



# How to Mobilize Investment for Environmental Infrastructure in Your Community

**Connecticut Council of Small Towns** 

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## **Overview**



- Who Are We who are we and what do we do
- Clean Energy how are we working with towns to increase investment in clean energy and make an impact
- Environmental Infrastructure what is under construction to increase investment in environmental infrastructure to make an impact
- "Top 5" Things to Do what are actions your towns should take to mobilize investment in clean energy and environmental infrastructure in your community



Who Are We?





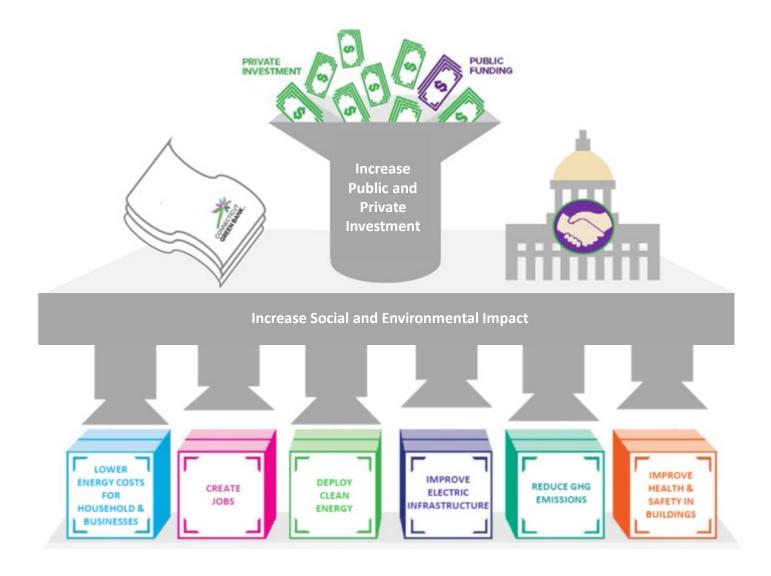
Our mission is to confront climate change and provide all of society a healthier and more prosperous future by increasing and accelerating the flow of private capital into markets that energize the green economy.

Guiding this mission is our vision for "...a planet protected by the love of humanity."

## **Connecticut Green Bank**



## Increase Investment to Increase Impact





# Clean Energy

# Coventry



## Green Bank Solar PPA and Solar MAP

Market Segment	Small/medium commercial, MUSH, affordable housing, nonprofits, community assets (Co-Investment)
Product Summary	3 <sup>rd</sup> party solar power purchase agreement, backed by C-PACE lien where possible
Support Needed	<ul> <li>Good solar economics</li> <li>Local solar installer &amp; project developer introductions</li> <li>Municipal, community and nonprofit introductions</li> <li>Subordinated debt capital – if available, but not required</li> </ul>
CT Results	187 PPAs closed/completed, \$108.8 MM, and 50.7 MW





## **Putnam**



# C-PACE with Hydropower and EE

Market Segment	Mixed Use Commercial and Residential (C-PACE)
Project Summary	Financed 900 kW hydropower project, including energy efficiency measures for mixed use property with 83 units (including >40% of units designated "affordable housing")
Support Needed	<ul> <li>Project finance – \$7.1 MM via C-PACE from Green Bank</li> <li>Support from DOH, Urban Act Funds, State and Historic Tax Credits (equity investors), and developer equity.</li> </ul>
CT Results	\$32 MM investment, 900 kW hydro project + energy efficiency of former industrial site





# **Thompson**



# Farm Waste to Energy AD Project

Market Segment	Project Finance (Co-Investment)
Project Summary	Provided long-term subordinated debt to finance the 1 <sup>st</sup> AD farm waste project of its kind in CT at Fort Hill Farms in Thompson
Support Needed	<ul> <li>Links to food waste collection policy (PA 11-127)</li> <li>Attracted lender as a senior debt provider (i.e., Live Oak Bank) along with equity and tax equity</li> </ul>
CT Results	\$4.8 MM project, 550 kW, reduce 25,000 tons of organic waste while producing renewable energy









## **Environmental Infrastructure**

# **Green Liberty Bonds**



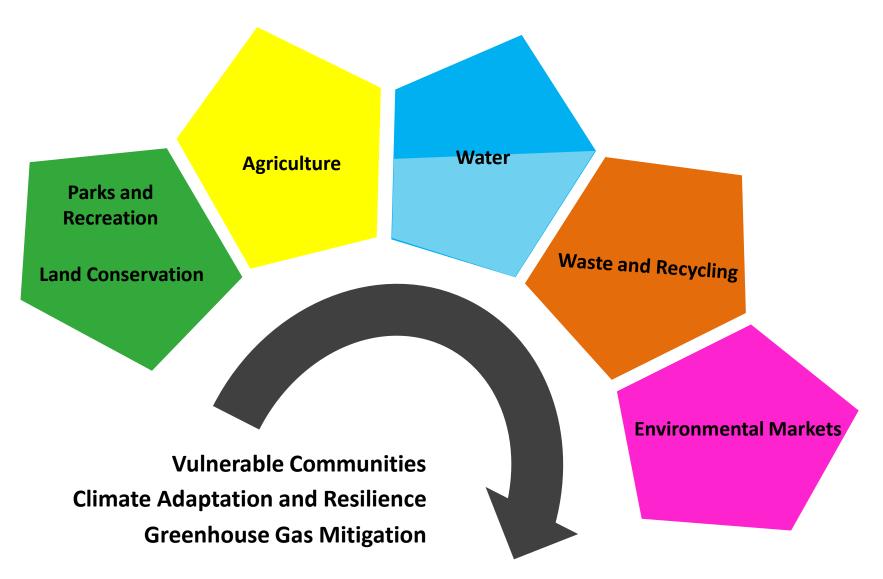
Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day



## **Environmental Infrastructure**



Public Act 21-115



## **Smart-E Loan**



# Expanding to Include Environmental Infrastructure

Market Segment	Residential Single Family (Credit Enhancement – IRB, LLR)
Product Summary	Partnership with thirteen (13) local community banks and credit union to provide easy access to affordable financing for comprehensive clean energy measures, including H&S. 5-20-year terms at rates ranging from 4.49-6.99% for \$500-\$50,000 of borrowing.
Support Needed	<ul> <li>Provide 2<sup>nd</sup> Loan Loss         Reserve (LLR) up to 7.5% of losses Class A and 15.0% of losses Class B     </li> </ul>
CT Results	5,420 projects for \$100.1 MM financed, 10.5 MW solar PV, 85% projects have EE

### smart-e loan







## **C-PACE**



## Expanding to Include Resilience and EV Recharging

Market Segment	Commercial, Industrial, Nonprofit and Multifamily (Warehousing)	
Product Summary	Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) applies a benefit assessment to a property to finance clean energy improvements with SIR>1	
Support Needed	<ul> <li>Capital to finance clean energy improvements</li> <li>Contractors to install clean energy improvements</li> <li>Supportive municipality – 137 opted in</li> <li>Supportive mortgage lender</li> </ul>	
CT Results	348 projects for \$220.1 MM investment, 42.5 MW of RE, 30% projects have EE	









#### **REFERENCES**

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report FY 2021 PA 22-6 expands scope of C-PACE





#### Your Prescription:

- ☐ Volunteer with Keney Park
  - Walk in Pope Park
- ☐ Hike in Remington Woods
- Bike along Farmington River Trail
- ☐ Fish in Southington Lake









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"Top 5" Things to Do

# ...but, before "Top 5"... Update on 2022 Legislative Session

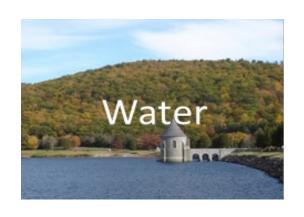


- Public Act 22-6 "AAC the C-PACE Program" expands C-PACE to resilience and EV recharging station infrastructure
- Public Act 22-25 "AAC the Connecticut Clean Air Act" adopts CA MHDV standards, clean vehicle targets (i.e., state fleets, transit, school buses), allows CHEAPR for e-bikes and pricier EVs, matching grant program for MHDV (e.g., ESB), longer contracting for ESB (i.e., from 5 to 10 years), property tax exemptions for certain chargers, and more...
- State Budget Implementer various policies including funds for vehicle electrification (e.g., MHDV EV vouchers) and ESB grants, climate-smart agriculture, extending technical resources from DEEP on solid waste reduction strategies (including AD), teaching climate change in public school curriculum,

# #5 – Help Us



## Engagement on Environmental Infrastructure













Can we engage your towns in a conversation on needs?

# #4 – Burden, Security,...and GREEN BANK Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy



Invest in energy measures to  $\downarrow$  costs and  $\uparrow$  security

# #3 – ...↓ GHG Emissions



# Zero Emission Vehicles and Electric Heat Pumps









Reduce GHG emissions through ZEV and RH&C

# #2 - Engage Your Citizens



## Sustainable CT, Fellows, Community Match Fund















Engage citizens in civic engagement on sustainability

# #1a – Target Most Vulnerable



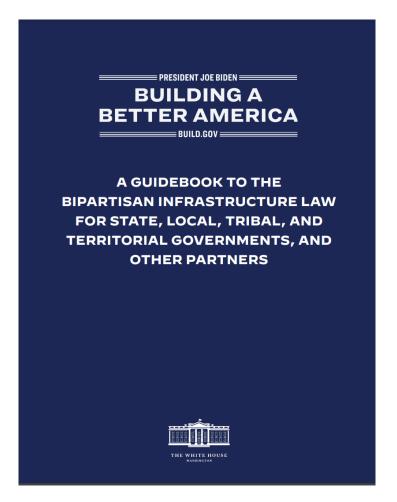
## **Enable Investment in Vulnerable Communities**



Can we engage your towns on clean energy for affordable housing?

# #1b - Coordinate with CT BILT CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK

## Collaborate with Commissioner Boughton and Team



Infrastructure	Additional Spending (\$B's)
Transportation	\$318.9
Clean Energy and Power	\$75.0
Water	\$64.3
Resilience	\$47.9
<b>Environmental Remediation</b>	\$21.6
Broadband	\$64.4
Other Programs	\$8.7

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# **Green Bonds US**

### **Environment Unites Us**





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#### **REFERENCES**

Vision Statement inspired by the Innovations in American Government Awards at the Ash Center of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Maya Angelou's "On the Pulse of Morning," Mother Jennifer's inspiration on metrics, and the powerful words of Mary Evelyn Tucker on "inclusive capitalism".



