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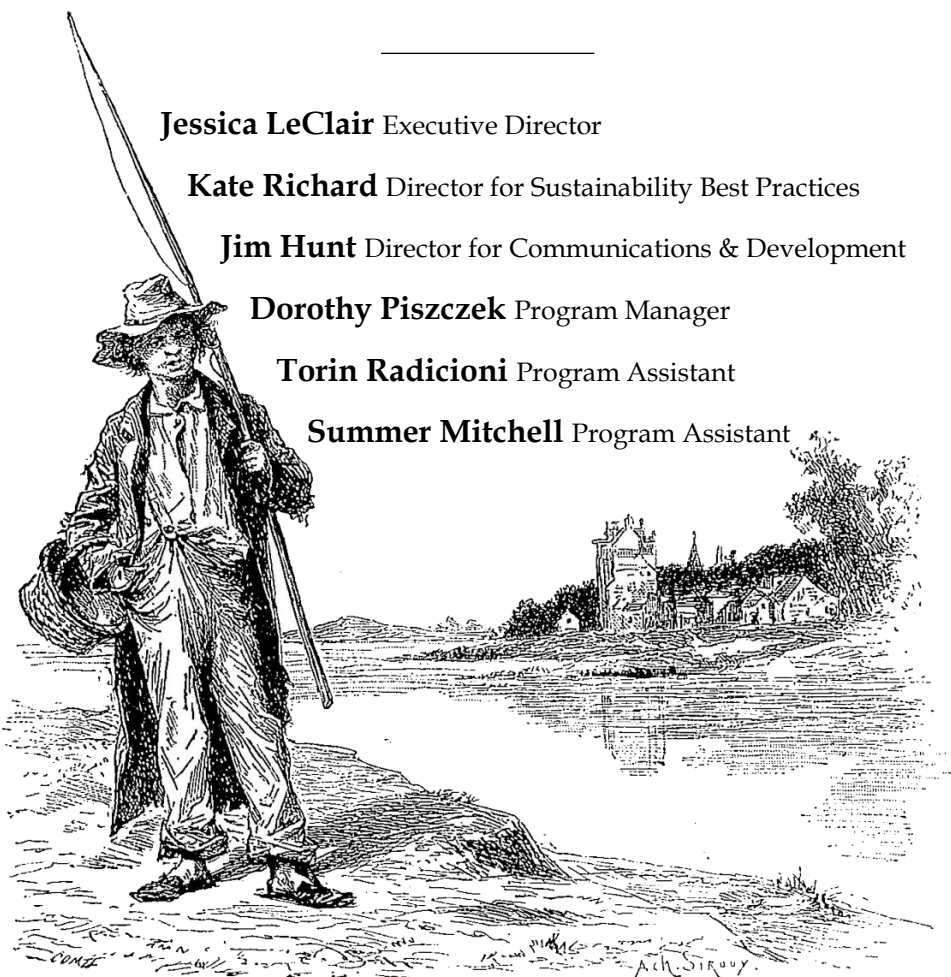
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ABOUT SUSTAINABLE CT.

Sustainable CT is a free, voluntary certification program that supports and recognizes thriving and resilient Connecticut municipalities. An independently funded, grassroots 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 through its Community Match Fund program 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.



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THE MARK TWAIN HOUSE & MUSEUM.



Mark Twain is an enduring symbol of America. He rose from poverty and suffered hardship and great loss, but he never lost his desire to understand and help his fellow human beings, call out wrongs, speak truth to power, give voice to those who had none, and present an unvarnished picture of America to the rest of the world.

The Mark Twain House & Museum preserves and presents to visitors from around the world the house from which sprang most of Twain's greatest works. It interprets the material legacy of Mark Twain and the Clemens family in exhibitions and through its curatorial collections. Through its public programs, the museum offers a forum for exploring and discussing issues related to politics and current events that constitute the contemporary mirror of Twain's own passions.

From this house, Mark Twain changed the way the world sees America and the way Americans see themselves. The Mark Twain House & Museum continues the conversation he began.



‘ AIN’T THAT WORK ?

OUR EVENT.

CHAPTER I.

Networking, refreshments
and House tours, 4-5pm

CHAPTER II.

Welcome & Remarks, 5pm

CHAPTER III.

Certification Awards

CHAPTER IV.

Panel Discussion – Effective Sustainability Teams,
featuring Southbury, Fairfield and Preston

CHAPTER V.

More networking, refreshments
and House tours, 6-7pm

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Sustainability Actions Completed: 9



Marlborough • Silver Certified

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Sustainability Actions Completed: 28



Norwalk • Bronze Certified

Certification Points Earned: 580
Sustainability Actions Completed: 30



Stamford • Bronze Certified

Certification Points Earned: 440
Sustainability Actions Completed: 28



Vernon • Gold Certified & Climate Leader

Certification Points Earned: 980
Sustainability Actions Completed: 50
Climate Leader Points Earned: 155





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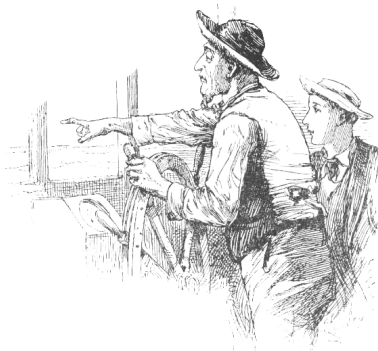


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MEET THE FELLOWS.

The Sustainable CT Fellowship Program places highly qualified fellows across the state's Councils of Governments (COGs) to help cities and towns become registered, certified, or recertified with Sustainable CT during the summer.

Fellows assist cities and towns within the various COG territories on researching and documenting their sustainability work, support municipalities on sustainability initiatives, and assist on COG projects that align with Sustainable



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CT goals. The Fellows cohort will also collaborate to address a statewide sustainability topic, and in 2025 that topic will be noise pollution. Fellows gain valuable experience working within a professional setting and are directly engaged in supporting cutting-edge sustainability initiatives, local government operations, and regional coordination and operations. Fellows build a deep professional network supporting sustainability initiatives across the state.



Maya Aviles

Maya is a rising senior at Columbia University studying Sustainable Development. She is the 2025 -2026 Columbia Chapter Director of Sprout Up, an environmental volunteers organization. Maya will be working with the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in Sandy Hook.



John-Henry Burke

John-Henry recently graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in sustainable systems. He is excited to be back at Sustainable CT and to keep working in the Northwest Hills Regional Council of Governments in Litchfield.

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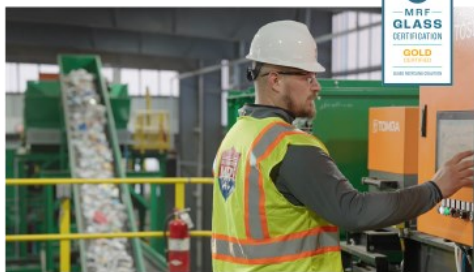
Thomas is a 2025 graduate from the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Environmental Studies. This summer, Thomas is excited to be working with the Capitol Region Council of Governments in Hartford.



Anna Hilary

Anna is a rising sophomore at the University of

Connecticut majoring in Environmental Sciences and minoring in Urban and Community Studies. She will be working at the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments in Killingly.



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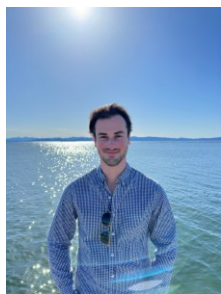


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Nathaniel Hill

Nathaniel is a 2025 graduate of the University of Vermont with a major in Sustainability, Ecology, and Policy. He will be working with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments in Essex.



Avery Holzworth

Avery is an undergraduate Political Science and Spanish double major at Stonehill College. She will be working with the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments in Norwich.

STILL MORE FELLOWS.



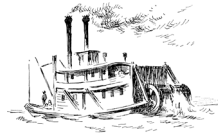
Amelia Kearney

Amelia is a rising junior studying Biology with a focus on Environmental Science and Women's Health. She recently graduated with her associate's degree from CT State Tunxis Community College and will be transferring to complete her bachelor's degree this fall. She will be working with the Capitol Region Council of Governments in Hartford.



Sreya Mothukuri

Sreya is a rising sophomore at the University of Connecticut. She is on the pre-medical track, majoring in Environmental Science with a concentration in Environmental Health. Sreya will be working with the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in Sandy Hook.



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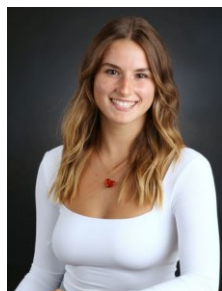
Aishlinn Parrinello

Aishlinn is a rising junior at Wesleyan University, majoring in Environmental Studies and Psychology. She will be working with the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments in Waterbury.



Ayushi Singh

Ayushi is a rising junior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst majoring in Economics with minors in Environmental Science and Business. She will be working with the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments in Bridgeport.



Thalia Witkovsky

Thalia is a rising junior at Wesleyan University majoring in Environmental Studies and Government. She will be working with the South Central Regional Council of Governments in North Haven.

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As we continue this important work, we are grateful to walk alongside such passionate and engaged individuals and organizations. Together we're building a brighter, more sustainable future—one step, one town, one success at a time.

Thank you for believing in the power of community. We couldn't do this without you.

— **The Sustainable CT Team**



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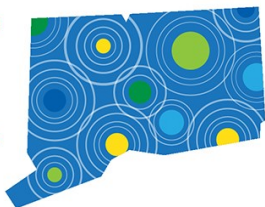


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