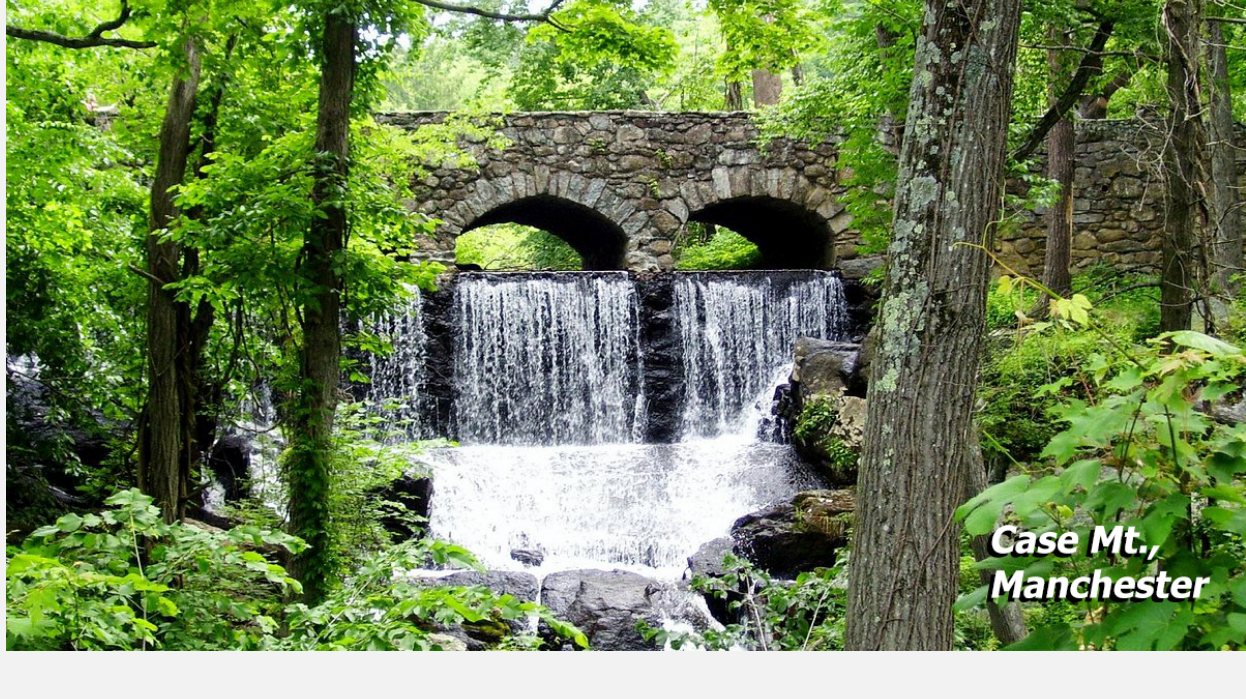


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Case Mt., Manchester

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Fellows Lead on Climate

Support for Towns Pursuing Climate Leader Designation

This is the pilot year for our special **Climate Leader Designation** and Sustainable CT Fellows have stepped up to the challenge.

The Climate Leader Designation is intended to celebrate municipalities that are reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions while saving money, improving public health, and building community.



Emily Bigl

Emily Bigl, a rising senior at the University of Connecticut, and Monet Paredes, a rising junior, are both working with the **Capitol Region Council of Governments**. They're helping New Britain and Manchester reach for Climate Leader Designation...

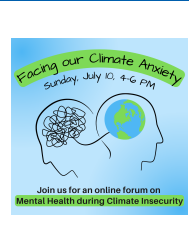
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CT AG: Companies Should Disclose Financial Risk From Climate Change

Attorney General Tong joined Attorneys General from eighteen other states and the District of Columbia urging the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to require that investors receive specific, comparable information about companies' climate-related financial risks.

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Don't Let it Get You Down: Facing Climate Anxiety

Join **Connecticut Climate Crisis Mobilization** for an online forum on mental health during climate insecurity.

Speakers: Dr. Lise Van Susteren, climate activist and expert on the mental health impacts of climate change. What's your coping strategy? Destress on **Sunday, July 10, 4-6 p.m.**

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This month: Be a riparian repairer - it's all about clean rivers and streams.

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



Energy Storage Solutions for Residential Customers

If you're interested in learning more about Energy Storage Solutions, the electric storage incentive program for all Eversource and UI residential customers, join an upcoming webinar on **Tuesday, July 12, 6-7 p.m.**

Energy Storage Solutions will help lower the cost of buying a battery by providing an upfront incentive. Incentives are available for batteries paired with solar PV systems, as well as standalone batteries. Residential customers enrolled in the program will also receive performance incentive payments every year based on the average power your battery contributes to the grid during critical periods. Come and learn all about it!

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\$875M Available to Underserved Communities

The Department of Economic and Community Development will administer **The Community Investment Fund 2030** (CIF) to foster economic development in historically underserved communities across the state. CIF will provide a total of up to \$875 million to **eligible municipalities** as well as not-for-profit organizations and community development corporations that operate within them. Grants are available for capital improvement and small business capital programs.

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~AND~

Governor Announces \$7.5M in State Grants to Preserve Open Space and Renew Green Spaces in Urban Areas

Governor Ned Lamont announced that his administration is releasing \$7.29 million in state funds to purchase and protect 1,013 acres of open space in 17 Connecticut communities, and \$276,200 to restore and renew of green spaces in 6 urban areas. The funds are provided through the state's **Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program** and the **Urban Green and Community Gardens Grant Program**, which are both administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

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~BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE~

EPA Summer Webinar Series Continues: How to Apply for 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates

The Clean School Bus Program has received additional funding for the next five years through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and has made \$500 million available for the replacement of diesel school buses with electric school buses this year. Note: **Application deadline is August 19, 2022**

All webinars will be held at 1 PM Eastern. [Register](#) for one or more of the webinar sessions.

- **July 13** – Office of the Inspector General: Fraud Prevention
- **July 27** – How to Apply with Live Question & Answer Session
- **August 10** – U.S. Department of Agriculture: Rural Electric Cooperatives Infrastructure Funding

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Climate Leadership and Multisolving: A Conversation with Katharine Wilkinson of The All We Can Save Project

Join Multisolving Institute Founder and Director Beth Sawin on **Thursday, July 28, at 12 p.m.** for a conversation with Katharine Wilkinson, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the **The All We Can Save Project**. The conversation will explore the ways in which the climate crisis is also a leadership crisis. Explore multisolving and why working towards gender justice is vital to address climate change while also advancing the leadership and well-being of women.

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Community Match Fund Corner



June Bloom: \$100k Investment in Connecticut Neighborhoods

Connecticut neighborhoods and towns are stepping into a summer full of activities and projects thanks in part to Sustainable CT's Community Match Fund. From June 1 to July 1, the Community Match Fund partnered with seven project leaders to raise nearly \$100k (\$53k from donors and \$43k from Sustainable CT).

Projects ranged from a Scout trail in Montville to a Zero Food Waste project in Chester:

~Horton Cove Trail Eagle Scout Project

Donations: \$3906
SCT Match: \$3000

~Litchfield Art Festival 2022

Donations: \$8360
SCT Match: \$7500

~Norwich Jubilee Mural Project

Donations: \$7560
SCT Match: \$7500

~Q Plus Summer Camp

Donations: \$9643
SCT Match: \$7500

~Send a Kid to Farm and Forest Camp

Donations: \$7602
SCT Match: 7500

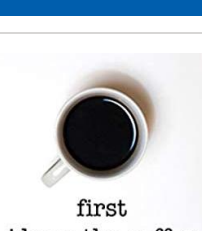
~Wakeman-Southport Pollinator Pathway Garden

Donations: \$2000
SCT Match: \$2000

~Chester Fair-Path To Zero Waste

Donations: \$11,646
SCT Match: \$7500

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



first
i have the coffee.
then
i do the things.

The Next Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: July 15, 10 a.m.

It's later than you think: join us for an open forum to discuss all things related to Fall Certification

You don't want to wait until the last minute to have your questions answered about Fall Certification. We're dedicating our July Coffee Hour to all things certification - responding to your queries, helping with your challenges, and celebrating your best practices. Together, we can set up for success.

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.

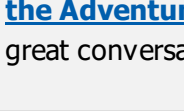
[\[REGISTER for JULY 15\]](#)

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

How We're Spending Our Summer Vacation



Ah, summer. It tussles the hair of our inner twelve-year-old and says, "Be home before the streetlights come on." It's not all fun and games, though. Just ask our Class of 2022 Fellows who joined us for **our first ever live stream Coffee Hour at the Adventure Park at Storrs**. It was a great day and a great conversation. They got a little time in the trees, too.



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