



## About Sustainable CT

[Sustainable CT is a voluntary certification program](#) to recognize thriving and resilient Connecticut municipalities. An independently funded, grassroots, municipal effort, Sustainable CT provides a wide-ranging menu of [best practices](#). Municipalities choose Sustainable CT actions, implement them, and earn points toward [certification](#).

Sustainable CT also provides opportunities for [grant funding](#) to help communities promote economic well-being and enhance equity, all while respecting the finite capacity of the natural environment. The program is designed to support all Connecticut municipalities, regardless of size, geography or resources. Sustainable CT empowers municipalities to create [high collective impact](#) for current and future residents.

To foster inclusive, resilient, and vibrant Connecticut municipalities that provide opportunities for all to thrive by: providing a menu of sustainability actions that build local economies, support equity, and respect the finite capacity of the environment; offering technical assistance to help advance sustainability initiatives; and recognizing and certifying municipalities for their achievements.

## The Town of Preston achieved Bronze Certification

At the March 27, 2024 Board of Selectmen (BOS) Meeting, First Selectwoman, Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, shared the criterion of Sustainable Connecticut. Their efforts concentrate not only on sustainability, but supports community-wide efforts to assure the health and welfare of the Town.

Gary Piszczek, Chairman of the Conservation and Agricultural Commission (CAC), agreed to spearhead the effort to have Preston become Certified as a Sustainable Connecticut Town. To become certified, Preston was required to complete one action in each of the [12 categories](#) identified by Sustainable CT. The Town completed a number of actions that were documented to achieve Bronze certification! Read more in this [Press Release](#).

A [resolution](#) was passed by the BOS that indicates the Town's intent to participate and a Sustainable CT Advisory Team has been established to help identify projects, follow through with their completion and submit documentation to Sustainable CT in order to become certified.

### Members of the Sustainability Team include:

Cara Sawyer, Chairperson  
Gary Piszczek  
Patti Monahan  
Terri Eickel  
(Vacancy)  
David Masalin, Vice-Chairperson (3/27/24 – 7/30/25)  
Carol Matsumoto (3/27/24 – 10/31/24)

### Regular Meetings

Regularly scheduled meetings were approved by the Sustainable CT Advisory Board on November 14, 2024. Meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the beginning of each quarter at 6:00pm and will be held in the Tasting Room at Preston Ridge Vineyard, 100 Miller Road, Preston.

January 23, 2025      April 30, 2025      July 24, 2025      October 23, 2025

[View the most recent Sustainability Team Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)

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