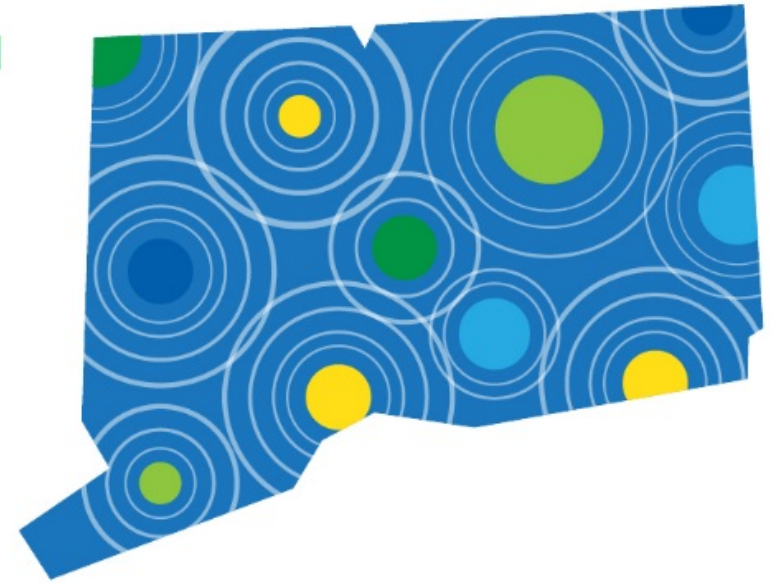


Sustainable CT

Local Actions. Statewide Impact.



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Question 1: Who is in attendance? Do you represent:

1. A Municipality
2. A Non-Profit
3. A Business
4. An Academic Institution
5. Other

- **Road map.** A menu of coordinated, voluntary actions to promote sustainability.
- **Resources.** Support, including funding and grants, 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.



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...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.

Core Partners



Connecticut Conference
of Municipalities

collaborating for the common good



At Eastern Connecticut
State University



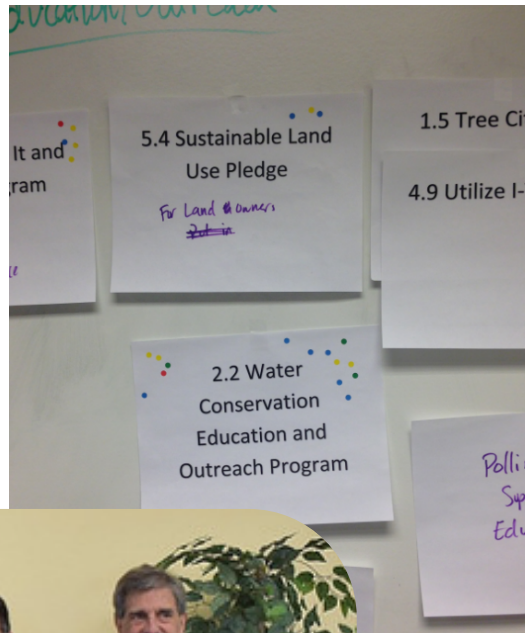
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The Creation of Sustainable CT



Menu of Voluntary Actions



- 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**
- Inclusive and equitable **community impacts**



One Program – Many Benefits



Environmental Impacts



Economic Well-Being



Greenhouse Gas Reductions



Climate Resilience



Health and Wellness



Community Building



Cost Savings



Equity

Question 2: Which Benefits are Most Important to You? (Check Top 3)

1. Environmental Impacts
2. Greenhouse Gas Reductions
3. Health and Wellness
4. Cost Savings
5. Economic Well-Being
6. Climate Resilience
7. Community Building
8. Equity

Town of Barkhamsted
Resolution Supporting Participation
In the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities, with the vision that: *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.*

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is designed to boost local economies, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating costs, and provide grants and additional support to municipalities.

WHEREAS, Barkhamsted embraces an ongoing process of working toward greater sustainability, selecting which actions it chooses to pursue from the voluntary menu of actions provided by Sustainable CT.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Selectmen of Barkhamsted that we do hereby authorize Donald Stein, First Selectman to serve as Barkhamsted's Sustainable CT contact person for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification process and authorize him to complete Municipal Registration on behalf of Barkhamsted.

RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within Barkhamsted on matters of sustainability, and in order to promote the Board of Selectmen of Barkhamsted's local initiatives and actions toward Sustainable CT Municipal Certification, the Board of Selectmen revises the role of the Economic Development Commission to include acting as the Sustainability Team.

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Sustainability Team must be held within 90 days of passing this resolution and that the Sustainability Team shall meet as frequently as needed, but no less than quarterly.

Resource

	TITLE	AMOUNT	DEADLINE	COMPETITION	TYPE
Sustainable Local Actions. State	CHEAPR Incentive	Varies	Rolling Submission	Non-Competitive	Incentive
> My	Certified Local Government	Varies	Rolling Submission		Grant
> Ab	Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant Program				
> Ac Ce					
> Ce					
> Co Pa	Coca-Cola Foundation Community Support Grants	Not Specified	Rolling Submission	Competitive	Grant
> Fu					
> Ev	Connecticut Health Foundation "Your Ideas" Grant	Not Specified	Rolling Submission	Competitive	Grant

Resources and Support

- Sustainable CT Fellowship Program
 - Summer 2018
- Technical Assistance Opportunities:
 - Sustainable CT partnering with the Nature Conservancy to offer Community Resilience Building Workshops
 - And more – stay tuned!

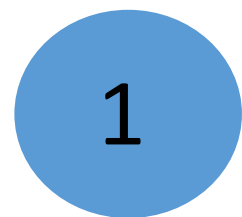
Question 3: Where would grant funding be most effective in implementing Sustainable CT actions?

1. Support for outreach and events.
2. Support for consultant services for inventories, assessments, and/or planning.
3. Support for “shovel-ready” projects (energy upgrades, low impact development, etc.).

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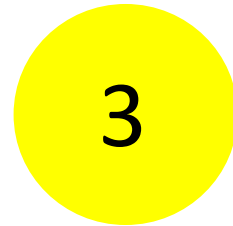
Become a Sustainable CT Community



Pass resolution, establish Sustainability Team



Register online



Select and complete actions, using tools and resources



Submit for certification online



www.sustainablect.org

Year 1 Certification Cycle Overview

2018 rolling submission certification cycle

- Nov 2017 – Sept 2018

Pre-application submission deadline (optional)

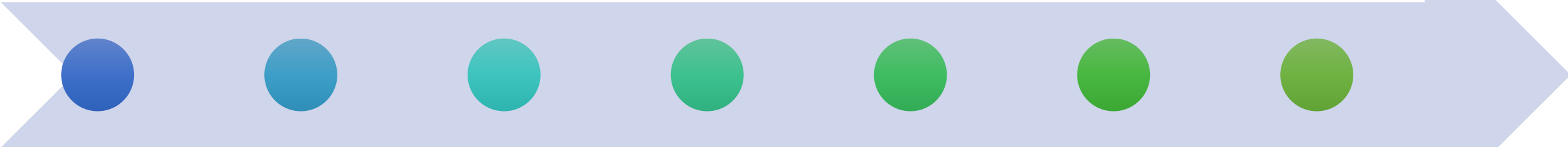
- May 1

Final application submission deadline

- August 24

Awards ceremony at CCM Convention

- October 2018



Outreach, workshops, assistance

- Throughout 2018

Application review, comments to municipalities

- June-July

Final decisions on certification levels achieved

- October



Certification Requirements

2018 Bronze Certification



- Complete at least 1 action in each of the 9 categories.
- Successfully complete actions totaling 200 or more points.

2018 Silver Certification



- Complete at least 1 action in each of the 9 categories.
- Successfully complete actions totaling 400 or more points.

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Sustainable CT Actions

● Thriving Local Economies	▼	<h3>Certification Criteria</h3> <table><tbody><tr><td>Required</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Priority</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Points</td><td>200</td></tr><tr><td>Pledge Elements</td><td>0</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Show requirements for:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRONZE <input type="checkbox"/> SILVER</p> <h3>Planned Action Totals</h3> <p>(Planned)</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Required</td><td>0/0</td></tr><tr><td>Priority</td><td>0/9</td></tr><tr><td>Total Points</td><td>0/445</td></tr><tr><td>Pledge Elements</td><td>0/10</td></tr><tr><td>Total Actions</td><td>0/55</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><i>Mark actions as planned to determine whether or not your application would meet certification criteria.</i></p>	Required	0	Priority	9	Points	200	Pledge Elements	0	Required	0/0	Priority	0/9	Total Points	0/445	Pledge Elements	0/10	Total Actions	0/55
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● Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations	▼																			
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● Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing	▼																			
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● Innovation Action	▼																			

Sustainable CT Actions



Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources ^

Provide Watershed Education

5 Points   **UNPLANNED** v



• THIS ACTION HAS VARIABLE POINTS: 5, 10

Create a Watershed Management Plan

10 Points   **UNPLANNED** v




• THIS ACTION HAS VARIABLE POINTS: 10, 20, 30

Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

15 Points   **UNPLANNED** v




• THIS ACTION HAS VARIABLE POINTS: 15, 30

Develop an Open Space Plan

10 Points    **UNPLANNED** v

Action Example

Develop an Open Space Plan




10 Points   

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Objective	Objective
What to Do	Establish a plan for open space preservation and for the increased economic vitality of working lands.
Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators	Complementary Action:
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory
Resources	What to Do
Why This Matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete an open space inventory by completing the attached template (see the background document for additional information).
Benefits	The inventory should include:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ A corresponding geodatabase;

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Objective	<h3>What to Do</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete an open space inventory by completing the attached template (see the background document for additional information). <p>The inventory should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ A corresponding geodatabase;◦ Protected agricultural lands, not including PA-490 properties;◦ Open space protected by conservation easements;◦ Municipally-owned open space;◦ State-owned open space;◦ Water company owned open space; and
What to Do	
Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators	
Funding	
Resources	
Why This Matters	
Benefits	

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<u>Objective</u>	<h3>Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators</h3> <p>Staff from the planning and zoning, parks and recreation, public works, and economic development departments could be helpful in implementing this action.</p> <p>In addition, the planning and zoning and conservation commissions, as the commissions responsible for the Plan of Conservation and Development and conservation issues within the community, respectively, are the most likely lead entities for this action. Other groups that might be involved include the inland wetlands commission, agriculture commission, economic development commission, local land trust(s), water utilities, and state, regional (council of governments), and federal partners could help implement this action.</p> <h3>Funding</h3>
<u>What to Do</u>	
<u>Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators</u>	
<u>Funding</u>	
<u>Resources</u>	
<u>Why This Matters</u>	
<u>Benefits</u>	

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Objective	<h3>Funding</h3> <p>Open Space Acquisition/Restoration Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, "Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program", Due Feb. 1, 2018• CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Urban Green and Community Gardens Grant Program, Due Feb. 1, 2018• CT Department of Agriculture, Farmland Preservation Program, Farmland Preservation Application, Community Farms Preservation Program Application <h3>Resources</h3> <p><i>Toolkits, Calculators, Guidance Documents, General Information</i></p>
What to Do	
Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators	
Funding	
Resources	
Why This Matters	
Benefits	

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Objective	<h3>Resources</h3> <hr/> <p><i>Toolkits, Calculators, Guidance Documents, General Information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connecticut Environmental Conditions Online• CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, "Connecticut's Comprehensive Open Space Acquisition Plan"• American Farmland Trust & Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, Planning For Agriculture Guide for Connecticut Municipalities• CT Department of Agriculture, "Farmland Preservation Program"• Connecticut Farmland Trust, "Conservation Options for Connecticut Farmland"• CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, "Connecticut Open Space Webpage"• The Nature Conservancy, "Resilient Sites for Terrestrial Conservation in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Region"
What to Do	
Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators	
Funding	
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Why This Matters	
Benefits	

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<u>Objective</u>	<h3>Why This Matters</h3> <p>Open space is defined in Connecticut State Statutes and further interpreted by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Green Plan, as:</p> <p>"Any area of undeveloped or relatively natural land, including forest land, land designated as wetland under section 22a-30, and not excluding farm land, the preservation or restriction of the use of which would (A) maintain and enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources, (B) protect natural streams or water supply, (C) promote conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches or tidal marshes, (D) enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries or other open spaces, (E) enhance public recreation opportunities, or (F) preserve historic sites."</p> <p>Connecticut's open spaces, including agricultural land, bring tremendous value</p>
<u>What to Do</u>	
<u>Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators</u>	
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Introduction	
Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators	
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Benefits	
CT Success Stories	<p>beneficial insects (like native pollinators);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• support and enhance the storm buffering capacity of your natural systems (e.g. wetlands);• sequester carbon; and• improve and enhance aesthetics, increasing the economic vitality of open space and allowing opportunities for recreation for current and future generations to enjoy.
Credit for Past Action	<h3>CT Success Stories</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greenwich, CT: "2015 Open Space Plan" <h3>Credit for Past Action</h3> <p>Must include proof of update for documents completed up to 10 years prior to application submission.</p>

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Get Involved

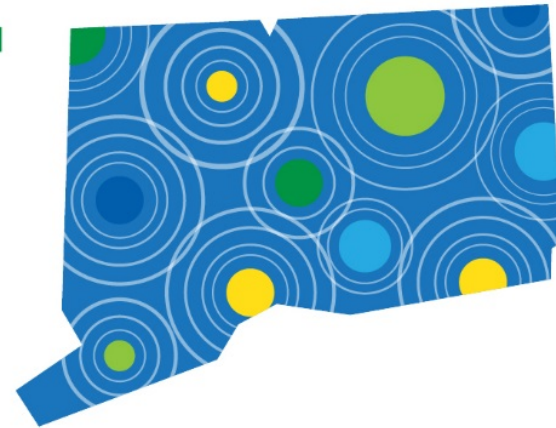
There are many ways to get involved with Sustainable CT, below are just a few examples, see www.sustainablect.org for more info!

- Individual: Join your community's Sustainability Team
- Non-Profit: Partner to support CT communities as they implement actions
- College or University: Participate in the Sustainable CT Fellowship Program
- Business: Become a Sustainable CT sponsor; contribute to the Sustainable CT Municipal Grants



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