

Town of Woodbury Honored with Sustainable CT Certification

The Town of Woodbury was among several Connecticut municipalities recognized on October 30th at the New Britain Museum of American Art for achieving certification as a Sustainable CT community. Sustainable CT is a statewide initiative that inspires and supports communities in becoming more efficient, resilient, and inclusive.

In its application for Sustainable CT certification, the Town of Woodbury demonstrated significant achievements in actions in nine sustainable impact areas ranging from inclusive community building, thriving local economies, and vibrant arts and culture to clean transportation and diverse housing. The Town of Woodbury successfully earned 415 points and completed 29 of 56 actions.

Town Planner, Maryellen Edwards stated that she is very proud of the town's accomplishment and expressed gratitude to the staff, organizations and residents that have supported the town in its effort to prioritize sustainable practices.

Certification lasts 3 years, with the state's first cohort of municipalities certified in 2018. Collectively, forty-seven municipalities, over 27% of the state's communities, have earned Sustainable CT certification. Certified communities span every county and include some of Connecticut's largest cities and smallest towns.

"Congratulations to our 2019 certified Sustainable CT communities," said Lynn Stoddard, Executive Director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University, which administers the program. "We are inspired by your leadership and eager to share your accomplishments in building efficient, thriving, and resilient communities."

A program that empowers municipalities to create high collective impact for current and future residents, Sustainable CT is managed under the leadership of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Sustainable CT is philanthropically funded, with strong support from its three founding funders: the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, the Common Sense Fund, and the Smart Seed Fund.

The Town of Woodbury and other certified communities will be recognized on December 3 at the Annual Convention of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

For more information, visit www.sustainablect.org.