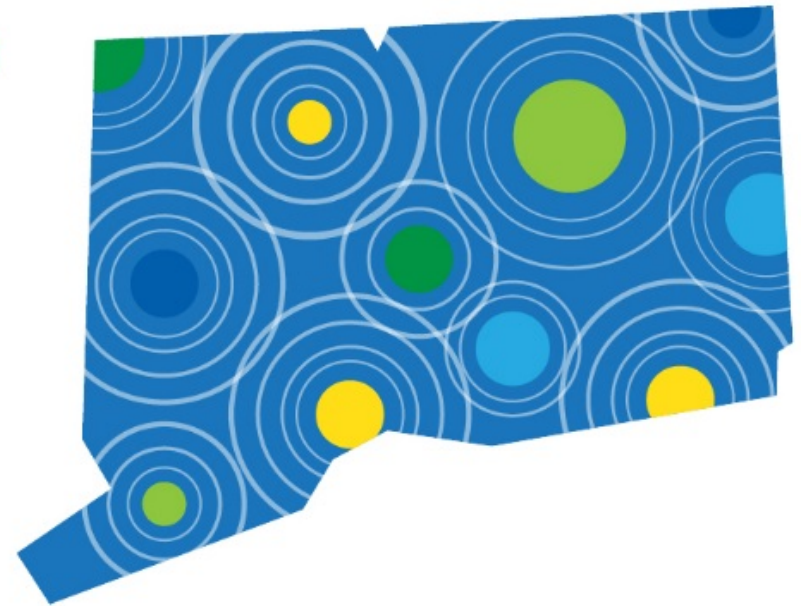
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Thank YOU!!!

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