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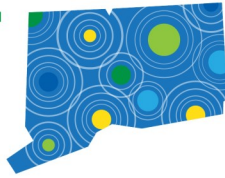


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Sustainable CT supports communities in becoming more vibrant, connected, healthy, safe, resilient, efficient, and livable. Created by towns, for towns, Sustainable CT includes a detailed menu of actions, resources, technical assistance, peer learning, and recognition. With a shared vision, practical tools, and collaborative spirit, we are building a thriving Connecticut for all residents, today and tomorrow—together.



The Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University spearheaded and coordinated the development of Sustainable CT and will administer the program and certification review.



The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities is a valued partner in program development and outreach to municipal leaders.

We are grateful for the generous collaborative funding support from the Emily Hall Tremain Foundation, Hampshire Foundation, and Common Sense Fund.

Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts	Points
Optimize for Equity	10-50
Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources	
Provide Watershed Education	5-10
Create a Watershed Management Plan	10-30
Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration	15-30
Develop an Open Space Plan	10
Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory	10
Provide Education on Water Conservation	5
Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use	5-15
Implement Low Impact Development	5-45
Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management	5-15
Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program	10-25
Manage Woodlands and Forests	10
Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations	
Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings	10-50
Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings	10-50
Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings	5-100
Develop a Municipal Energy Plan	10-20
Manage Municipal Fleets	10
Benchmark and Track Energy Use	5-10
Install Efficient Street Lights	5-20
Implement a Community Energy Campaign	5
Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems	
Map Tourism and Cultural Assets	5-15
Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth	20
Develop a Creative Placemaking Plan	10-15
Support Arts and Creative Culture	10-20
Dynamic and Resilient Planning	
Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning	20-85
Assess Climate Vulnerability	15
Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices	5-25
Inventory and Assess Historic Resources	5-20

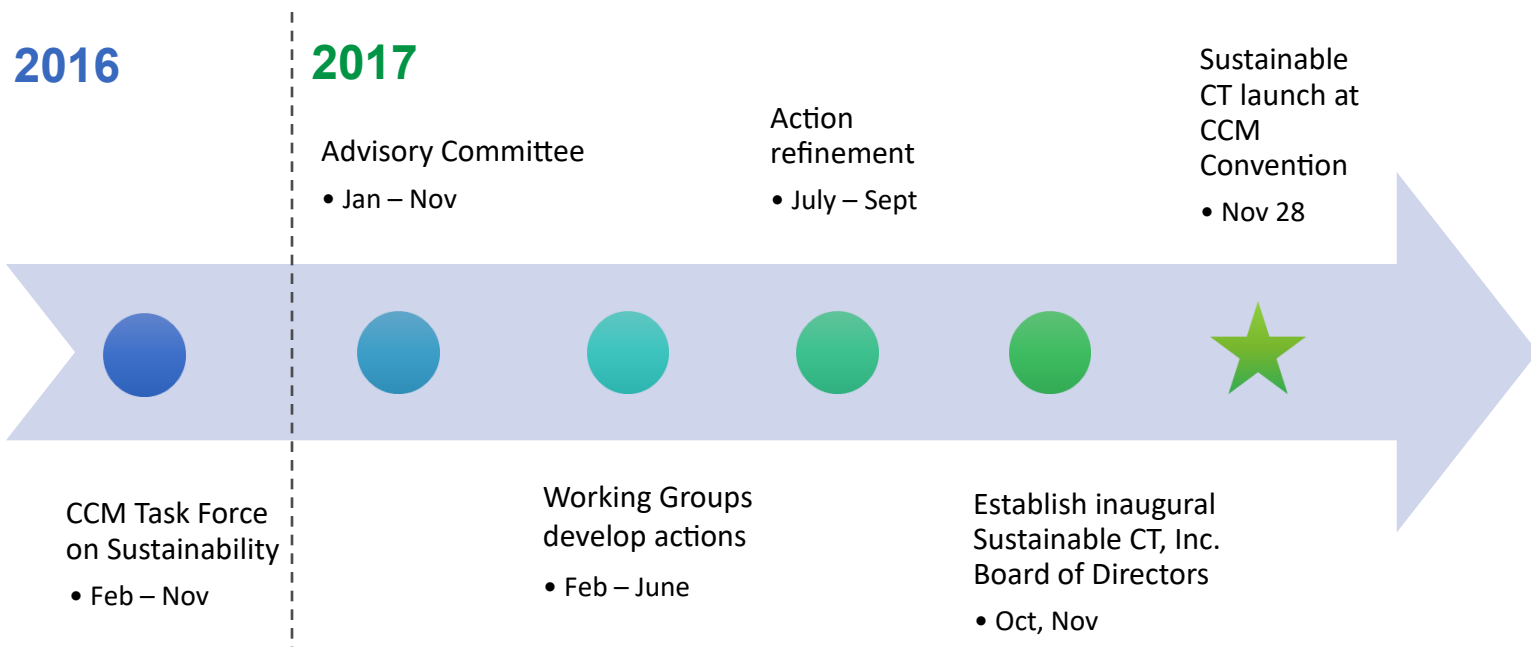
Dynamic and Resilient Planning (cont.)	Points
Adapt Permitting Process to Promote Sustainable Development	5-20
Streamline Solar Permitting	10
Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices	
Implement Complete Streets	5-100
Promote Effective Parking Management	10-45
Encourage Smart Commuting	10
Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment	5-20
Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies	5-60
Strategic and Inclusive Public Services	
Hold a Sustainability Event	5-25
Provide Effective Community Communications	15
Train Municipal Commissions	5
Encourage Healthy and Sustainable Food Networks	10-35
Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste	5-55
Implement Save Money and Reduce Trash Program	5-40
Recycle Additional Materials	10-40
Develop a Food Waste Reduction Campaign	10
Conduct Health Impact Assessments	5-25
Encourage Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places	10-45
Thriving Local Economies	
Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites	5-50
Implement Sustainable Purchasing	5-25
Inventory and Promote Local Retail Options	10-30
Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses	5-25
Promote Sustainable Workforce Development	5-25
Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program	5-15
Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing	
Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment	10-35
Grow Sustainable, Affordable Housing Options	10-50
Benchmark Energy and Water Use for Multifamily Housing	5-15
Innovation	
Implement Your Own Sustainability Action	5-20



SUSTAINABLE CT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Leaders from Connecticut municipalities, state agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and academia guided program development.

Program Development Timeline



CCM TASK FORCE ON SUSTAINABILITY

Municipal Leaders on the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Task Force on Sustainability set the vision and framework for Sustainable CT.

CT Conference of Municipalities: Task Force on Sustainability

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SUSTAINABLE CT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Sustainable CT Advisory Committee oversaw program development and guided the creation of a long-term governance structure.

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SUSTAINABLE CT WORKING GROUPS

Over 200 people participated in nine working groups to create Sustainable CT's voluntary menu of actions, integrating existing successful Connecticut programs and resources.

Equity Working Group

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EMILY BASHAM—CT Green Bank

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SUSTAINABLE CT WORKING GROUPS

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