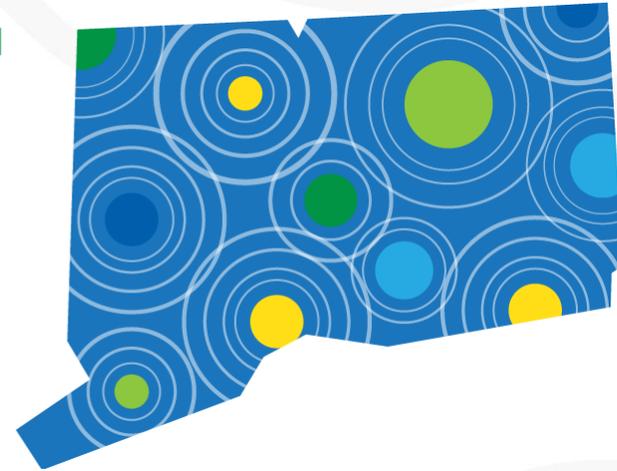


Sustainable CT

Local Actions. Statewide Impact.



What is Sustainable CT?



Road Map

A menu of coordinated, voluntary actions to promote sustainability



Resources

Support – including technical and financial – to help communities implement actions



Certification

Recognizing communities for their sustainability achievements



Flexibility

Meeting the needs of *all* communities – urban and rural, big and small



Livability

More sustainable, efficient, healthy, safe, resilient, thriving communities

Menu of Voluntary Actions

1. Thriving **local economies**

2. Well-steward **land and natural resources**

3. Vibrant and creative **cultural ecosystems**

4. Dynamic and resilient **planning**

5. Clean and diverse **transportation** systems

6. Efficient **physical infrastructure and operations**

7. Strategic and inclusive **public services**

8. Healthy, efficient and diverse **housing**

9. Inclusive and equitable **community impacts**

One Program – Many Benefits



Environmental Impacts



Economic Well-Being



Greenhouse Gas Reduction



Climate Resilience



Health and Wellness



Community Building



Cost Savings

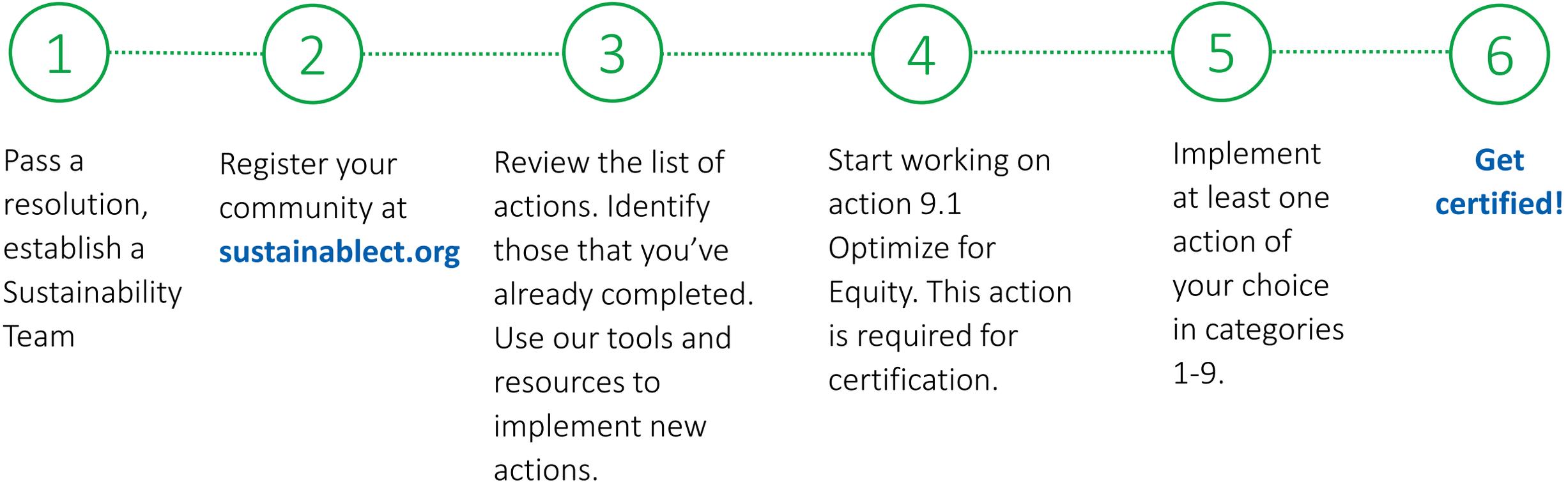


Equity

Why Participate?

- **Recognition**
- **Funding & resources**
- **Build community**
- **Inspiration**
- **Cost savings**
- **Partnerships**
- **Peer learning**

Become a Sustainable CT Community



2018:
22 Certified
Communities!
2019:
32 Certified
Communities!



All Silver Certified Communities, 2018 and 2019 (14)



Coventry

Fairfield

Glastonbury

Greenwich

Guilford

Hartford

Mansfield

Middletown

New Haven

Simsbury

South Windsor

Stamford

Vernon

Windham

All Bronze Certified Communities, 2018 and 2019 (33)



Ashford
Bethany
Bloomfield
Bristol
Brookfield
Burlington
Cornwall
Darien
East Hartford
East Lyme
Essex
Groton

Hebron
Madison
Manchester
Milford
New London
New Milford
North Stonington
Norwich
Old Saybrook
Portland
Ridgefield
Roxbury

Scotland
Waterford
West Hartford
West Haven
Weston
Westport
Wilton
Woodbridge
Woodbury



Community Match Fund

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Fast, flexible funding mechanism to support sustainability-related projects throughout Connecticut

- Promotes sustainability
- Expands Sustainable CT's scope
 - Project-focused
- Allows for creativity and innovation
- Facilitates inter-town collaboration
- Promotes community involvement
 - Connects municipal staff with residents
 - Promotes resident-led projects



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How the Match Fund works

Funding & support for anyone in a registered Sustainable CT town with great ideas for **sustainability-related projects**

❖ The Match Fund

- Dollar-to-dollar matching funds
- Up to **\$25,000** for projects
- Online crowdfunding
- One-on-one fundraising support
- **Community collaboration** & buy-in (literally!)
- Connections to partners, other municipalities, & other funding sources

❖ Who can access funds

- Municipalities, Nonprofits, Public schools, Community Groups, Residents



Sustainable CT Supporters



Tremaine Foundation



COMMONSENSEFUND



Community Foundation
of Eastern Connecticut

Main Street
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community Match Fund Supporters



Tremaine Foundation



Actions that Promote Climate Resilience



2.1 Provide Watershed Education

2.2 Create a Watershed
Management Plan

2.3 Engage in Watershed
Protection and Restoration

2.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

2.6 Manage for Drought and
Municipal Water Use

2.7 Provide Education on Water
Conservation

2.8 Implement Low Impact
Development

2.9 Manage Woodlands and
Forests

4.1 Integrate Sustainability into
Plan of Conservation and
Development and Zoning

4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly
Practices

4.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

4.5 Inventory and Assess Historic
Resources

5.1 Implement Complete Streets

4.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

5 Points

10 Points

15 Points

20 Points

25 Points



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Objective

What to Do

Credit for Past Action

Potential Municipal and
Community Collaborators

Funding

Resources

Why This Matters

Benefits

CT Success Stories

2. Identify how the secondary impacts of climate change are likely to affect your community. These include agricultural devastation (e.g. food insecurity), natural resource depletion (e.g. water scarcity), public health (e.g. increased incidence of vector borne disease, asthma, heat stroke, etc), infrastructure damage or failure, and cultural resource damage or destruction. **(5 points)**

Submit: An assessment of how the secondary impacts of climate change will impact your community.

3. Demonstrate that special consideration has been given to low and moderate-income residents and their particular vulnerability to impact of extreme weather events and inability to recover and identify risks to vulnerable communities (elderly, health risk, refugee, low income, etc.) in either your assessment to the primary impacts of climate change (#1 above) and/or secondary impacts (#2 above). **(5 points each, maximum 10 points)**

Submit: Indicate where in your assessment(s) special consideration has been made.

4.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

- 22 of the 47 certified communities completed this action
- Various supports utilized:
 - Council of Governments
 - Yale University's Urban Ecology Lab
 - The Nature Conservancy's Community Resilience Building Workshops
- Future: CIRCA's Vulnerability Assessment Tool

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