

# Actions & Impact

## The Sustainable CT Newsletter



### Sustainable CT at CCM: Honoring Towns, Announcing New Initiatives

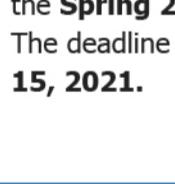
#### Climate Leader designation and Gold level certification plans unveiled

Sustainable CT honored twenty-five [Connecticut cities and towns with 2021 Bronze or Silver certifications](#) during a ceremony at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) annual convention held at Mohegan Sun on November 30.

Sustainable CT inspires, supports, and recognizes actions by Connecticut municipalities – from energy efficient schools to safe, walkable streets, healthy food systems to equitable and inclusive municipal decision making – we support local government and local people who are engaged in building more resilient and connected communities.

And in a further indication of support, we've introduced two new initiatives: a "Climate Leader" designation is in the planning stages for 2022; and a new Gold level certification is expected for 2023.

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#### Leveraging ARP: Sustainable CT Can Increase the Impact of the American Rescue Plan

We highlight some of the **forward-thinking initiatives** that Sustainable CT certified communities have taken that align with the goals of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Check out these examples and ideas about how you can use your ARP funds effectively.

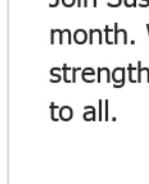
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#### ACEEE Webinar: Opportunities for Clean Energy & Equity Funding

Learn how your government can strengthen energy and equity programs with federal dollars, and hear lessons shared in a new [ACEEE toolkit](#). Date and time: **Thursday, December 9, 1 - 2 p.m., ET.**

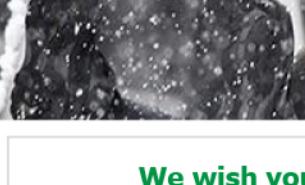
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#### UCONN TAB Announces Municipal Assistance Program

The UConn Technical Assistance for Brownfields (TAB) program announced the release of a Request for Proposals for the **Spring 2022 Municipal Assistance Program**. The deadline to respond to the RFP is **December 15, 2021**.

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#### Next Sustainable CT Coffee Hour:

**December 17, 10 a.m.**

New for 2022 – Sustainable CT is launching a **Climate Leader designation for communities**. We want to hear from you to help us shape this pilot year. Join us - virtually - at the December 17th Coffee Hour to learn more about this designation and to share your feedback. Can't make it on the 17th, but have thoughts? **Contact Jess LeClair at [jleclairj@easterntct.edu](mailto:jleclairj@easterntct.edu)**.

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### Happy Holidays



**We wish you and yours all good cheer this holiday season, and a happy, healthy, sustainable New Year!**