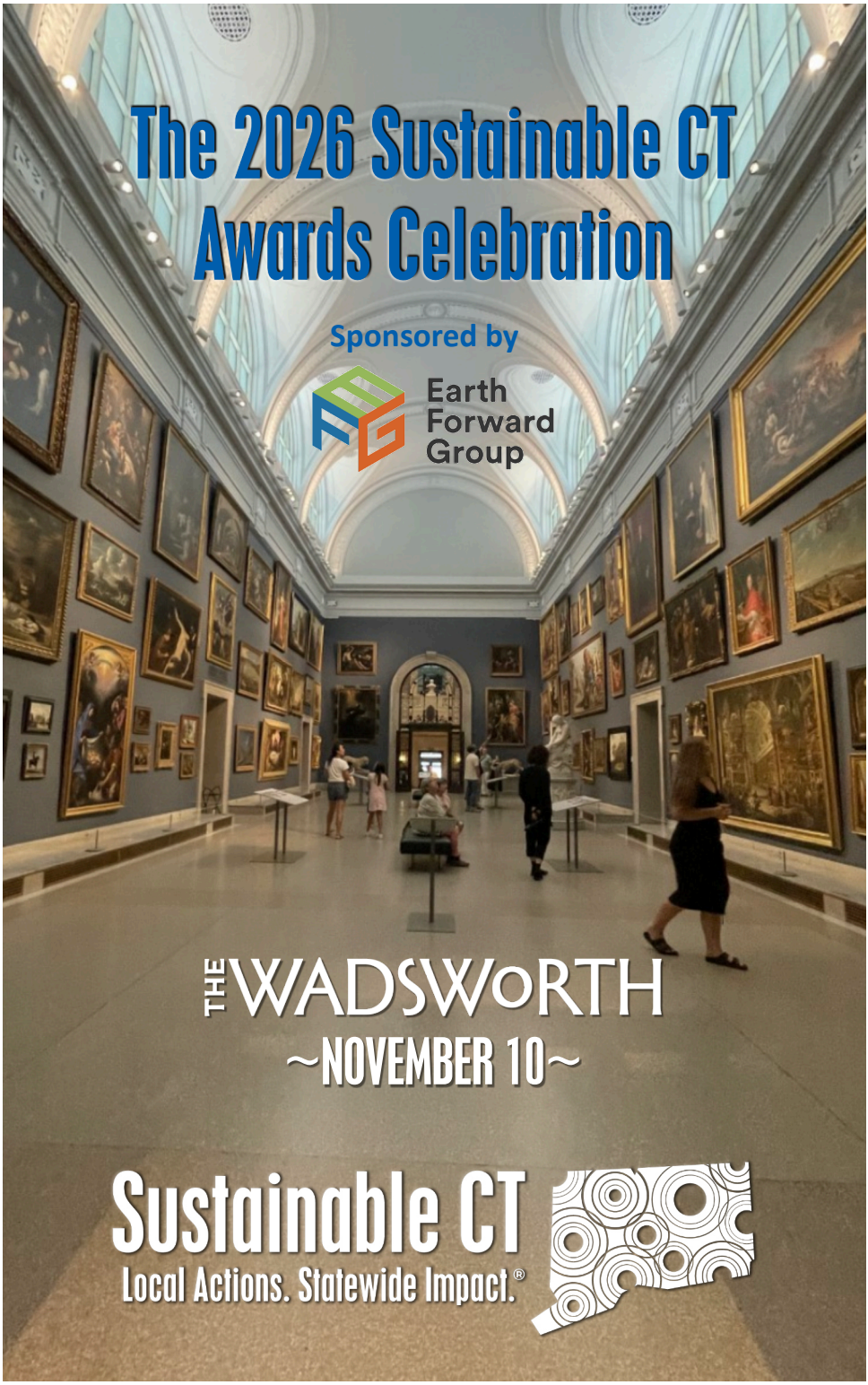

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SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTING & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Training Municipalities in Building Performance & Energy Efficient Operations

Earth Forward Group helps municipalities turn Sustainable CT commitments into measurable action: training the staff who run your buildings, keeping operating costs low, and partnering with local small businesses to make your community more sustainable.

Winter Lunch & Learn Series for Municipal Leaders

WHEN	TIME	WHERE
5 Tuesdays Jan 26 – Feb 23, 2027	12:00 – 1:00 PM ET Bring your lunch	Live & virtual Join from anywhere in CT

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

1. Energy Audits
2. HVAC & Heat Pumps
3. Building Envelopes
4. Passive House Principles
5. Rebates & Incentives

WHY IT MATTERS FOR YOUR TOWN

- **Lower operating costs.** Staff who know their buildings keep energy bills and budgets in check.
- **Advance your Sustainable CT goals.** From benchmarking municipal buildings to heat pump outreach.
- **Unlock funding.** Know which rebates and incentives your projects qualify for.

Reserve your town's complimentary seat

One free seat per community certified by Sustainable CT in 2026, for a facilities or municipal staff member. Additional seats are available for $475 per person.

Register: https://forms.gle/fMMggdrdxT7TbD3K6 · Deadline: 1/15/27

More Ways EFG Supports Your Municipality

Sustainability Planning & Goal Setting
Actionable plans for energy, waste, resources and resilience, aligned with Sustainable CT.

Community Outreach & Engagement
Resident education on efficiency upgrades, heat pumps and energy-saving programs.

Workforce Training for Local Contractors
Building science and green construction training for your local small businesses.

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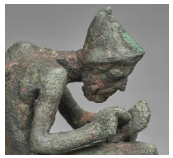
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ABOUT SUSTAINABLE CT

Sustainable CT is a free, voluntary certification program that supports and recognizes thriving and resilient Connecticut municipalities. A grassroots, municipal effort, Sustainable CT provides a wide-ranging menu of practices. Municipalities choose Sustainable CT actions, implement them, and earn points toward certification.



Sustainable CT also provides opportunities for funding through its **Community Match Fund** program to help communities promote economic well-being and enhance equity, all while respecting the finite capacity of the natural environment. The program is designed to support all Connecticut municipalities, regardless of size, geography, or resources.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit **sustainablect.org/support-us** for information.

Sustainable CT has strong, multi-year support from:

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ABOUT The WADSWORTH



An iconic structure in the heart of downtown Hartford, **The Wadsworth** was founded in 1842 with a vision for infusing art into the American experience. The museum is home to a collection of nearly 50,000 works of art, spanning 5,000 years and encompassing European art from antiquity to contemporary as well as American art from the 1600s through today. It is the oldest continuously-operating public art museum in the United States, opening its doors to the public in 1844.

Formerly known as the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, The Wadsworth honors the past and inspires the future through the power of human creativity. Guided by its founding belief that art can uplift society and ignite progress, The Wadsworth inspires reflection, dialogue, and cultural transformation through its outstanding collection, programs, and partnerships.

THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM

Refreshments and Networking

Welcome

Partner of the Year

Legislative Champion Award

Certification and Climate Leader Awards

Closing Remarks



Stuart Davis, Midi, 1954, Oil on canvas

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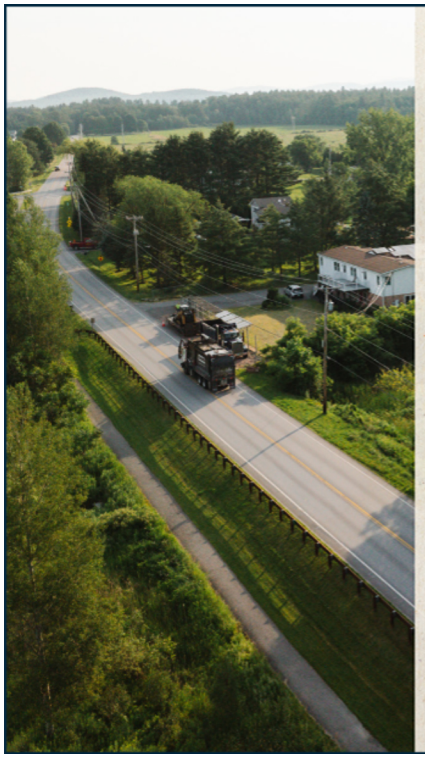
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OUR COLLECTION

Bethany | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 375
Sustainability Actions Completed: 21

Bethel | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 365
Sustainability Actions Completed: 24

Bloomfield |Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 315
Sustainability Actions Completed: 17

Branford | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 310
Sustainability Actions Completed: 18

Bridgeport |Gold Certified & Climate Leader
Certification Points Earned: 915
Sustainability Actions Completed: 40

Chester | Silver Certified & Climate Leader
Certification Points Earned: 730
Sustainability Actions Completed: 39

Clinton | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 340
Sustainability Actions Completed: 21



Cromwell River | Bronze Certification
Certification Points Earned: 260
Sustainability Actions Completed: 18

Danbury | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 240
Sustainability Actions Completed: 16

Deep River | Climate Leader
Climate Leader Points Earned: 160
Sustainability Actions Completed: 14

East Hampton | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 290
Sustainability Actions Completed: 21

Easton | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 295
Sustainability Actions Completed: 24

Groton | Climate Leader
Climate Leader Points Earned: 190
Sustainability Actions Completed: 12

Kent |Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 285
Sustainability Actions Completed: 20



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MORE of OUR COLLECTION

Ledyard | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 205
Sustainability Actions Completed: 19

Lyme | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 330
Sustainability Actions Completed: 22

Middletown | Gold Certified & Climate Leader
Certification Points Earned: 800
Sustainability Actions Completed: 42

New Haven | Gold Certified & Climate Leader
Certification Points Earned: 1225
Sustainability Actions Completed: 49

Preston | Silver Certified
Certification Points Earned: 505
Sustainability Actions Completed: 30



STILL MORE of OUR COLLECTION

Stamford | Climate Leader
Climate Leader Points Earned: 175
Sustainability Actions Completed: 12

Trumbull |Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 385
Sustainability Actions Completed: 18

Waterbury | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 350
Sustainability Actions Completed: 19

Westbrook | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 305
Sustainability Actions Completed: 24

Wethersfield | Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 430
Sustainability Actions Completed: 23

Winchester |Bronze Certified
Certification Points Earned: 245
Sustainability Actions Completed: 14

Woodbridge |Silver Certified
Certification Points Earned: 500
Sustainability Actions Completed: 30

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

The Sustainable CT Climate Leader Designation is a specialized program designed to acknowledge Connecticut municipalities for their outstanding efforts in addressing climate change. It builds upon the existing Sustainable CT action framework, focusing specifically on high impact actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build community resilience to climate impacts.

The Climate Leader Designation recognizes municipalities going further on climate action. It is an optional add-on to Bronze and Silver Designation and a required element of Gold Certification.

2026 Climate Leader Designees:

Bridgeport
Chester
Deep River
Groton
Middletown
New Haven
Stamford

Municipalities earning the Climate Leader Designation in 2025, 2026, and 2027 are eligible to share a $100,000 Climate Leader Prize equally amongst that year's designees. Each municipality may receive this funding once during the three-year period and may use the money to support projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



THE COMMUNITY MATCH FUND



Sustainable CT's Community Match Fund (CMF) is a pioneering initiative that has empowered communities across Connecticut to take meaningful action on sustainability projects that matter most to them. It is a driving force in fostering local resilience, environmental stewardship, and community engagement.

The CMF has supported more than 400 projects that have attracted over 28,700 individual donors. The program's unique model, which combines small-dollar donations through its crowdfunding partner Patronicity, with a dollar- for-dollar match from Sustainable CT, has leveraged over $2,728,000 in community investments, resulting in more than $5.1 million in total impact.

The CMF is unique in its approach putting decision-making power directly in the hands of local residents, with projects driven by the needs and aspirations of the community members themselves.

Sustainable CT's Community Match Fund would not be possible without the generous support of **the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation**, **the Hampshire Foundation**, and **the Connecticut Green Bank**.

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2026 Campaign for a Sustainable CT

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Our direct appeal to friends and partners—and everyone who cares about sustainability in Connecticut—is back for a one-month limited exhibition. **Beginning on Giving Tuesday, December 1**, and ending at the stroke of midnight on January 1, you will have an opportunity to join **the 2026 Campaign for a Sustainable CT**, to be part of the action, to have an impact. Don't miss it!

The Sustainable CT program includes 141 town and cities covering more than 90% of Connecticut's population, 73 certified municipalities, 23 Climate Leaders, and over $5.1 million invested in local communities. But we can't do what we do without *you*—your passion, your creativity, your involvement, and, yes, your financial support.

Together we stand for an inclusive, resilient, and vibrant Connecticut. Together we can build a Sustainable CT.

Be part of the action. Have an impact.

Give

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The Sustainable CT Point System

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- 7.2 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings — 10 - 200 Points
- 7.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings — 5 - 140 Points
- 7.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings — 10 - 145 Points
- 7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use — 5 - 10 Points

How EPCs and Energia's Owner's Rep Services Can Help You Earn Tons of Points

- Lower Energy Use
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- Simplify the Process

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HOW WE CAN HELP YOUR MUNICIPALITY

Sustainability Planning & Goal Setting
Develop actionable plans covering energy conservation, waste reduction, resource management, and climate resilience, aligned with Sustainable CT goals.

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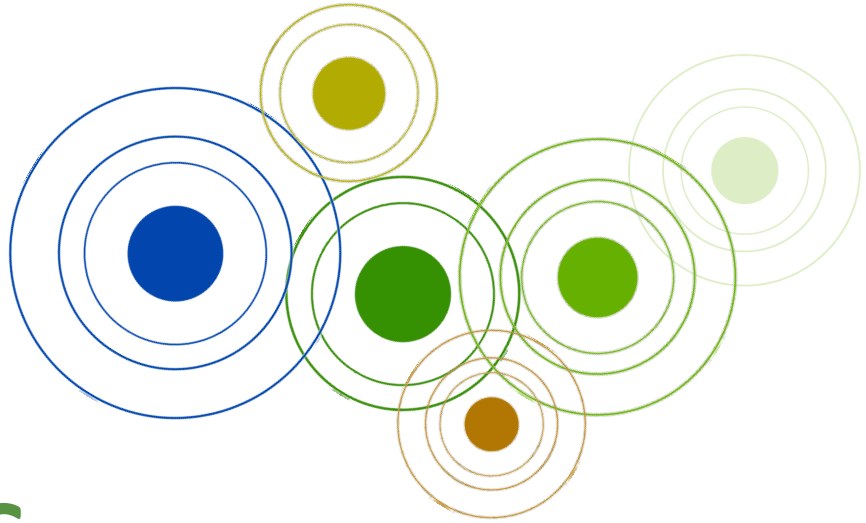
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THE ART of CONNECTION



Sustainable CT empowers cities and towns to build resilient, thriving communities through the power of deep connectivity and deliberate partnership. With the help of local government officials, community leaders, passionate residents, and responsible corporations, we're creating a collaborative ecosystem where sustainable actions are shared and impacts are magnified.

True sustainability cannot happen in isolation. Through a structured framework, Sustainable CT acts as a vital bridge, linking municipalities with peer networks, technical experts, and funding resources. These collaborative partnerships break down regional silos, allowing municipalities to learn from one another's successes—whether launching energy-saving projects, preserving open space, or advancing social equity.

When communities connect, their collective impact multiplies. Together, we're proving that local action is strongest when supported by a statewide network. We are thankful for the enduring partnerships we've found in painting the picture of a sustainable future for all Connecticut residents.

The Sustainable CT Team



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