

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY:

## PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR MUNICIPALITY

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MIDDLETOWN, CT

# PROGRAM



This event is coordinated by the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University, in collaboration with the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, through generous support from the Emily Hall Tremain Foundation, Common Sense Fund, and Hampshire Foundation.

8:30 – 9:00 am	<b>REGISTRATION</b> — <i>Coffee and Refreshments</i>
9:00 – 9:15 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks, Announcements, Support Resources</b> Christine Witkowski, <i>Middlesex Community College</i> Keri Enright-Kato, <i>Director, DEEP Office of Climate Change, Technology &amp; Research</i> Lynn Stoddard, <i>Institute for Sustainable Energy</i>
9:15 – 9:45 am	<b>Meriden Transit-Oriented Development and Sustainability</b> Lawrence Kendzior, <i>Meriden City Manager</i> Juliet Burdeleski, <i>Meriden Economic Development Director</i>
9:45 – 10:15 am	<b>Stamford 2030</b> Thomas Madden, <i>Stamford Director of Economic Development</i>
10:15 – 10:30 am	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>
10:30 – 11:00 am	<b>Panel: Municipal Composting</b> Introduction: Chris Nelson, <i>Department of Energy and Environmental Protection</i> Catherine Diviney, <i>West Hartford Energy Specialist</i> Jen Iannucci, <i>Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority</i>
11:00 – 11:30 am	<b>Panel: Local Sustainable Foods</b> Alicia McAvay, <i>New London County Farm to School Coordinator</i> Erin Perpetua, <i>Norwich Public Schools</i>
11:30 am – 12:00	<b>Introductory Remarks: Representative James Albis, Connecticut General Assembly</b> <b>Leadership by the Governor's Council on Climate Change</b> Commissioner Rob Klee, <i>Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH</b> — <i>Networking Time</i>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Sustainable Jersey Successes</b> Introduction: Michelle Knapik, <i>President, Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation</i> Michelle Gentek-Mayer, <i>Former Gloucester Township Councilwoman, Camden County Freeholder</i> Chris Waldron, <i>Director of Sustainability, Camden County, NJ</i>
2:00 – 2:30 pm	<b>Milford Microgrid and Energy Efficiency</b> Introduction: Veronica Szczerkowski, <i>Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection</i> Benjamin Blake, <i>Mayor of Milford</i>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>
2:45 – 3:15 pm	<b>Bridgeport Eco-Tech Park and Sustainability</b> David Kooris, <i>Bridgeport Director of Office of Planning and Economic Development</i>
3:15 – 3:45 pm	<b>Panel: Resilience and Adapting to a Changing Climate</b> Introduction: Rebecca French, <i>CT Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation</i> George Kral, <i>Guilford Town Planner</i> Larry Ritzhaupt, <i>Chair, Old Saybrook Sea Level Rise &amp; Climate Adaptation Committee</i>
3:45 – 4:15 pm	<b>Enfield Energy Savings Performance Contracting Project</b> Derrik Kennedy, <i>Enfield Assistant Town Manager</i>
4:15 – 4:30 pm	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> Mally Cox-Chapman, <i>Common Sense Fund</i> ; Sabina Shelby, <i>Hampshire Foundation</i>

## SPEAKER BIOS

### MAYOR BEN BLAKE, *Milford, CT*

In November 2011, at age 33, Ben was elected the 10th Mayor of Milford, CT. He previously served eight years as a member of the Board of Aldermen, including terms as Minority Leader and as Chairman.

Ben was born in Milford and his parents, grandparents, and even a generation before that made Milford their home. He grew up riding Bus “K” to Calf Pen Meadow and playing sports at Foran High. He attended the University of Richmond in Virginia where he studied History and Government. While in Virginia, Ben taught Civics to high school juniors and seniors. He then returned to Connecticut, attended law school at Quinnipiac University, and from 2004 through 2011 practiced law on the beautiful Downtown Green.

As Mayor, Ben has enacted a series of cost cutting initiatives and streamlined City operations to make Milford government more effective and efficient. He has implemented comprehensive conservation improvements within City buildings and infrastructure that have yielded significant energy savings for taxpayers. Most notably, Ben has led Milford through Storm Sandy and Blizzard Nemo, and has received widespread praise and appreciation for his management during two of the worst natural disasters in the City’s history.

### JULIET BURDELESKI, *Meriden Economic Development Director*

Ms. Burdelski is a public policy and planning professional who has worked for over 20 years in the private, non-profit and government sectors. As Director of Economic Development for the City of Meriden, Ms. Burdelski is the City’s point person for economic development. Primary responsibilities include fostering economic development in Meriden in order to sustain and grow the tax base and assisting the City implement critical infrastructure improvements that are necessary to support and sustain economic growth. Ms. Burdelski also oversees the implementation of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program being used to foster economic development and increased transit use in Meriden. Prior to her current role, Ms. Burdelski served as the City’s Grants Administrator from 2007-2011 and as the TOD Pilot Project Manager from 2011-2012. Before joining the City of Meriden, Ms. Burdelski worked in the private and non-profit sectors as a planning consultant specializing in transportation, energy and the environment. Ms. Burdelski holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science from Miami University and a Master of Urban Planning (MUP) from the University of Michigan.

### CATHERINE DIVINEY, *West Hartford Energy Specialist*

Catherine Diviney works part-time as the Energy Specialist for the Town of West Hartford and the West Hartford Board of Education. Her responsibilities include managing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and other related projects, tracking utility data, maintaining the Town’s energy website, working with schools, and co-chairing the Town’s Clean Energy Task Force. Prior to working for West Hartford, Catherine was the Energy Specialist for Portland Public Schools in Oregon. She has an M.B.A. and M.E.M. (Masters of Environmental Management) from Yale University and a B.A. in Economics from Cornell University.

### JEN IANNUCCI, *Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority*

Jennifer Iannucci is the Executive Director of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, HRRRA, a regional, governmental, waste management and recycling authority serving eleven municipalities in western Connecticut and a population of over 225,000 people. Jen is also the Business Director for Promisek at Three Rivers Farm an Environmental and Education Center in Bridgewater, CT. Jen created and implemented the first organics food scrap collection program in the state of Connecticut in 2014 and is currently expanding it in two other HRRRA communities.

### LAWRENCE KENDZIOR, *Meriden City Manager*

Lawrence Kendzior has served as City Manager of the City of the Meriden since 2005. Prior to that he had been the Meriden City Attorney and Corporation Counsel beginning in 1985. He formerly was in private practice with an emphasis on litigation. Mr. Kendzior is a member of the Board of Directors of the Meriden Economic Development Corporation and in the past was a Board member of the Meriden Economic Resources Group, the Regional Growth Partnership and President of Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. He is a graduate of New York University and the Boston University School of Law.

**DERRIK KENNEDY, *Enfield Assistant Town Manager***

Derrick Kennedy has been the Assistant Town Manager in Enfield since 2013. Mr. Kennedy has overseen the performance contracting process from its onset in Enfield. Kennedy is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Town departments in conjunction with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager of Development Services.

Mr. Kennedy worked as the executive assistant to the First Selectman in Colchester, Connecticut from 2010-2013 where he assisted in the performance contracting process there as well.

Derrick Kennedy is on the executive board of the Connecticut Town/City Managers Association and represents the Town of Enfield on the Capitol Region Council of Governments Municipal Services Committee. He is a Credentialed Manager Candidate from the International City Managers Association (ICMA) and serves on the ICMA Government Affairs and Policy Committee.

Derrick Kennedy was recently appointed by the Town Council of Westerly, Rhode Island to be their next Town Manager with a start date of October 2015.

Kennedy holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Connecticut and received his dual undergraduate degree in history and political science from the University of Connecticut as well.

**ROB KLEE, *Commissioner, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection***

DEEP is the state agency charged with conserving, improving and protecting the state's natural resources and environment, providing first-rate outdoor recreation opportunities, and bringing cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable energy to Connecticut's residents and businesses. DEEP is focused on integrating energy and environmental policies and helping Connecticut to build a sustainable and prosperous 21st-century economy.

Commissioner Klee joined DEEP in April 2011 as Chief of Staff. In that role he oversaw the work of the agency, supported the efforts of the Commissioner, and advised the Commissioner and senior staff on a wide range of environmental and energy policy issues.

Prior to joining state service, Commissioner Klee was an attorney with Wiggin and Dana LLP, in New Haven, where he specialized in appellate work and energy and environmental law.

From 2004 to 2005 Commissioner Klee worked as a Law Clerk for the U.S. District Court in Connecticut and from 2005 to 2006 as a Law Clerk for the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He served as a Research Affiliate in the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies from 2006 to 2008.

Commissioner Klee holds a Ph.D. from Yale's School of Forestry & Environmental Studies in industrial ecology, a law degree from Yale, and an undergraduate degree from Princeton in geology and environmental science.

**DAVID KOORIS, *Bridgeport Director of Office of Planning and Economic Development***

David Kooris is the Director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development for Bridgeport. He manages eight divisions including Planning, Economic Development, Housing and Community Development, Anti-Blight, Neighborhood Revitalization, Land Use and Construction Review, Buildings, and Zoning. This role enables him to chart a long-range strategy for the city's revitalization grounded in its diverse neighborhoods, spur economic development in its downtown and commercial centers, and reposition thousands of acres of brownfields for sustainable redevelopment. Previously, Mr. Kooris was Vice President at Regional Plan Association. He managed the organization's Connecticut and Hudson Valley programs. He has worked globally on high-speed rail-oriented development, sustainability planning, and urban revitalization projects. Mr. Kooris is a lecturer at Yale University's Graduate School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and an elected official representing Stamford's 6th District - Downtown - on that city's Board of Representatives.

**GEORGE KRAL, *Guilford Town Planner***

George Kral is Town Planner in Guilford, Connecticut. George has been Town Planner since 1984 and is responsible for managing Guilford's land use and community development planning programs and its permitting processes. Prior to working in Guilford George worked in regional planning in the New Haven region and in the private sector in Cincinnati, Ohio. George is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and holds a Master's Degree in City Planning from the University of Michigan.

**THOMAS MADDEN, *Stamford Director of Economic Development***

Mr. Madden was appointed Director of Economic Development for the City of Stamford, CT in June 2014. Previously, he held the position of Commissioner of the Department of Community Development and Conservation for the Town of Greenburgh, NY.

Thomas has been instrumental in the development of new economic and environment standards in his professional career including administrative procedures and policies to retain, restore and expand the commercial and industrial tax base of the community, adoption of Green Building code for new site development, revisions to the Energy Star code, Energy Improvement Financing for commercial properties (Energize NY). Mr. Madden has overseen the approval and development of numerous large scale developments.

Mr. Madden graduated from the University of Victoria with a BA in geography (Urban Studies) and attended Dalhousie University's Masters of Urban and Rural Planning Program, where he was awarded the Harry Kitz Park Development Scholarship for Park Design and the Mobil Oil Canada Scholarship for Impact and Design Studies for his graduate thesis on the potential for eco-industrial development in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching and refereeing youth hockey. Mr. Madden is also a Director for the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research in NYC, which has raised more than 2 million dollars for cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

**ALICIA MCAVAY, *Farm FRESH New London County Schools Farm to School Coordinator***

Alicia McAvay is the Farm to School Coordinator for Farm FRESH New London County Schools, a collaboration of Ledge Light Health District, the New London County Food Policy Council and FRESH New London. In 2013, Ledge Light Health District received a USDA Farm to School Support Services grant to enhance farm to school activities across New London County. Through this funding, Farm FRESH New London County Schools was created to support advancements in local foods procurement, school gardens and farm to school education in all New London County school districts.

Ms. McAvay joined Farm FRESH New London County Schools in March 2014. She has an MSW from UCONN School of Social Work in Community Organization and a background working with local agriculture and sustainable communities. As the Farm to School Coordinator, Ms. McAvay works with local farmers and food service staff to address the barriers of increasing the amount of local foods served in schools. Additionally, Farm FRESH New London Schools works to increase the demand for local foods by educating students and families about the economic, environmental and health benefits of local, whole foods.

**ERIN PERPETUA, *Norwich Public Schools Food Service Director***

Erin Perpetua is the Food Service Director for Norwich Public Schools. She was hired into the food service department in April of 2011. As Director, she is in charge of menuing, purchasing and overseeing the 50 employees who serve in 11 schools, 2 pack-out sites and a processing kitchen. Prior to her being the Director, Erin was a kitchen manager at a school as well as worked from the start up of the processing kitchen, establishing processes, going to the local farms, picking up fresh produce, working after hours processing farm produce to then be distributed to all the schools in her district.

**LARRY RITZHAUPT, *Chair, Old Saybrook Sea Level Rise and Climate Adaptation Committee***

Larry Ritzhaupt is the volunteer chair and member of the Old Saybrook Sea Level Rise and Climate Adaptation Committee, a committee that has been working to identify risks due to SLR and climate change and mitigation strategies for the town since early summer of 2014. The final report for the committee is due before the end of the year. Larry and his wife, Leigh Bonney, have been residents of Old Saybrook since 1999 after moving from New York City. They are involved with and actively support the work of the Nature Conservancy as well as that of the local land trusts. He is a veterinarian with a PhD in physiology and spent the majority of his career in the pharmaceutical industry doing clinical research and drug development for animals as well as humans.

## SPEAKER BIOS - SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

### **MICHELLE GENTEK-MAYER**

*Former Gloucester Township Councilwoman, Camden County Freeholder*

Michelle A. Gentek-Mayer brings her commitment to the environment and a lifetime of public service and community activism to her role as a Camden County Freeholder.

She served as a Councilwoman in Gloucester Township from 2010-2012. Through her leadership there, Freeholder Gentek-Mayer helped Gloucester Township develop a comprehensive Energy Master Plan that includes installation of solar panels on the municipal building and a \$21 million shared services solar project in partnership with the Gloucester Township Public Schools and the Black Horse Pike Regional School District. She also created the Township's first Community Garden program and has worked to revitalize downtown Blackwood by merging economic development with the arts.

While a member of Gloucester Township Council, Freeholder Gentek-Mayer assumed a leadership role in the Township's Sustainability Program and, in just one year, ensured the Township earned a Bronze certification from the Sustainable Jersey Program, followed by a silver certification. She received the Sustainable New Jersey Leadership Award in 2012 for the vital role she played in Gloucester Township's success in sustainability.

Under her guidance, Camden County has expanded its sustainability efforts and environmental education. The greenhouses at the Lakeland campus have been renovated and are now growing the plants found in Camden County's park system. Additionally the Office of Sustainability and Shared Services has a new home at the Lakeland Campus where a Tool Library and an Outdoor Environmental Classroom are being developed, along with an expansion of the Camden County BikeShare Program. Michelle was also instrumental in being the second county to get all 37 Municipalities registered for Sustainable Jersey. Thirteen of the thirty-seven are certified and many more on their way to becoming certified.

### **CHRIS WALDRON, Director of Sustainability, Camden County, NJ**

I have a Wildlife and Fisheries Science Degree from Penn State University and worked at the Philadelphia Zoo for 19 years, as a zookeeper, primate and carnivore curator, and most recently as the Director of Sustainability. In June of 2012, I took on a new challenge as the Director of Sustainability for Camden County, NJ, which covers over 222 square miles in the southern part of the State, directly across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, and has over 500,000 residents. It is the first position of its kind for any county in New Jersey. I'm also a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional through the U.S. Green Building Council and the Chair of the Winslow Township Environmental Commission in New Jersey. In addition, I'm an Adjunct Professor at Burlington County College and Richard Stockton College, both in New Jersey and also teach several online courses through the Animal Behavior Institute.

## RESOURCES FOR MUNICIPALITIES

### **The Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University (ISE)**

**Contact Information:** Lynn Stoddard, Director, StoddardL@easternct.edu, (860) 465-2813

**Website:** <http://www1.easternct.edu/sustainenergy/>

#### **Brief Description of Services Provided:**

ISE provides support on "performance based procurement," an innovative best practice to achieve the next generation of low- and zero-energy buildings at a cost comparable to current construction. If your town will be building a new school in the near future and has not yet selected a design team, contact ISE to learn more about this opportunity. ISE also provides assistance with energy benchmarking, building walk-throughs, and ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager training.

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### **Greater New Haven Clean Cities Coalition**

**Contact Information:** Lee Grannis, Coordinator, grannis@nhcleancities.org, 203.627.3715

**Website:** <http://www.nhcleancities.org/>

#### **Brief Description of Services Provided:**

Work with fleets to reduce usage of foreign petroleum through efforts such as alternative and renewable fuels, idle-reduction measures, fuel economy improvements, and new transportation technologies as they emerge.

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### **Office of Climate Change, CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection**

**Contact Information:** Jeff Howard, Environmental Analyst, jeff.l.howard@ct.gov, 860-827-2959

**Website:** <http://ct.gov/deep/climatechange/>

#### **Brief Description of Services Provided:**

Development of policies, programs, and initiatives on climate change for state as a whole, for state and municipal government, and for business community. Staff support for Governor's Council on Climate Change.

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### Connecticut Microgrid Program, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

**Contact Information:** Veronica Szczerkowski, Microgrid Program Coordinator, veronica.szczerkowski@ct.gov, 860-827-2890

**Website:**  
[http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/\\$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=7&Seq=2](http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=7&Seq=2)

#### Brief Description of Services Provided:

The purpose of the Microgrid Program is to solicit applications to build microgrids in order to support critical facilities during times of electricity grid outages. The Program was developed in response to the recommendation of the Governor's Two Storm Panel regarding the use of microgrids as a method for minimizing the impacts to critical infrastructure associated with emergencies, natural disasters, and other events when these cause the larger electricity grid to lose power. DEEP will fund the design, engineering and interconnection infrastructure for qualified microgrids up to \$3,000,000 per project.

### Eversource, EnergizeCT, Clean Energy Communities

**Contact Information:** Samantha Sojka, Associate Program Administrator, samantha.sojka@eversource.com, 860-665-5130

**Website:** <http://www.energizect.com/>

#### Brief Description of Services Provided:

Clean Energy Communities empowers Connecticut towns and cities to both reduce energy use and increase support for clean, renewable energy for municipal facilities. Clean Energy Communities assists communities in benchmarking all municipal and board of education energy usage to identify building "energy hogs" and create Municipal Action Plants to help reach their goal of reducing 20% energy usage by 2018. In addition, we offer energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy learning to Connecticut K-12 schools.

### Office of Demand, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

**Contact Information:** Brian Biernat, Research Analyst, brian.biernat@ct.gov, 860-827-2983

**Website:** [http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=4405&Q=481600&deepNav\\_GID=2121](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=4405&Q=481600&deepNav_GID=2121)

#### Brief Description of Services Provided:

Develops programs, policies and procedures that encourage energy efficiency and conservation. Encourages the use of green, sustainable, and environmental friendly technology and practices. Coordinates efforts with public and private partners to better serve the citizens of Connecticut. Top Programs include: Energy Savings Performance Contracting and Weatherization.

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### Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA)

**Contact Information:** Rebecca French, Director of Community Engagement, rebecca.french@uconn.edu, 860-405-9228

**Website:** <http://circa.uconn.edu/>

#### Brief Description of Services Provided:

The Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) is a partnership between the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). The mission of CIRCA is to foster the resilience and sustainability of vulnerable communities along Connecticut's coast and inland waterways to the growing impacts of climate change on the natural, built, and human environment. CIRCA provides opportunities to Connecticut municipalities through providing critical resilience research, conducting on-the-ground projects and funding municipal resilience initiatives. CIRCA partners with municipalities to pilot important research project findings and provides funding for planning, design and implementation of resilience projects.

### New England Grassroots Environment Fund

**Contact Information:** Leigh Cameron, leigh@grassrootsfund.org, 603-905-9915

**Website:** <http://grassrootsfund.org>

#### Brief Description of Services Provided:

The New England Grassroots Environment Fund provides grants of up to \$3500 to support community groups across New England to support local community efforts focused on environmental sustainability, justice and local economies that are not being reached by traditional funders. Since its inception, the Grassroots Fund has built up a core grant making program that has funded over 1,800 different community groups located in over 60% of New England's cities and towns - putting over \$4 million directly into these communities.

Eligible applicants are doing community-based environmental work in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI or VT; are volunteer-driven or have up to 2 full-time paid staff (or equivalents); and have an annual budget under \$100,000. Municipal volunteer-driven committees, commission and boards such as an energy task force/committee or conservation commission may apply for funding with the municipality serving as fiscal agent, provided the core organizing team includes active community members/volunteers and not primarily paid municipal staff.

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### **Sustainable Materials Management Planning and Implementation, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection**

**Contact Information:** Chris Nelson, Chris.Nelson@ct.gov, 860-424-3454

**Website:** [www.ct.gov/deep/MuniRecyclingResources](http://www.ct.gov/deep/MuniRecyclingResources)

**Brief Description of Services Provided:**

DEEP's Sustainable Materials Management Planning and Implementation program focuses on developing policies, programs and initiatives to support business, institutional, and state and local government climate change mitigation through waste reduction, reuse and recycling. Please contact us or visit our website for more information about implementing waste reduction programs, establishing zero waste goals, purchasing recycled content products, recycling hard to handle materials, establishing food scrap composting programs, implementing sustainable financing for solid waste, and recycling textiles, paint, mattresses, and electronics.

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### **Climate Adaptation Academy**

**Contact Information:** Juliana Barrett, juliana.barrett@uconn.edu, 860 405-9106 and Bruce Hyde, bruce.hyde@uconn.edu, 860 345-5229

**Website:** <http://clear.uconn.edu/climate/>

**Brief Description of Services Provided:**

The Climate Adaptation Academy (CAA) provides information on current adaptation research, policy and practice, and serves to promote an exchange of information between municipal officials, researchers, and other professionals. The CAA is designed to be a continuous process by which the complex and emerging climate adaptation issues facing municipalities are identified and innovative solutions that are identified are shared. The CAA will also assist with the development and promotion of policy changes at the State and local level that will better position communities to meet the challenges of climate adaptation. A key component of this outreach strategy is to work with communities to identify needs at the local level by involving local officials in the discussion.

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### **SustainableCT program, Clean Water Fund**

**Contact Information:** Melissa Everett, Ph.D., CT Energy and Sustainability Program Manager, office 860-232-6232 / cell 845-514-8567 [meverett@cleanwater.org](mailto:meverett@cleanwater.org)

**Website:** [www.sustainablect.org](http://www.sustainablect.org)

**Brief Description of Services Provided:**

Clean Water Fund's CT Energy and Sustainability Program provides a support system for local Clean Energy Task Forces with technical assistance, webinars, workshops, peer-to-peer exchange conference calls, a listserv and a website, [www.sustainablect.org](http://www.sustainablect.org). With funding from the Emily Hall Tremain Foundation, Hampshire Foundation and Common Sense Fund, Clean Water's work this year includes in-depth research on local Task Forces' activities and concerns, a series of workshops on energy security and resiliency planning, and exploration of a more systemic municipal engagement model such as Sustainable Jersey.

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### **EVConnecticut [electric vehicles]**

**Contact Information:** Patrice Kelly, Air Bureau, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, [Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov](mailto:Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov), 860-424-3410

**Website:** [www.ct.gov/evct](http://www.ct.gov/evct)

**Brief Description of Services Provided:**

EVConnecticut is a partnership between the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Department of Transportation working to introduce more electric vehicles into Connecticut. Connecticut's cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy future depends on electric vehicles putting us on a path toward greater energy independence.

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### **Connecticut Green LEAF Schools**

**Contact Information:** Laurel Kohl, ISE, [KOHLL@easternct.edu](mailto:KOHLL@easternct.edu), 860-465-0256

**Website:** <http://www.ctgreenleaf.org>

**Brief Description of Services Provided:**

Connecticut Green LEAF Schools is a collaboration of the State Departments of Education, Energy and Environmental Protection, Public Health, and Administrative Services, along with more than 35 other education and environmental organizations. The goal is to help schools get greener, with a focus on teaching about sustainability and the environment, supporting the health and wellness of students and staff, and using resources in a way to decrease costs and environmental impact. The program is open to all CT K-12 schools and has 77 members to date.