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### MANCHESTER RECEIVES SUSTAINABLE CT CERTIFICATION

**MANCHESTER, CT** – Manchester was recognized and received a bronze certification from Sustainable CT for achieving and meeting a wide range of sustainability goals earlier this month. Sustainable CT is a statewide initiative that inspires and supports communities in becoming more efficient, resilient, and inclusive.

“Manchester is a vibrant, thriving community that is a great place to live, work, go to school, play and pray, and the Town is committed to ensuring that it remains so for future generations,” said Mayor Jay Moran. “The certification is evidence of Manchester’s continued dedication to sustainable practices across a broad range of impact areas.”

Manchester demonstrated significant achievements in actions in nine sustainable impact areas including; inclusive community building, thriving local economies, vibrant arts and culture, and clean transportation and diverse housing. Manchester successfully completed the following actions:

- Providing resources and supports to local businesses through the Downtown 2020 Program
- Supporting arts and creative culture
- Developing and implementing complete streets policy and comprehensive recycling programs
- Growing sustainable and affordable housing options
- Initiating a town-wide Diversity Equity and Inclusion Program



In January 2019, the Manchester Board of Directors unanimously approved the creation of a municipal Sustainability Task Force to analyze and make recommendations to initiate or improve Town policies, programs, and practices that promote sustainability actions. “Twenty-five Manchester residents currently serve on the Sustainability Task Force, and their work has been instrumental in helping the Town achieve certification status”, said Deputy General Manager Steve Stephanou.

Sustainable CT 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.

Manchester and other certified communities will also be recognized on December 3rd at the Annual Convention of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. For more information, visit [www.sustainablect.org](http://www.sustainablect.org).

The Municipal Sustainability Task Force is comprised of the following Manchester residents and focuses on five key areas of sustainability: Environmental Stewardship, Economic Strength, Resiliency and Arts & Culture:

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