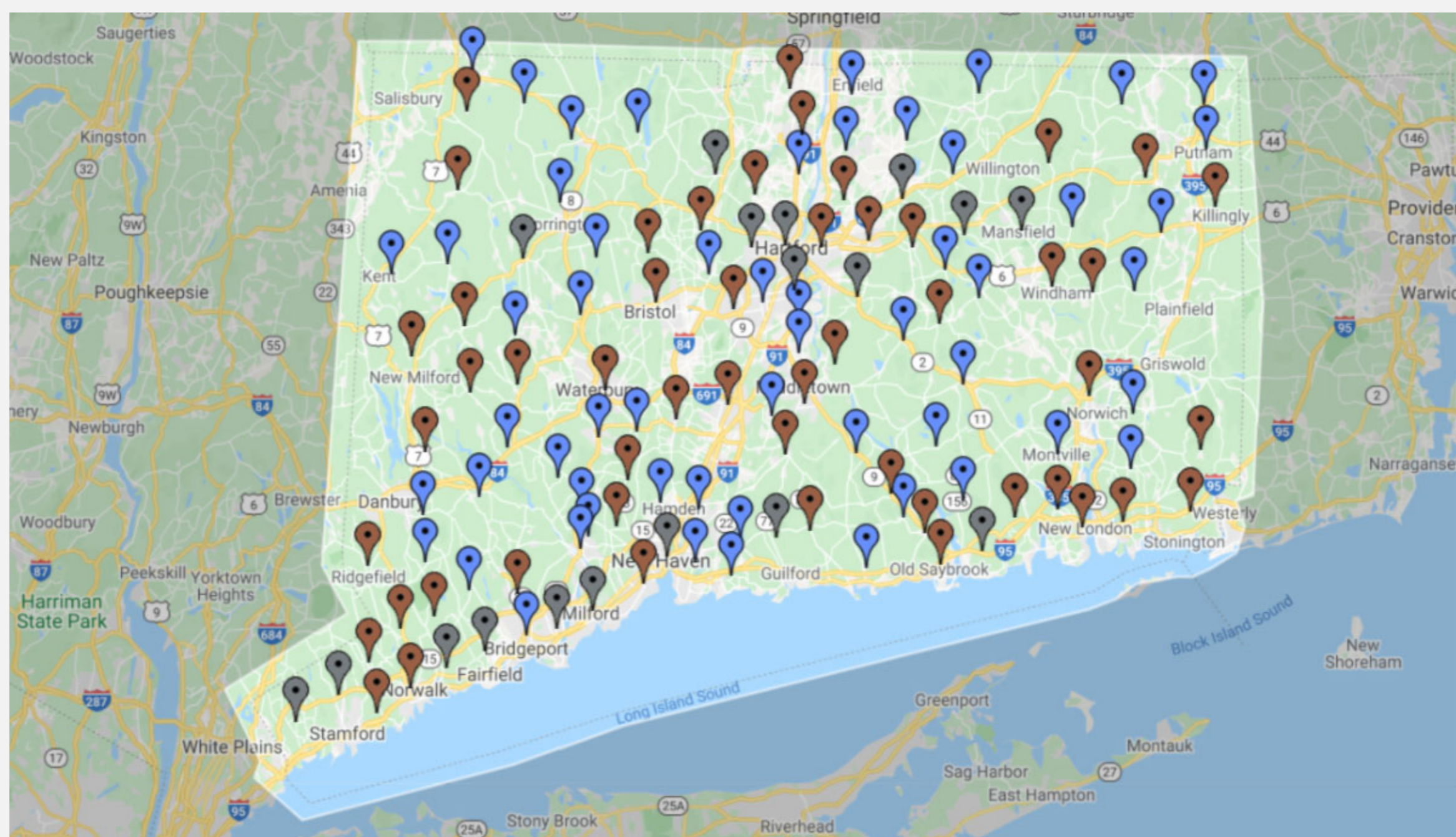


Actions & Impact

The Sustainable CT Newsletter



Certifications for Fall 2021

23 Cities and Towns Make the Grade

Congratulations to twenty-three Connecticut cities and towns for qualifying for certification during the 2021 fall submission cycle!

Canaan (Falls Village), Chester, Essex, the Town of Groton, North Stonington, Pomfret, Ridgefield, Suffield, Washington, West Haven, and Weston all met high standards in a broad range of sustainability accomplishments to qualify for bronze-level certification. Towns that achieved silver-level certification, the highest level of certification currently offered, include Fairfield, Glastonbury, Greenwich, Hartford, Litchfield, Milford, New Milford, Old Lyme, Portland, Trumbull, West Hartford, and Westport.

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Governor Launches New Economic Development Programs: \$200 Million To Create Jobs and Boost Community Vibrancy

Governor Ned Lamont announced that his administration is launching two new competitive grant programs that will create jobs, strengthen the livability and vibrancy of Connecticut towns and cities, and promote new public-private partnerships to accelerate economic growth.

The Innovation Corridor program and the Connecticut Communities Challenge program will spur place-based development in municipalities with up to \$200 million in funding over five years.

Under [the Innovation Corridor program](#), the Department of Economic and Community Development will select two or more transformational, place-making proposals for major urban areas or regional economic centers.

Under [the Connecticut Communities Challenge program](#), the Department of Economic and Community Development will fund a wide range of projects that improve livability, vibrancy, and appeal of communities throughout the state while aiming to create approximately 3,000 new jobs. It is the department's goal to allocate up to 50% of the funds to projects in distressed municipalities.

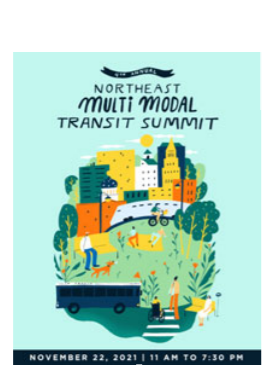
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Joseph Dickerson Joins Sustainable CT

We're excited to welcome **Joseph Dickerson** onto the team as our Community Organizer and Partnership Manager. Joseph will oversee the ongoing development and expansion of [the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund](#).

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You've Got To Move It, Move It!

The 4th Annual Northeast Multimodal Transit Summit will take place, virtually, on **November 22, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The theme is **"Moving Forward: Greener, Safer, and Together"** and will bring together transportation activists, elected officials, urban planners, community members, transit users, and transportation engineers with the goal of holistically addressing the future of transportation systems in the Northeast.

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How Do You Feel About Where You Live?

Join in the Hartford Area Affordable Housing Conversation **November 18, 22 and 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** In three sessions we will talk about what a good home looks like for you and your family, what is affordable for you, the type of home you have and how the towns can help improve housing for the area. Registration is limited so...

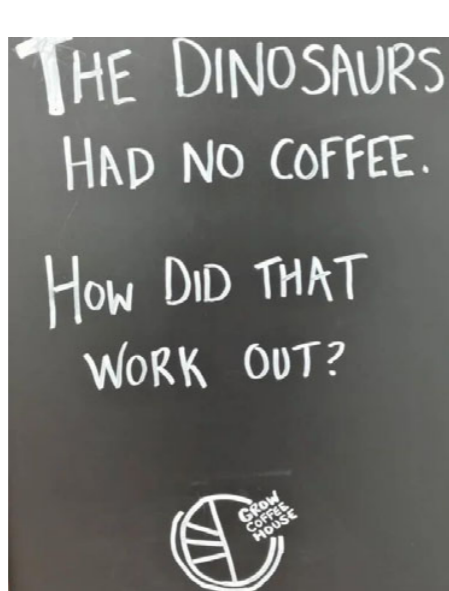
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Together Again at CCM

The annual Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) convention takes place at **Mohegan Sun on Tuesday, November 30, 7:30 a.m. - 11:55 p.m.** Visit the Sustainable CT table on the convention floor, and come to our workshop, "Making Our Communities Great Places To Live For All: Examples And Stories From CT Municipal Leaders" at 1:45 p.m. See you there!

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Next Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: November 19, 10 a.m.

Come meet our BRAND-NEW Community Organizer and Partnership Manager, **Joseph Dickerson**. We'll also have a timely conversation about **sustaining your sustainability team and navigating transitions in municipal leadership**.

Join Sustainable CT for informal discussions the third Friday of each month. We share program updates and resources, explore your questions, and strengthen the network of Sustainable CT champions. These sessions are open to all.

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

Here Comes The Sun



READY TO BECOME SOLSMART?

Recognition and Technical Assistance for Growing Local Solar Markets

SolSmart is a national designation program designed to recognize cities, counties, small towns, and regional organizations for encouraging solar energy growth. Communities pursuing SolSmart designation, regardless of their levels of solar energy experience, receive no-cost technical assistance from a team of national solar experts.

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