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Simsbury Grange raises thousands for Hartford community garden

WILLIMANTIC -- After a \$2,150 match from the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund, the Simsbury Grange now has \$4,300 for repairing raised garden beds and supporting the community garden at Broad Street in Hartford.

The Community Garden at Trinfo Café, 1300 Broad St., offers free garden plots to registered gardeners, a small park with picnic tables and a “Read and Seed” little free library that is open to the public. The “Read and Seed” lends books and gives out seeds supported by a collaboration between the Simsbury Grange and the Trinity College Neuroscience Program.

The project was supported by a crowdfunding campaign that received a dollar-for-dollar match from the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund, which is an initiative of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University that is funded by the Smart Seed Fund, Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation and Connecticut Green Bank.

The Sustainable CT Community Match Fund is an innovative funding resource that provides a dollar-for-dollar match to all donations raised from the community, doubling local investment. The program is helping to bring projects across the state to life by providing fast, accessible funding as well as fundraising coaching and support to residents and organizations with great ideas to make their communities more sustainable.

Anyone in a Sustainable CT-registered municipality (more than 50 percent of the state) is eligible to receive this funding, meaning that schools, nonprofits, community groups and individual residents can all propose projects and access the matching funds.

To start a Community Match Fund project, visit WWW.ioby.org/sustainablect or contact Sustainable CT’s Abe Hilding-Salorio at hildingsalorioa@easternct.edu or 860-465-0256.