

Welcome to the **CT Green Energy News** archives. All past issues (except possibly for some recent ones) are included in this one file, so that you can search by keyword. One way to do this is by using the FIND function in your web browser. In Chrome for example, click EDIT, scroll down to FIND, click FIND, and then enter a keyword such as 'Green Bank'. -Peter Millman, 8/5/18, peter.millman7@gmail.com

CT Green Energy News - (8/17/18-Issue 77)

- [**Critics of Major Solar Project Challenge State Siting Council Approval**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. Yet for Connecticut to meet its renewable energy targets, utility scale solar needs to be part of the mix. In this letter, [**9 Points About the Solar Project**](#), the developer of one of the projects cited above rebuts some of the arguments made by critics. Similar challenges face our neighbor, [**Rhode Island**](#).
- [**New England Clean Energy Legislative Roundup**](#)
 - *RTO Insider*. Interesting review of 2018, "...ranging from Connecticut's "most important energy bill" in seven years, to Massachusetts taking "baby steps," to Rhode Island taking what might turn out to be a "regrettable pause."
- [**Plan to revitalize Connecticut's ports and marine economy**](#)
 - *CT Post*. "The five-year plan focuses on the State Pier in New London, which is being retrofitted to serve as a material staging and shipping point for offshore wind power projects near Block Island."
- [**Offshore wind energy developer reconfigures proposed layout**](#)
 - *Cape Cod Times*. It appears that offshore wind farms can be made to be compatible with commercial fishing.
- [**Ocean State Job Lot relighting stores**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. 28 stores of this 131 store chain are in CT. The annual savings of 17.4 kwh is roughly equivalent to building an 11.5 MW solar field and will save the company about \$2.7 million every year.
- [**A 19th-century solution to heat homes is helping the world cut emissions**](#)
 - *Quartz*. Heat pumps are a "humble solution" to a big challenge problem, namely how to heat and cool our homes and businesses without fossil fuels. If you are a renewable energy advocate, it's worth knowing about heat pumps.

Upcoming Events

Hearing for proposed \$86 million gas rate hike

What : Attend a CT Public Utility Regulatory Authority hearing to comment on a proposed Eversource \$86 million rate increase to repair and replace existing pipes .For some background, [click here](#) for an article in the Hartford Courant.

When : August 20, 2018 - 6:30pm

Where : Bruce Bellingham Auditorium, Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic. For the Eversource announcement and their background information [click here](#).

Climate, Jobs & Justice – A Week of Free Events

What : A week of over [20 events](#) taking place across CT from 9/2-9/8. Test out an electric vehicle, explore how to create a rain garden, or learn how your town can move to 100% renewables.

When/Where : September 2-8. For a listing of events, locations and times, [click here](#) .

Eastern CT Green Action Monthly Meeting

What : We want to hear what you have been doing, plus we are excited to have [Lynn Stoddard](#) as our speaker and special guest. Lynn is a member of the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3), Director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern, and a prime mover in the creation of Sustainable CT. She will address accomplishments and challenges facing the GC3, as well as take questions on a variety of topics.

When : Saturday , September 8, 2018, 10:00am

Where : Mansfield Public Library, Buchanan Auditorium, 54 Warrenville Rd (Route 89), Mansfield Center.

Rally for Climate, Jobs and Justice

What : A march organized by the People's Climate Movement to demand bold action from our leaders. One of many marches the group is planning across the U.S., including three in southern New England.

When : Sunday , September 9, 2018, 1:00pm

Where : New Haven Green, 250 Temple St., New Haven, CT. For more information [click here](#).

K.I.S.S. Keep It Simple Smarty Pants

What : CT Passive House presents a builder's perspective on constructing a low-cost, high-performance home. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

When : Tues day , September 18, 2018, 6:00-9:00 pm

Where : Stony Creek Brewery, 5 Indian Neck Avenue, Branford, CT 06405

Electrification of the Heating Sector: Exploring Consumer Choices

What : A forum for the exchange of information between ISO New England and electricity consumers in New England.

When : September 20 , 2018 - Noon-3:30 pm

Where : [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at Hartford-Bradley Airport](#) . Also, you can attend by teleconferencing. To register and for more information [click here](#).

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- [**CT Green Bank takes novel approach to preserve clean-energy mission**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* "In an unusual move for a state entity, the quasi-public Connecticut Green Bank has spun out a nonprofit to help it carry on several key energy-efficiency programs amid a major funding crunch."
- [**Massachusetts utilities sign contracts to import Canadian hydropower**](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* The hope is that it will be a, "...highly cost-effective source of clean energy generation for Massachusetts customers that could cut retail bills by 2 to 4 percent and reduce the region's reliance on natural gas to produce electricity."
- [**First 'cohousing' project in Connecticut comes to Bethany**](#)
 - *New Haven Register.* The [Rocky Corner Co-Housing](#) project has a strong sustainability component that can serve as a model for residential developers.
- [**Massachusetts Legislature Approves Higher Renewable Portfolio Standard**](#)
 - *CleanTechnica.* "With this bill, the Massachusetts Legislature took baby steps when what is needed are giant strides..."
- [**Police Department in Cheshire will get carport with solar panels**](#)
 - *New Haven Register.* "...the deal with [Greenskies Renewable Energy](#) will allow the department to save \$6,000 annually on its electric bill without having to spend a dime."
- [**Quantum's latest Southington energy-saver**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* This innovative biogas operation has now added solar. The facility should be replicated elsewhere in the state.

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- [Editorial: Don't Steal From Energy Programs](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. "This money is ratepayer money, set aside for a certain purpose. The legislature had no business stealing it."
- [First Large US Offshore Wind Project Sets Record-Low Price Starting at \\$74 per MWh](#)
 - *Greentech Media*. Connecticut should go all in if offered this kind of pricing.
- [Middletown water plant solar array reduces electricity use of 'largest energy hog in city'](#)
 - *The Middletown Press*. The city's next challenge: shared solar.
- [Report Encourages Cleaner, Sustainable Transportation System For New England](#)
 - *WNPR*. Land use regulations such as those instituted in Old Saybrook, CT, will be a big part of the solution.
- [Green Bank CEO contemplates CT's solar growth pace](#)

- *Hartford Business Journal.* Incentive programs have helped seed 215 megawatts of solar since 2010, but the programs expire at 300 megawatts. What will happen after that?
- **DEEP paves way for Millstone's power bid**
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* Among the questions remaining: Is Millstone an 'at risk' producer? Is Dominion bluffing? Will accepting a bid from Millstone in the zero carbon RFP be deemed to be in ratepayers' best interests? Stay tuned

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- **State Argues Budget Sweep of Energy Funds No Big Deal**
 - *Hartford Courant.* But plaintiffs counter that the funds should "...be returned and used for their intended purpose: projects that reduce home heating and electric bills, generate economic activity and jobs and reduce air pollution."
- **Comments on Draft Report on LNG Exports**
 - *Food & Water Watch.* Excellent analysis of the problem with LNG exports via an export terminal in Nova Scotia that will involve expanding the Algonquin Pipeline, which runs across CT from Danbury to Putnam. Investment in this pipeline will lock us into more fossil fuel infrastructure without taking into account continuing advances in renewable energy and the need to transition to a non-fossil fuel economy.
- **Hartford project stimulates FuelCell Energy's growth**
 - *CT Post.* A good example of how state procurement policy can affect an industry. We would just like to see renewable energy, not natural gas, be producing the hydrogen that powers fuel cells.

- [Connecticut Green Bank and PosiGen “Solar for All” Partnership – Bringing the Benefits of Clean Energy to LMI Communities](#)
 - *Renewable Energy World*. "Since the partnership launched in 2015, over 900 low-income verified households have signed up to go solar..."
- [Massachusetts Plugs Into the Sun for More Power](#)
 - *Eco RI News*. Compares the progress that MA, RI and CT have made in renewable energy development as the Massachusetts legislature considers the future of the state's clean energy policy

Upcoming Events

Net-Zero Living: Tour 2 Coastal Connecticut Homes

What: Join NESEA (Northeast Sustainable Energy Association) for this summer's [Pro Tour](#) featuring two recently-constructed single family homes by two different project teams. The event will begin with an opening presentation where the teams behind each of the homes will give overviews of the design and construction of the projects.

When: Friday, August 3, 2018 - 1pm to 5pm

Where: Mystic/Pawcatuck, CT (details in confirmation email). For more information [click here](#).

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- [**Trump digs coal, and GOP candidates skip climate forum**](#)
 - *CT Mirror*. "The GOP candidates opted for a safer choice: Accept an invitation to address Republicans in Southington...". To see a video of the Climate Change Forum at Trinity on Monday, [click here](#).
- [**CT's natural gas expansion plan well behind schedule!**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. Instead of using State of CT incentives to promote conversions from oil to gas, substituting one fossil fuel for another, why not use those same funds to promote energy efficiency and heat pumps?
- [**Ackert to host a series of 'Coffee Hours' over summer**](#)
 - *The Chronicle*. 8th District Republican Tim Ackert is the ranking member on the General Assembly's Energy and Technology Committee, which helped craft the important Senate Bill 9 and related legislation in 2018. This is a good opportunity to voice your concerns and hear about Connecticut's clean energy policy from a knowledgeable legislator.
- [**Nor'easters underscore need for greenhouse gas action**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. This opinion piece makes the case for fuel cell vehicles and announces 11 new hydrogen fueling stations to be built in the northeast, one of which will be in Hartford.
- [**Report: CT solar has grown 53% per year**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. In 2010, CT generated 30 gigawatt hours from solar installations. By 2017, that number had grown to 463 gigawatt hours

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- **Dominion increased political spending while pushing for law**
 - *CT Post*. Though this is a Virginia story, Dominion plays an outsized role in Connecticut's energy supply as it [threatens to close Millstone](#).
- **CT offers up \$7.5M from VW emissions scandal**
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. "Connecticut is soliciting clean diesel projects to compete for a \$7.5 million portion of the state's coming \$55.7 million settlement with Volkswagen."
- **Sustainable CT Milestone: 50 Participating Communities!**
 - *Sustainable CT*. See all the towns on this interactive map. Is your town participating?
- **Poll: Bipartisan Concern Over Highway Congestion and Pollution**
 - *CT News Junkie*. "...76 % of Connecticut voters support state government acting to reduce air pollution from cars and trucks by investing in the state transportation system and relying more on fuel-efficient, electric cars and trucks, mass transit, and other public transportation options."
- **Is Ductless Heating and Cooling Right for You?**
 - *HGTV*. Part of our series on moving away from fossil fuels for heating. Heat pumps with mini-splits have real advantages for homeowners...and can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, too.

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- [**Malloy hails New Britain data center as tech industry draw**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* At 64 megawatts, this could be the largest fuel cell installation in the world.
- [**National Grid targets 80% carbon cut across buildings, transport, power**](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* This utility operates in MA, RI, and NY. What is Eversource's and Avangrid's plan for Connecticut?
- [**New report highlights six state programs that are transforming clean-energy markets**](#)
 - *Windpower.* Connecticut's own Greenbank is one of the winners!
- [**Research Shows Incentives to Purchase Electric Vehicles Are Working**](#)
 - *GovTech.com.* CT is one of states with a ZEV incentive program.
- [**R.I. squid fishermen fear wind power**](#)
 - *Providence Journal.* See the article below for another view on the economic effects of wind.
- [**Wind project will be powered by skilled workforce**](#)
 - *The Day.* "...this is going to be an investment of tens of millions of dollars in the region, so it could transform the local [New London] economy."

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CT Green Energy News - (6/29/18-Issue 70)

- [**Stop the Illegal Tax on Your Electric Bill!**](#)
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* Last fall, the Connecticut legislature raided the Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy funds, turning ratepayer dollars into an illegal tax. [Use this form](#) to ask your state senator and representative to talk to their caucus leaders and demand leadership come together.
- [**From turbines to homes, wind power is coming to Connecticut**](#)
 - *The Day.* Good summary of where we are now and what to expect in the next few years.
- [**Solar To Supply All Of CT Lumber Company's Electricity**](#)
 - *Solar Industry.* Friends with the owner of the lumber store near you?
- [**Powering a farm by using the sun**](#)
 - *News8 WTNH.* This farm founded in the 17th century will be getting 80% of its electricity from solar
- [**SPECIAL OFFER FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE BUYERS!**](#)
 - *The Green Bank.* Affordable financing for new or used electric vehicles, chargers and more

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CT Green Energy News (6/22/18-Issue 69)

- [**Malloy inks climate change, renewable energy bills**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* An important achievement, but with a disappointing provision regarding net metering. Stay tuned to see how our Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) sets rates and parameters for the system that will replace net metering.
- [**Next Offshore Wind in U.S. Can Compete With Gas, Developer Says**](#)
 - *Bloomberg.* "You could not build a thermal gas plant in New England for the price of the wind bids in Massachusetts and Rhode Island." Be sure to watch the video on batteries, too.
- [**Green Bank extends renewable energy financing program to new construction**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* Makes the successful C-PACE program even better.
- [**3 states receive high scores for policies promoting EV purchases**](#)
 - *Automotive News.* Yup, Connecticut was one of them.
- [**Hidden 'Energy Tax' Set To Go Into Effect Next Week**](#)
 - *WNPR.* \$75 million in energy efficiency funds collected from ratepayers will, instead, be swept into the state's general fund.
- [**Introduction to heat pumps**](#)
 - *Efficiency Maine.* If you care about climate change, you should know about heat pumps. Consider them for your own home or business and suggest them to friends, family and town officials. Note that this video is from the Efficiency Maine website, so some information will not apply. More to come.

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CT Green Energy News (6/15/18-Issue 68)

Connecticut Joins the Offshore Wind Rush

- *CT Mirror.* Very good news, but it needs to be just the beginning of a more ambitious CT foray into offshore wind.

Lawmakers: Make solar farm sites friendly to bees

- *CT Post.* Our neighbors in NY are doing this. Perhaps we should too.

Connecticut Dairy Farmers Losing Hope, Selling Herds

- *Hartford Courant.* Could solar lease payments and cheaper electricity be part of the answer for some CT dairy farmers?

Sky Management Services to add 2-MW rooftop solar system on Connecticut distribution facility

- *Solar Builder.* This is a lot of solar and there are lots of other warehouses with empty roofs.

Suffield Unveils New Solar Farm

- *Hartford Courant.* "This solar farm not only presents options for clean, renewable energy, but also provides our family farms with additional avenues to maximize revenue sources while safeguarding Suffield's treasured farmland for future generations."

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CT Green Energy News (6/8/18-Issue 67)

Ameresco completes solar farm on capped Connecticut landfill

- *Solar Power World.* With almost 1 MW of solar panels, this project was made possible by virtual net metering, a program that was just expanded in CT in SB 9.

Hamden officials, governor kick off 'Solar for All' effort

- *New Haven Register*. The lease program offered by [PosiGen Solar](#) covers the full cost of installing, maintaining and insuring solar panels without the burden of a minimum-income requirement, credit check, or required-equipment purchase.
- [**Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy Says Volkswagen Settlement Funds Will Help Update Diesel Trucks**](#)
 - *Transport Topics*. Both government and non-government entities are eligible for a grants, which you can apply for [here](#). How about your town?
- [**Local company plans test run for high-capacity battery storage**](#)
 - *Newstimes*. The project will be in New York. When will we have one in Connecticut?
- [**Picturing a ton of CO2**](#)
 - *EDF*. Renewable energy projects result in less carbon emissions as measured in tons of CO2. But what is a ton of CO2 and how many tons does a typical car or household emit in a year?

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Open Wall Tour of a Deep Energy Home Retrofit

What: *Tour a house in the middle of a 'deep energy retrofit', see the nuts and bolts of energy efficiency.*

When: *Saturday, June 9, 11:00-1:00*

Where: *Simsbury, CT. To get exact location and more information, register [here](#).*

Ribbon-cutting for Largest EV Charging Station in CT

What: *Ribbon cutting for 29 charging stations will be followed by a reception and panel discussion with representatives from the CT Fund for the Environment, Green Bank, Acadia Center, and DEEP. Opportunities to ride and drive electric vehicles.*

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Where: 777 Main St, Hartford, CT (Panel discussion in penthouse)

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- **Overview of Key Provisions in Senate Bill 9 (Public Act 18-50)**
 - See **attached** summary table by Claire Coleman of CT Fund for the Environment, John Humphries of CT Roundtable for Climate and Jobs, and others. Clear, detailed look at a controversial bill, noting provisions supported by clean energy advocates, provisions opposed, and opportunities for future advocacy. Good guide as we go forward from here.
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 - WNPR. Next DEEP needs to accept one of the recently submitted 190-200 MW wind proposals. Then CT can reap the rewards of clean energy, job creation and economic development.
- **[The Truth About Fuel Cells](#)**
 - Hartford Courant. Fuel cells could be 'renewable' energy, but generally are not yet. For more, read [Dan Haar: Fuel cell makers hoping state ends drought](#).
- **[Solar To Power Connecticut Water Treatment Facility](#)**
 - Solar Industry. "The site selected for our ground system is a hillside with shallow soils and rock ledge that is not suitable for crops."
- **[Does 112% growth in 2017 mean community solar has finally solved its complexity problem?](#)**
 - Utility Dive. With the 2018 passage of a CT shared solar program, we need to become more familiar with how shared solar works and how to promote it.

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- [New London, state leaders push offshore wind development as Mass., R.I. projects move forward](#)
 - *The Day.* Now we wait to hear what, if any, wind project CT will choose.
- [Solar power: the Northeast vs. utility scale](#)
 - *pv magazine.* It turns out that Connecticut is typical of Northeastern states, in that a high percentage of its solar is distributed (vs. utility scale).
- [Brooklyn schools to apply for solar panel reimbursement](#)
 - *Norwich Bulletin.* Owning their solar array will yield about four times the savings as a power purchase agreement (PPA).
- [Connecticut Farm Harnesses Power From the Sun](#)
 - *Lancaster Farming.* The site selected for our ground system is a hillside with shallow soils and rock ledge that is not suitable for crops.”
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What: *Join us for our regular meeting and special guest, Lori Brown, the Executive Director of CT League of Conservation Voters. Lori was right in the middle of lobbying efforts for clean energy issues during the 2018 legislative session. She will recap the good, the bad and the ugly of the legislation that passed, so bring your questions.*

When: *Saturday, June 9, 10:00-11:30am*

Where: *The Mansfield Public Library, Buchanan Auditorium, 54 Warrenville Rd, Mansfield Center.*

CT Green Energy News (5/18/18-Issue 64)

- [**2018 End-of-Session Report**](#)
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* Good recap of what just happened with clean energy legislation in the CT General Assembly.
- [**Coalition Sues State Over Sweep of Energy Efficiency Funds**](#)
 - *CT News Junkie.* "The efficiency programs are a valuable economic resource to our state economy, our health, our climate, and the ratepayers of Connecticut." CT Fund for the Environment is one of the plaintiffs and here is their [view](#).
- [**Eversource customers can get \\$3,000 rebate on Nissan Leaf electric car**](#)
 - *Concord Monitor.* You have until July 2 and the rebate does apply to Connecticut Eversource customers.
- [**Local Utilities May Be In Hot Water Over Business Retreats**](#)
 - *WNPR.* "...Rate-payers are saying 'Hey, that's our money.'"
- [**State Clean Energy Laws Make New England Grid More Resilient**](#)
 - *NRDC.* Renewable energy and energy efficiency not only reduce carbon emissions, but also make the grid more resilient and reliable.
- [**CT Meeting to Advance 8-State Initiative for Cleaner Vehicles**](#)
 - *American Journal of Transportation.* The meeting is open to the public and will be on **Monday, May 21, 2:00-5:00**, Gina McCarthy Conference Rm, DEEP, Hartford.

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CT Green Energy News (5/11/18-Issue 63)

Thanks to all who contacted their legislators during the just concluded session of the CT General Assembly! The principal clean energy bill, SB 9, which passed the legislature, has disappointing provisions concerning net metering but also contains important measures such as a 40% renewable portfolio standard for 2030 and a 25 MW per year community shared solar program. The legislation is better for your having participated in the process.

- [**After near derailment, energy bill heads to governor as fence-mending begins**](#)
 - *The CT Mirror*. The energy bill that passed divided the environmental community. Among the groups supporting SB 9 were CT Fund for the Environment, Clean Water Action, CT Roundtable for Climate and Jobs, and Eastern CT Green Action. Some of those opposing were Environment Connecticut, Solar Connecticut, and Acadia Center. For more, here is [an article](#) from earlier in the week
- [**AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY FUTURE**](#)
 - *Office of Legislative Research (OLR)*. An in-depth analysis of SB 9 by the OLR.
- [**Sweeping energy reforms clear House**](#)
 - *Hartford Business.com*. A good rundown of the provisions in SB 9.
- [**Controversial Changes To Connecticut's Solar Power Program Set To Become Law**](#)
 - *WNPR*. And more...
- [**Connecticut's UI Completes Woodbridge Microgrid**](#)
 - *Microgrid Knowledge*. "Make no mistake, climate change is real, and we must plan for future storms and resulting power outages..."

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When: Saturday, May 12, 10:00-11:30am

Where: The [Mansfield Public Library, Buchanan Auditorium, 54 Warrenville Rd, Mansfield Center](#).

CT Green Energy News (5/4/18-Issue 62)

- **[Time's running out - pass climate targets now!](#)** (The CT General Assembly adjourns on May 9).
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* A critical bill to protect our environment and economy is stalled in the state Senate, and the clock is running out [Fill out this simple form](#) to tell key Senate leaders and the governor that they don't have time to procrastinate any longer: they must pass interim climate targets this session.
- **[ISO: New England's historic cold snap caused disproportionate fuel usage](#)**
 - *Hartford Business.Com.* The solution to this problem in the winter is to promote more renewables, demand response, and storage, not an expansion of natural gas capacity.
- **[Connecticut Launches Autonomous Vehicle Pilot](#)**
 - *GovTech.com.* "...testing with safety drivers will be allowed in limited and controlled areas, not including limited access highways..."
- **[WorkinCT: Greenskies bringing solar energy to Connecticut schools](#)**
 - *Fox 61.* The company has worked with 35 municipal school districts in Connecticut. Here is a great [visual presentation](#) of a wide variety of Greenskies projects.
- **[Canton Officials Consider Solar Panels For Two Schools](#)**
 - *Hartford Courant.* Another CT school district wants to save money and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

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Climate Action Lobby Day

What: *Don't let our public servants forget that they work for the public! CT Fund for the Environment will connect you with your legislator and teach you how to get your message across so they understand how important clean energy is. Register [here](#) (so that you can be matched up with your legislator).*

When: *Saturday, May 5, 12 pm*

Where: *Connecticut State Capitol (main lobby), 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford*

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CT Green Energy News (4/27/18-Issue 61)

- [Investing in Renewable Energy](#)
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* Good summary of the clean energy agenda for CT. Includes a [link to a report](#) that ranks the progress of states. RI, MA, and VT are in the top 10, CT is not.
- [Farmers In Connecticut Looking To Extract Dollars From Leftover Food](#)
 - *WNPR.* "The potential...for renewable energy generation from anaerobics, is enormous."
- [Connecticut homebuilders taking active interest in passive construction](#)
 - *The Hour.* "Such homes are designed to produce more energy than they can use through a combination of energy generation technologies..."
- [Offshore wind energy right for Connecticut](#)
 - *The Day.* The primary newspaper in the New London area strongly endorses wind energy development.
- [Solar arch chosen for Whitewater Park](#)
 - *The Chronicle.* You can see the winning entry for this competition by [clicking here.](#)
- [Fuel Cell, Offshore Wind Projects Under Consideration By State](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* DEEP will announce in June which projects, if any, have been selected.

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WCCC Meeting

What: Eric Hammerling, Executive Director CT Forest & Parks Association (CFPA) will be the guest speaker.

When: Monday, April 30, 7:00-8:30pm

Where: Brooklyn Extension Office, 139 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn, CT

Climate Action Lobby Day

What: Come talk to your legislators in person! CT Fund for the Environment will connect you with your legislator and teach you how to get your message across so they understand how important clean energy is.

When: Saturday, May 5 (time and other details to be announced)

Where: Connecticut State Capitol, 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford

CT Green Energy News (4/20/18-Issue 60)

- [**Tell Connecticut legislators to commit to strong climate action!**](#)
 - *Clean Water Action.* The CT legislative session ends on May 9, so your legislators need to hear from you now. Take just 2 minutes and use this simple [2-step form](#).
- [**Regulator cuts Eversource rate request by more than half to \\$124.7M**](#)
 - *Hartford Business.Com.* PURA approved a reduction of the fixed charge from the current \$19.25 down to \$9.50, which is a clear win for renewable energy and efficiency.
- [**Study: Carbon trading program has \\$1.4B economic value**](#)
 - *Hartford Business.Com.* This carbon pricing program lowers pollution from power plants AND provides economic benefits.
- [**Tesla wants to negotiate with auto dealers**](#)
 - *Hartford Business.Com.* To create more clean energy, the utility business model, has to change. To sell more electric vehicles, the auto dealership business model has to change.
- [**Land Art + Renewable Energy in Willimantic**](#)
 - *LAGI.* The winning proposal, picked from 3 finalists, will be announced soon. Stay tuned.
- [**Hamden harnessing solar energy**](#)
 - *Post-Chronicle.* A no-money-down, no credit required, 20-year solar lease for homeowners, with the option of adding energy efficiency services to your home. A model for your town?

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UConn Environment Metanoia

What: *A wide variety events at UConn concerning the environment. For a complete listing of events, click [here](#), including a great [film series](#).*

When: *Spring, 2018*

Where: *At a variety of locations on the Storrs campus.*

CT Green Energy News (4/13/18-Issue 59)

- [**Support homegrown solar energy this session**](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* "We can build a decentralized, local energy future instead of over-building expensive, centralized power plants and transmission lines that may not be needed in a decade, and leaving ratepayers holding the bag."
- [**To See Offshore Wind Energy's Future, Look on Shore – in Massachusetts**](#)
 - *Inside Climate News.* Connecticut can be part of this exciting future, but it needs to commit to purchasing power from offshore wind.
- [**Town Partners With Off-Site Solar Farm**](#)
 - *WestportNow.* Kudos to Westport and its Green Task Force! It would be interesting to hear how Westport dealt with the state's municipal cap on virtual net metering.
- [**You are invited April 18 for real talk, real action on climate change**](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* "Just as Florida's Parkland School survivors are taking a stand for their own safety, the young people of Connecticut can take a stand for climate justice and a rapid transition to renewable energy."
- [**Statewide solar campaign leads to more solar arrays in Bethel, Brookfield**](#)
 - *New Haven Register.* Solarize continues to have an important role to play helping CT switch to clean energy.
- [**Federal Power Rules Threaten New England Renewable Energy**](#)
 - *NRDC.* Wonky, grid-head reading, but good explanation of how capacity market rules affect the development of clean energy generation.

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When: Wednesday, April 18, 9:30am-12noon

Where: Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT

NE Corner Regional Launch Event for Sustainable CT

What: Learn about how the statewide Sustainable CT can help shape our neighborhoods to be thriving, resilient, collaborative and forward-looking. To register, call the Audobon Center in Pomfret at 860-928-4948. See attached flyer for more information.

When: Wednesday, April 18, 7:00pm

Where: CT Audubon Society, 218 Day Rd, Pomfret Center, CT 06259

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CT Green Energy News (2/6/18-Issue 58)

- [Wind, fuel cell developers pitch over two dozen projects](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* For more on the wind proposals and their support by labor, [click here](#). And for what this might mean for New London, [click here](#).
- [New campaign promotes electric cars, with help from states and automakers](#)
 - *Curbed.* Connecticut is one of the seven participating states.
- [UConn, Cadenza launch battery-tech research partnership](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* An interesting collaboration at UConn in the realm of clean energy research, but not having to do with fuel cells.

- [**Solar panels to help sisterhood serve**](#)
 - *New Britain Herald.* "The \$2.8 million solar energy project is expected to save the sisterhood \$1.3 million over the next 20 years."
- [**Connecticut Kicks off Grid Modernization Effort**](#)
 - *RTO Insider.* Encouraging that CT is thinking about it. Stay tuned.
- [**Energy efficiency, rooftop solar to trim New England power usage, draft report says**](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* We need more energy efficiency and solar, not natural gas pipelines.

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Where: *First Church of Christ, 549 Storrs Rd (Rt 195), Mansfield Center. (NOT the Mansfield Library!)*

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CT Green Energy News (3/30/18-Issue 57)

- [Tell Governor Malloy to go big on offshore wind today.](#)
 - *Environment Connecticut.* Offshore wind energy off the Atlantic coast could provide more than enough electricity to meet all the region's needs.
- [Energy bill heads for committee showdown, uncertain future](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* "This is the wrong time to be pulling the rug out from under the solar industry." Join us at the ECGA April 14 monthly meeting (see below) to ask State Rep. Tim Ackert about his views of this legislation! Tim sits on the Energy and Technology Committee.
- [Connecticut legislature poised to act as community solar collides with net metering](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* A clear explanation of important clean energy legislation being considered.
- [Tesla, dealers remain at odds as lawmakers urge compromise](#)
 - *The Day.* "If there's no deal between car dealers and Tesla, there is no bill."
- [Vote Solar and other solar advocates pleased with Connecticut energy bill](#)
 - *Solar Power World.* This is SB 336, the shared solar bill.
- [Maine In, N.H. Out for Energy Contract with Massachusetts](#)
 - *CT Public Radio.* New England is one energy region, so we in CT are part of this.

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CT Green Energy News (3/23/18-Issue 56)

- [Tell Your Legislator: Support Senate Bill 332 To Ban The Pipeline Tax](#)
 - *Consumers for Sensible Energy.* Please join the effort to stop a pipeline that we don't need, we don't want, and that we shouldn't have to pay for!
- [Malloy Calls For Connecticut To 'Lead Once Again' On Climate Change](#)
 - *New England Public Radio.* We hope that DEEP and the legislature are listening.
- [State's proposed energy strategy leaves solar cold](#)
 - *Newstimes.* "It's one of the worst plans I've seen in 43 years," said energy consultant Joel Gordes
- [Connecticut considers biogas-boosting bill](#)

- *Waste Dive*. Connecticut has potential capacity for 41 MW of electricity from RNG. For more on this, see [Connecticut bill aims to create RPS for RNG](#). And if you ever have the chance to tour [Quantum Biopower's](#) anaerobic digestion facility in Southington, take it.
- [**Sky Management Buys \\$18M Industrial Building in CT**](#)
 - *Commercial Property Executive*. This real estate management and development company is putting a 2 MW solar array on each of two CT properties. Would be interesting to know how they penciled this out.
- [**Offshore Wind Energy Enough to Power the Atlantic Coastal States**](#)
 - *Environment America*. Good news for the economic future of New London and environs, if CT chooses to participate.
- [**City Declares A Frack-Out**](#)
 - *New Haven Independent*. “The ordinance states that fracking is poorly regulated and results in the pollution of rivers and the poisoning of people;”

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When: *March 26, at 6:30*

Where: *Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret.*

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CT Green Energy News (3/16/18-Issue 55)

- [**Tell the environment committee you want action on 3 important climate actions**](#)
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* The sooner we tackle carbon pollution, the sooner the state will start reaping the health, safety, environmental, and economic benefits that follow. Take just a few minutes, use [this simple form](#), and weigh in on 3 important pieces of legislation.
- [**Offshore wind backers push New London area as potential hub**](#)
 - *The Day.* "If we don't capitalize on this, we have nobody to blame but ourselves."
- [**Massachusetts Could Win Big In Offshore Wind Energy**](#)
 - *WBUR/Cognoscenti.* Connecticut has jumped into the race in a modest way, but we need to be more ambitious.
- [**Lawmakers hear dueling pipeline positions**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* "Winter reliability issues may be exaggerated."
- [**Airports and environmentalists push for community solar projects**](#)
 - *CT Post.* "Next to new jets, Tweed New Haven Regional Airport envisions a long line of solar panels gleaming on its grounds."
- [**UConn electric motor sports club constructs race car for competition**](#)
 - *The Daily Campus.* "We're all doing this for the first time...it's huge."
- [**Riverside Park boathouse goes solar**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* The 40 kw array will offset about 82% of the boathouse's electricity use.
- See attached notes from our last monthly meeting.

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CT Green Energy News (3/9/18-Issue 54)

- [**Environment Committee Advances Fracking Waste Ban**](#)
 - *CT News Junkie*. Tell your Connecticut state legislators to Ban Fracking Waste Now. Just click [HERE](#).
- [**State Report: Budget Raid On Energy Funds Hurting Connecticut Economy**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. "Connecticut now risks falling behind nearly all other states in New England on efficiency."
- [**When The Heat Escapes Chilly New England Homes, So Does Money**](#)
 - *WNPR*. There is an untapped source of energy out there...inefficient homes.
- [**Wind Power Proposals Surpass Natural Gas Plans**](#)
 - *WNPR*. But here is the problem: Half of the wind projects will be sited in remote areas of northern New England and tapping into this onshore wind will require a sizable investment in transmission line.
- [**Federal regulator finds no pipeline manipulation**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. CT's Public Utilities Regulatory Commission is still studying the case.
- [**First Congregational Church in Guilford goes solar**](#)
 - *New Haven Register*. The solar contractor, Waldo Solar, focuses on small nonprofits and is an attractive partner because it has its own financing arm.
- [**Legislative Battles Renewed Over Tesla Car Sales**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have all approved Tesla's direct marketing system. By restricting sales here, CT residents simply go to one of these states to buy a Tesla, so CT loses jobs and sales tax revenue.

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Who: All are welcome

Hybrid/Electric Ride and Drive

What: *Test drive a hybrid, plug-in hybrid, or pure electric vehicle without the typical "dealership setting" of possibly being pressured to buy. NE Electric Auto Assn. For more information contact: Jesse Rudavsky, 617-890-9605.*

When: *Saturday, March 10, 2:00-5:00pm*

Where: *Tolland Public Library, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT*

Lobby Day at the CT General Assembly

What: *Join Clean Water Action in Hartford to lobby for clean water, clean energy, and environmental justice. To register for the event (not required), click [here](#). Call on your legislator to:*

- firm up Connecticut's climate action goals with a strengthened Global Warming Solutions Act and commitment to 40% renewable energy by 2030;*
- protect solar customers' right to manage the power they use and sell back to the grid;*
- make solar energy accessible to everyone through co-op style Community Shared Solar as over a dozen states already permit;*
- protect the state's dedicated Clean Energy Funds which generate over 34,000 jobs and help people save money.*

When: *Wednesday, March 14, 9:45am-noon. NOTE: This will be a very busy day and there is a security check at the entrance, so allow plenty of time for parking and finding the group!*

Where: *Lobby of Legislative Office Building (near the State House), 300 Capitol Hartford.*

2018 CT Land Conservation Conference

What: *A full day of educational workshops and peer-to-peer networking for those interested in land conservation, followed by an informal reception with friends and colleagues from across the state. For more information, click [here](#).*

When: *Saturday, March 17, 8:30am-5:00pm*

Where: *Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT*

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CT Green Energy News (3/2/18-Issue 53)

- [Urge legislators to support and correct SB 9](#)**
 - CT Fund for the Environment. [With this easy form](#), you can tell the Energy and Technology Committee to pass an improved version of SB 9, a bill that could accelerate the process of*

reducing pollution, strengthening solar and wind energy policy, and increasing Connecticut's energy efficiency efforts.

- **Connecticut solar industry wants a clawback**
 - *Post-Chronicle*. “[We] are pursuing legal action to block state lawmakers from confiscating a surcharge on utility bills and using those funds to balance the state budget.”
- **Bethel seeks firm for solar carport proposal**
 - *Newstimes*. A project conceived by the Energy Conservation Committee, its Chair said, “This is how you save taxpayers money”. See an [earlier story](#) for more background.
- **Connecticut to phase down value of biomass, landfill gas RECs**
 - *Biomass Magazine*. “While these facilities provide certain societal benefits, most qualifying units are existing resources that began operation before the RPS program was launched in 2003.”
- **Energy forecast: Wind power will rival gas**
 - *The Berkshire Eagle*. As CT puts a small toe into the waters of offshore wind, New England faces renewable energy opportunities and challenges.
- **VIDEO: Fish thrive at US's first project**
 - *Windpower Offshore*. Where fish thrive, so do fishermen.

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When: Saturday, March 10, 10:00-11:30am

Where: First Church of Christ, 549 Storrs Rd (Rt 195), Mansfield Center. (NOT the Mansfield Library!)

Who: All are welcome

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Where: Energize CT Center, 122 Universal Dr North, North Haven.

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When: *March 26, all at 6:30*

Where: *Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret.*

CT Green Energy News (2-23-18-Issue 52)

- **Tell your legislators: Pass Gov. Malloy's climate and clean energy bills!**
 - *Sierra Club.* Take 3 minutes and tell your legislators to increase clean energy requirements and remove limits to rooftop solar, then pass Governor Malloy's climate and energy bills!
- **6.5 MW of Municipal Solar Power in Fairfield**
 - *Your Environmental Connection.* [The story is halfway down the DEEP newsletter] Fairfield demonstrates the power of power purchase agreements (PPAs), as the town saves \$1.4million per year.
- **New Milford residents sue state over solar panel project**
 - *News 12 Connecticut.* Are you more concerned about the impact of climate inaction or the impact of building a new solar farm?
- **Meet the woman who has helped thousands go solar**
 - *Yale Climate Connections.* A fresh perspective led to a pragmatic kind of citizen activism. What else should we be doing?
- **13 universities band together to fight climate change.**
 - *The Grist.* UConn is justifiably proud of its sustainability efforts, but we wish it was on this list.
- Notes from ECGA's 2/18/18 monthly meeting are attached.

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CT Green News (2-16-18-Issue 51)

- [Solar is again the flashpoint in CT's new energy strategy](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* "Maine is the only other state that has tried to end net metering by adopting the controversial two-meter approach, and it has been a solar policy disaster," This is the state we want to emulate?
- [Connecticut Wins Court Fight Over Pennsylvania Plant Pollution](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* Improving our air quality can be both a result of and tool for making the transition to clean energy.
- [Calif. company announces \\$4.1M project to slash Bristol Hospital energy, water use](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* If you or someone you're close to is on the board of a hospital, school, church, business, or nonprofit, you are in a perfect position to advocate for this kind of transformation.
- [Connecticut wants to boost renewables goal to 40% by 2030](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* A significant achievement...that now needs to be followed up with policies that support the goal.
- [Lawmakers urge reversing clean-energy cuts, but lack budget fix](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* "Diverting energy efficiency funds is not just disappointing, it is fiscally irresponsible and will result in higher electricity bills for Connecticut's households, businesses and state properties."
- [Solar Projects In Connecticut Face Local Pushback](#)
 - *WNPR.* "...siting big solar means more communities might have to put state and regional needs before their own."

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CT Green News (2-9-18-Issue 50)

- [Connecticut: Pathway to 2030](#)
 - Acadia Center. Excellent comparison of CT's energy policies to those of other New England states. We need to do better.
- [Solar panels are generating power](#)
 - The Chronicle. Lebanon joins other towns that have put solar on their schools, and will save \$500,000 over 20 years.
- [Connecticut RfP targets offshore wind, other clean sources](#)
 - Renewables Now. Kudos to groups such as the CT Roundtable for Climate and Jobs for their role in pushing DEEP towards this RFP. For more context, read '[One month into 2018 offshore wind is all the rage](#)'.
- [Ridgefield to consider ban on fracking waste](#)
 - NewsTimes. With 33 CT towns having adopted municipal bans, it's time for the CT legislature to pass a statewide ban.
- [Connecticut Green Bank Closes 200th C-PACE Project](#)
 - Cision PR Web. In 2017 alone, the Green Bank closed on 50 projects, creating 119 job years and 6,693 kw of installed PV capacity.
- [CT solar jobs flat as broader industry contracts](#)
 - Hartford Business Journal.
- [Baker: Massachusetts now has 2 gigawatts of solar capacity](#)
 - Mass Live. As CT energy analyst Joel Gordes commented, "Makes us look like pikers. Massachusetts, with only double the population, has five times as much solar from a year old report I have. Probably more than that now."

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CT Siting Council Meeting

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CT Green News (2-2-18-Issue 49)

- [Middletown's Xavier High School Switching To Solar Power](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. Another school goes solar and will save about \$50,000/year. Your town?
- [State says Millstone will get a final chance to prove it needs relief](#)
 - *CT Mirror*. "It is critical to ensure that the state's ratepayers are protected from paying above-market costs for resources that are not verified to be at risk of retirement."
- [Middletown Zoning Requires Electric Charging Stations For Large Developments](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. This article was sent in by Bernie Pelletier, Chair of West Hartford's Clean Energy Task Force. But Middletown's laudable efforts got him thinking: *"Before I got my Bolt I would have applauded this. But now - I think we need to consider what the charging needs are. From my narrow standpoint - I charge at home and can go about 200 miles on a charge - so local Level 2 charging is not something I think I'll need. Even if I drove to a place 100 miles away - it wouldn't be of much use unless I was going to stay a long time. To me - Fast Charge (Level 3) along major roads is what I want and need. This is Bernie centric - and there are other viewpoints - but I do think my viewpoint will become more and more apparent as more cars with 200 plus miles of range are delivered."* Your thoughts?
- [Schneider Electric Moves Forward with Microgrid Projects in Connecticut, Maryland, California and Wisconsin](#)
 - *Microgrid Knowledge*. Milford will have an efficient heat and power microgrid that is also solar ready.
- [\\$1B commercial renewables program nears expiration](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. What will follow CT's ZREC program?
- [Utility PPA secured for first community solar-plus-storage project in Massachusetts](#)
 - *Energy Storage News*. While CT's community solar pilot languishes, MA is beginning to integrate battery storage into its program.

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CT Green News (1-26-18-Issue 48)

- [CT's Clean Energy Edge: Going, Going . . . Or Coming Back?](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* Connecticut has been timid in comparison to neighboring states, which are pursuing aggressive, if not radical, clean energy agendas.
- [A Solar Firm That Targets Low-Income Homes Its Rivals Won't](#)
 - *Bloomberg.* This company came to CT 3 years ago and they target, "...the ones who can benefit the most from \$50 off their monthly utility bill."
- [Greenskies adds solar to four schools in Trumbull, Connecticut](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* With no upfront costs, the town will save about \$800,000 per year.
- [CT to move ahead with nuke power auction](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* "Despite the fact that a state-hired consultant concluded the nuclear plant will remain profitable for the next 18 years..."

- [**Mansfield goes green, joins Sustainable CT**](#)
 - *Daily Campus.* When is your town joining SustainableCT?
- [**No Fracking Waste in CT!**](#)
 - *WPKN Community Radio.* In this podcast, Jennifer Siskind of Food and Water Watch describes the campaign to stop fracking waste in Connecticut, which so far has banned fracking waste in 34 towns around the state.
- [**Simsbury Officials To Challenge Deepwater Wind Solar Farm Proposal**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* NIMBYism can slow the pace of our transition to a clean energy economy.
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Where: *Charlotte and Carl Desautels' home 144 Lake Road Dayville, CT*

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CT Green News (1-19-18-Issue 47)

- [**A New Era of Batteries Spells Trouble for Gas in America**](#)
 - *Bloomberg.* It's clear that this is no time to resurrect the Killingly gas plant proposal, which is referred to briefly in the article. See notice for NAPP meetings below.
- [**With proposal to join RGGI, Virginia would be first Southern state to cap carbon**](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* Good news: CT is part of RGGI. Bad news: CT is diverting RGGI funds away from the Green Bank and other efficiency programs. Still, welcome onboard, Virginia.
- [**Greenskies adds solar to four schools in Trumbull, Connecticut**](#)
 - *Solar Power World.* More towns need to do this.
- [**Darien considering solar panels for three town buildings**](#)
 - *Darien Times.* Saving \$400,000 over 20 years.
- [**For A Vision Of Offshore Wind In New England, Look To The U.K.**](#)
 - *WBUR, Bostonmix.* Not only can wind turbines and fishing coexist, they can thrive together.
- [**Report: Connecticut, Minnesota follow California as top C-PACE states**](#)
 - *pv magazine.* C-PACE has been a success in CT. Too bad the legislature diverted funds from the Green Bank, which supports the program. Also, we need R-PACE for homeowners.
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- [Financially wounded, pioneering CT Green Bank has a path forward](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* Protecting the Green Bank and Energy Efficiency Board funds is a priority for the environmental community in the coming legislative session. This article provides an excellent background for understanding the issue.
- [Why utility-scale solar works for Connecticut](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* We should also be clearing obstacles to solar on businesses and homes, while developing offshore wind, too.
- [Simsbury Considers Fighting Solar Project In Town](#)
 - *WNPR.* CT needs this kind of utility-scale solar. We hope the town focuses environmental and property tax benefits, forgoing the expense of appealing the Siting Council's decision.
- [War of words over Millstone escalates as final regulatory decision nears](#)
 - *New Haven Register.* Stay tuned, the final PURA decision is due February 1.
- [Jenny Tesar: Fracking wastes — Liquid or solid, you don't want them](#)
 - *Newstimes.* For help in joining the growing list of CT towns banning fracking wastes, contact Jen Siskind at jsiskind@fwwlocal.org.
- [Solar-dependent Wilton schools inch closer to reality](#)
 - *The Hour.* In the process, the town will save between \$1.1 million to \$2.3 million over 25 years. Nice work, Wilton!

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What: A workshop on conservation easements, the Forest Legacy Grant Program, and more. See the attached flyer.

When: Wednesday, Jan 24, 7:00-9:00 pm

Where: Knowlton Memorial Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Rd (Rt 44), Ashford, CT

CT Green News (1-5-18-Issue 45)

- [DEEP and PURA want to hear from you about Millstone](#)

- **CT Fund for the Environment.** This is an easy way to let your legislators know that Millstone doesn't need your money. Takes just a few minutes to weigh in.
- [**Siting Council approves Candlewood solar project in New Milford**](#)
 - **Newstimes.** 20 Megawatts more solar generated electricity for Connecticut.
- [**Greater New Haven and Fairfield Area Launch Sustainable CT**](#)
 - **HamletHub.** More communities sign on to **SustainableCT**
- [**Connecticut should adopt time-of-use electric rates**](#)
 - **CT Mirror.** If we do, Minnesota may have designed [**the rate structure**](#) we should copy.

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CT Green News (12-29-17-Issue 44)

- [Solar Project In Simsbury Clears Key Regulatory Hurdle](#)
 - WNPR. It will create enough clean energy annually for about 5,000 homes.
- [Joint Principles on Net Metering Reform in Connecticut](#)
 - The Acadia Center. ECGA signed onto this letter on how to reform net metering in CT (see attached). In the draft Comprehensive Energy Strategy, DEEP proposed a system used only in one other state, Maine.
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 - Utility Dive. Our neighboring state of NY is taking a different approach to peak gas demand. We in CT should take note that there are other solutions than building more pipelines.
- [3 offshore wind developers submit proposals for Massachusetts target](#)
 - Utility Dive. CT needs its own offshore wind program, so ECGA is working with the CT Roundtable for Climate and Jobs to support its [offshore wind campaign](#).
- [Willimantic Whitewater Park seeking public input on art](#)
 - The Bulletin. A new park with renewable energy art. A community forum on Jan 17 at ECSU.

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Where: *Eastern Connecticut State University (Johnson Community Room), Willimantic*

CT Green News (12-22-17-Issue 43)

- [The Green Green Mountain State](#)
 - *The United States of Climate Change/The Weather Channel.* A story of Vermont worth considering by us in CT. Compelling video plus a written report. Keep in mind that the best wind opportunities for CT are almost entirely offshore.
- [DEEP tees up retooled renewable energy purchase plan](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* This needs to be the beginning of CT's move into offshore wind.
- [Middletown, Durham first in state to join Sustainable CT program](#)
 - *The Middletown Press.* When will your town join?
- [Quantum Biopower commissions 1.2 MW CHP unit](#)
 - *Biomass Magazine.* We need more of these in CT.
- [Lawmakers Urge State To Speed Up Electric Car Efforts](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* "...electric vehicles 'make our communities quieter and cleaner and don't require importing oil from across the globe."

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CT Green News (12-15-17-Issue 42)

- [Last-Minute Cuts Equate To Hidden Tax On Your Utility Bill](#)
 - WNPR. More about this short sighted action to balance the budget.
- [CT's preliminary conclusion: Millstone profitable through 2035](#)
 - CT Mirror. On the other hand, "Rob Klee, the commissioner of DEEP, said it had reached no conclusion about whether the profitability meets Dominion's requirements for a sufficient return on investment."
- [Eversource threatens EDF with cease and desist over report on gas capacity constraints](#)
 - Utility Dive. The real significance of EDF's report may be that it brings into question the need for expanded pipeline capacity, for which we ratepayers will bear the cost.
- [Coventry OKs plan for microgrid application](#)
 - The Chronicle. Kudos to Coventry. More towns need to consider microgrids. Mansfield?
- [John Breunig: Not the brightest bulbs](#)
 - Stamford Advocate. Yes, there is a CT connection in this story, eventually.

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CT Green News (12-8-17-Issue 41) MEETING CANCELLED

Monthly meeting tomorrow is CANCELLED due to snow.

- [Clean energy slashed in new budget](#)

- *Yale Daily News*. A clear article detailing the raid on funding for the Energy Efficiency Fund, Green Bank, and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative in the recent budget. Really short sighted.
- **Solar farm on former E. Windsor landfill to benefit S. Windsor taxpayers**
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. This will save the town money, produce tax revenues, use a former gravel pit, and reduce emissions.
- **New Weston Board of Selectmen approves \$15k to hire solar energy consultant**
 - *The Weston Forum*. Does your town need this kind of consultant?
- **State budget won't impact school solar projects**
 - *The Ridgefield Press*. "The ZREC funding is secure, as in the end it is a contract between Eversource and the investor and is not dependent on the state budget,..."
- **Major energy corporation takes over proposed Brooklyn-Canterbury solar project**
 - *Norwich Bulletin*. If the project is approved by the CT Siting Council, the 50 MW project could provide clean electricity for about 8,000 homes and about \$7million in taxes for the town of Brooklyn.

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Eastern CT Green Action October Meeting CANCELLED

What: Our monthly meeting. Charlie Weedon give a presentation, 'What's a Watt?'. If you're a little sketchy on the difference between power and energy, a kilowatt and a kilowatt hour, and a megawatt vs. a kilowatt, this talk is for you.

When: Saturday, Dec 9, 10:00-11:30am

Where: Buchanan Auditorium, Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Rd., Mansfield Center.

Who: All are welcome

CT Green News (12-1-17-Issue 40)

- **SustainableCT: Local Actions, Statewide Impact**
 - *SustainableCT Website*. SustainableCT is now up and running. It's a roadmap of voluntary actions that will help municipalities be more sustainable. This program can help us as we try to move our towns towards using more clean and efficient energy. Please get to know the website and plan on attending one of the information sessions near you. At our January meeting, we will start discussing the implications of SustainableCT.

- [**Can taxing pollution pay for infrastructure improvements?**](#)
 - *WNPR.* “Rebuilding America’s infrastructure is an idea lots of politicians embrace. But how to pay for it can be tricky. Now, one Connecticut congressman is suggesting a possible solution: taxing pollution.”
- [**New Solar Panels to Power About 4% of Campus Electricity**](#)
 - *News at Southern (SCSU).* “Southern Connecticut State University will soon be the new home for over 3,000 photovoltaic solar panels. The culmination of over two years’ planning, the renewable energy project will generate over a million kilowatt hours of electricity annually and will be installed with no capital investment or up-front cost by Connecticut taxpayers.” And what about UConn?
- [**CT anted \\$2M more for EV buyers**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* Good news for the transition to electric vehicles.
- [**Critics Fault Eversource For Proposing Business Fees Be Charged To Ratepayers**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* “It’s wrong and it’s a bit of an unrecognized scandal in the industry...”

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CT Green News (Thanksgiving, Issue 39)

Happy Thanksgiving to You and Yours!

Thanks to all who made our TAKE NOTE! benefit concert such a great success. We filled the church. We could not have done it without the many people who helped. A special thanks to all the members of TAKE NOTE!, who so generously gave their time, talent and voices to assist our organization and delight everyone who heard their music.

CT Green News (11-10-17-Issue 38)

- [Northeast pipeline controversy exposes gas markets as 'a recipe for chaos,' researchers say](#)
 - *Utility Dive*. The CT Public Utility Regulatory Authority has launched a 'full blown' investigation.
- [ACEEE State Energy Efficiency Scorecard: ID, FL, VA Three Most-Improved States, MA Still #1](#)
 - ACEEE. Connecticut scores well on energy efficiency (EE). Will we continue to after cuts to EE programs in the new budget?
- [Why Some Landfill Owners Invest in Solar](#)
 - *Waste360*. Solar on a portion of the Hartford landfill generates enough electricity to power about 1,000 homes.
- [With Christie Out, New Jersey Poised To Rejoin New England In Climate Pact](#)
 - *WNPR*. A Connecticut story? Yes, because we are part of RGGI, too.
- [A letter to Commissioner Klee concerning off-shore wind.](#)
 - *CT Roundtable for Climate and Jobs*. See **attached** and stay tuned.

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When: Saturday, November 11, 10:00-11:30am

Where: **Baptist Church of Mansfield, 945 Storrs Rd (Rt 195). (NOT the Mansfield Library this month!)**

Who: All are welcome

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When: Sunday, Nov 19, 3:00pm

Where: *First Church of Christ, 549 Storrs Rd (corner of Rts 195 & 89), Mansfield Center, CT*

CT Green News (11-3-17-Issue 37)

- [Cloudy skies ahead for energy programs](#)
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* Let your legislators and the governor know that you object to recent cuts in energy efficiency and clean energy programs.
- [Malloy signs Millstone bill, then questions its need](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* "...industry analysts have concluded from publicly available documents that Millstone remains profitable."
- [The Gas Rush](#)
 - *Grassroots EnvEd.* "The oil and gas industry has created an elaborate and successful public relations campaign designed to convince Americans that burning natural gas - a fossil fuel - is the key to our energy future. Nothing could be further from the truth".
- [Solar project for Candlewood Mountain reappears before Siting Council](#)
 - *NewsTimes.*
- [Guilford company wants to build solar-generating array atop West Haven's former Spring Street dump](#)
 - *New Haven Register.* "It would save the city about \$1.46 million in electricity bills over the next 20 years..."

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When: *Saturday, Nov 4, 1:30pm*

Where: *Manchester Police Station, Community Room, 239 Middle Turnpike East*

Who: *Sponsored by the Solar Energy Association of CT.*

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CT Green News (10-27-17-Issue 36)

- [House sends veto-proof, bipartisan budget to Malloy](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* Halfway into this article find the deep, short sighted cuts to the CT Energy Efficiency Fund and Green Bank.
- [Op-ed: Connecticut Used To Be A Clean-Energy Contender](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* We can and need to do better.
- [Green Bank says the budget plan would effectively shut it down](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* The actual budget did not go quite far, but the cuts are severe.
- [Oh, another wrinkle on budget deal: Millstone's profitability](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* "...the tentative budget deal calls for the House Democratic leadership to allow a vote on a bill designed to improve the profitability of Connecticut's last nuclear power plant, Millstone..." Which resulted in [Millstone bill passes House, goes to governor](#).
- [Energy industry threatens lawsuit over state budget raid](#)
 - *New Haven Register.* "Consumers were promised that the surcharge fee they pay [for the Energy Efficiency Fund] would be returned in the form of lower cost services to reduce energy bills and this budget breaks that promise,...".
- [Massachusetts regulators to review allegations Eversource, Avangrid constrained pipelines](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* This follows a similar [announcement by CT regulators](#).

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CT Green News (10-20-17-Issue 35)

- [Eversource, Avangrid artificially constrained gas pipeline capacity for years, report argues](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* If true, this would undercut DEEP's support for a policy of expanding natural gas infrastructure in order to reduce high electric prices in the winter.

- **DEEP taking heat on its proposed changes to solar policy**
 - *CT Mirror*. “It’s going to basically rip the heart out of the solar industry...”
- **Opponents of Millstone aid plan maintain plant owner won’t pay fines to close early**
 - *New Haven Register*. “There is simply no way that Dominion is going to unnecessarily fork over \$1 billion to close the most profitable nuclear plant in the United States...”
- **With no plan for replacing Millstone, what are CT’s options?**
 - *CT Mirror*. “All of this can be viewed not only as a back-door admission that Millstone is a regional, not just a Connecticut, concern, but also as an admission that the idea of eventually replacing it in the style of the old central station grid is a dated concept”.
- **2017 Environmental Scorecard**
 - *Connecticut League of Environmental Voters*. See how the Scorecard rates your legislator.

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CT Green News (10-13-17-Issue 34)

- [Protect our Energy Efficiency, RGGI, and Green Bank Programs](#)
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* The Connecticut legislature is working hard to come up with a new budget and they need to hear from you on the importance of setting a path for a healthy, vibrant clean energy economy. Use this easy online 'kit' to contact your legislators.
- [Forum: Protect Millstone's workers and communities, not its shareholders](#)
 - *The Middletown Press.* A realistic and fair vision for life after Millstone.
- [Renewable energy fans flex lobbying muscles in Massachusetts](#)
 - *CTPost.* Maybe we in CT are simply not spending enough on lobbying.
- [Brookfield's St. Joseph's Church installs solar panels](#)
 - *NewsTimes.* Good 'how-to' for your church.
- [Bethel launches initiative to encourage solar energy](#)
 - *Newstimes.* An easy explanation of the 'Solarize' program.
- [Solar panels to save Bloomfield school \\$1.1M](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* Time for your town to do this?

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CT Green News (10-6-17-Issue 33)

- [Connecticut energy plan raises tough questions on comparative resource valuation](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* Is the draft Comprehensive Energy Plan aggressive enough? CT advocates weigh in.
- [Connecticut School Cuts Costs With Rooftop Solar](#)
 - *Solar Industry.* If there isn't solar on your town's schools, why not?
- [Solar power at Branchville? School board weighs contract](#)
 - *Ridgefield Press.* "It's a bit like winning the lottery", Escola said about the benefits to the town."
- [Solar Carports: Turning University Parking Facilities into Renewable Electricity Plants](#)

- *EPA Green Power Partnership.* Excellent one hour webinar featuring two case studies, one the University of Michigan and the other the not-very-far-off University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Practical, informative and aimed at the non-professional, the webinar could serve as a guide for UConn, other state facilities (think [Lead By Example](#)), and public schools.
- [**CT drops to 6th in efficiency ranking**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* How can we continue to be a leader in efficiency?

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CT Green News (9-29-17-Issue 32)

- The CT Green Bank needs our help right now. See the [attached flyer](#) describing major cuts. Our legislators are not hearing from enough of us on this essential issue! A silent voice is no voice.
- [**Buried Budget Item Aims To Eliminate DEEP's Energy Mission**](#)
 - WNPR. "One item in the bill submitted to Governor Dannel Malloy proposes eliminating the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection".
- [**Manchester Community College to Receive Solar Energy System This Fall**](#)
 - Journal Inquirer. With help from the Green Bank...whose funds the legislature may cut.
- [**Connecticut unions, environmentalists want more wind power**](#)
 - New Haven Register. "Offshore wind has an opportunity to help the state transition from Millstone..."
- [**Solar Panels Take A Seat At Tennis Center**](#)
 - New Haven Independent. "The installation is being paid for by Star Power Energy, LLC, a Branford company that hooks up nonprofits with the panels for free..."
- [**Dominion's lips remain sealed on Millstone financials**](#)
 - Hartford Business Journal. Why are their lips sealed?
- [**Why Driving an Electric Car Could Actually Save You Money**](#)
 - Medium. Useful article by Mark Renburke from a CT based organization, [Drive Electric Cars New England](#). Mark will be making a presentation at the Nov 11 ECGA meeting.

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CT's Clean Energy Future: Protecting the Climate, Sustaining Communities

What: John Humphries is the organizer for the CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs (a collaboration of labor, environmental and religious groups) and serves as a member of the Governor's Council on Climate Change. This interactive presentation will include: CT's long history of bi-partisan leadership on climate; how we can put people to work protecting the climate; and current opportunities for organizing and advocacy. See the attached flyer for more about John, the CT Roundtable, and the presentation.

When: Monday, October 2, 6:30pm

Where: CT Audubon Society, 218 Day Road, P.O. Box 11, Pomfret Center, CT 06259

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CT Green News (9-22-17-Issue 31)

- [Off-Shore Wind Needs to be Part of the Draft CES \(Comprehensive Energy Strategy\)](#)
 - **CT Roundtable for Climate and Jobs.** In the draft CES, the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) fails to support the development of off-shore wind in southern New England. Take a minute to let DEEP know that we need a bolder plan by signing onto the CT Roundtable's letter. Must be submitted by September 25, 4pm.
- [Offshore Wind: the Future of Electricity in the United States](#)

- *Electric TV.* This video is the next best thing to going out on a boat to see the Block Island wind farm. MA, RI and NY are making large commitments to off-shore wind and will benefit from more jobs and less greenhouse gas emissions. CT needs to join them.
- [Glastonbury Town Council Bans Fracking Waste](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* And the city of Hartford also recently banned fracking waste. Now we need a statewide ban.
- [Deal struck on stabilizing profits of Millstone nuclear station](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* “An MIT study concluded that two-thirds of the U.S. nuclear power capacity will become unprofitable in the coming years, but that Millstone was the most profitable plant in the U.S”.
- [Could Cuts To Regional Cap-And-Trade Program Send Bad Message To Business?](#)
 - *WNPR.* The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ([RGGI](#)) cuts emissions, reduces electricity bills and creates jobs. Diverting its funds to balance the budget is short sighted.
- [Siting Council Reviews Simsbury Solar Proposal](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* “We all need to do our part to address climate change.... Future generations will thank us for this project.”

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When: *Monday, October 2, 6:30pm*

Where: [CT Audubon Society](#), 218 Day Road, P.O. Box 11, Pomfret Center, CT 06259

CT Green News (9/15/17-Issue 30)

- [We need a stronger CES in Connecticut](#)
 - *Clean Water Action.* Good summary of concerns about the draft Comprehensive Energy Strategy and links for submitting a comment. Take a few minutes to let the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection know that we need a bolder plan. Must be received by September 25, 4pm.
- [CT greenlights major renewable projects](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* Utility scale projects are a welcome addition to CT's renewable portfolio. The state now needs to encourage more rooftop, or 'behind the meter', solar instead of stifling it, as DEEP proposes to do in its draft Comprehensive Energy Strategy.
- [Sterling Municipal Light Dept. Energy Storage System](#)
 - *Clean Energy Group.* Terrific video explaining how the first municipal-scale energy storage system in MA will work. Other towns in MA are planning similar projects. When will a CT town do this?
- [Letters: Millstone Mum On Finances](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.* More skepticism about Millstone, from some of its competitors.
- Notes from the 9/9/17 ECGA monthly meeting are attached.

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Solar and Renewable Energy in Connecticut and the Nation

What: *A presentation and discussion led by representatives from the Green Bank. Sponsored by the Solar Energy Association of CT. See attached flyer for more details.*

When: *Saturday, Sept 30, 2pm*

Where: *Glastonbury Public Library*

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- **[Proposed State Energy Strategy Draws Critics](#)**
 - *Hartford Courant.* The article mentions a [coalition letter signed by ECGA](#), among other groups. The [attached](#) letter is an excellent explanation of issues facing the state and CES. Read it with the article below and you will have good framework for understanding clean energy policy in CT.
- **[Utilities Grapple with Rooftop Solar and the New Energy Landscape](#)**
 - *Yale Environment 360.* Great article on the issue that may underlie all others: the need for electric utilities and their regulators to move to a new business model. Integrating renewables needs to become an opportunity, not a threat.

- [**Connecticut Town Adding Solar At Treatment Plant**](#)
 - *Solar Industry.* Congratulations Sprague!
- [**RI Wastewater Treatment Authority To Reach 100% Renewable Energy By 2018**](#)
 - *RI Public Radio.* For more from the Providence Journal, click [here](#).

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When: Saturday, September 9, 10:00-11:30am

Where: First Church of Christ, 549 Storrs Rd, Mansfield Center, CT, 06250 (NOT the Mansfield Library)

Who: All are welcome

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OR:

When: Tuesday, September 12, 6:00pm

Where: The Connecticut Audubon Society, 1361 Main Street, Glastonbury CT 06033

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CT Green News (9/1/17-Issue 28)

- [Lower rates for Energize CT's heating loans](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* 0.99% loans. Hard to get better than that.
- [Coming soon to Comcast cable customers who want them: Solar roofs](#)
 - *Philly.com.* This means in CT, too.
- [Going solar, without the panels: Sustainable living takes root in Connecticut](#)
 - *ShoreLineTimes.* The benefits of passive solar, but read the comment on woodstoves at the end.

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CT Green News (8/25/17-Issue 27)

- [**2017 Draft Comprehensive Energy Strategy \(CES\)-Talking Points**](#)
 - *CT Roundtable for Climate and Jobs.* A good summary of problems with the draft CES and how to let DEEP know your opinion. If you haven't submitted a comment, you have until September 25, 4pm.
- [**Nine States Agree To Accelerate Emissions Reduction In Next Decade**](#)
 - *WNPR.* CT is one of the states, which will continue to make it important to protect RGGI funds in future state budget negotiations.
- [**Three CT Home Depots to get rooftop solar**](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal.* A good reason to shop at Home Depot.
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 - *CTPost.* Where are the solar carports next to CT jails?
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CT Green News (8/18/17-Issue 26)

- [Tell DEEP the proposed energy strategy falls short with this easy form.](#)
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* Here is a really easy way to comment on the CES. For a more detailed critique, see Gary Bent's [attached](#) comments.
- [Inquiry opens into fiscal condition of Millstone nuclear station](#)
 - *CTmirror.* Dominion needs to prove its case.
- [Massachusetts issues final proposed solar incentive rules](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* To evaluate what CT is proposing, it's helpful to see what other states, particularly New England states, are doing.
- [ISO-NE Real Time Data](#)
 - *ISO-NE.* Who manages 'the grid'? In this region, it's the Independent System Operator-New England (ISO-NE). Take a look at real time statistics like Available Capacity, Forecast Capacity, generation mix, and other aspects of a system most of us take for granted. Get a sense of the scale that a grid operator thinks in.
- [Vivian Perez and Stephanie Weiner: Sweeping utility customer accounts won't resolve state budget mess](#)
 - *CTPost.* Continue to save money and save jobs; don't touch these funds.
- [US poised to become leader in gas exports, but some fear price impacts](#)
 - *Utility Dive.* As CT continues to promote natural gas, low prices may become a thing of the past and the 'benefits' of natural gas will disappear entirely.

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Hartford Fracking Waste Ban Event

What: A rally and prayer vigil in support of a ban on fracking waste. For more information, contact: Jennifer Siskind jsiskind@fwwlocal.org

When: Monday, August 21, 6:15pm. Public hearing to follow at 7:00pm.

Where: In front of the Hartford City Hall, 550 Main St., Hartford, CT.

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CT Green News (8/11/17-Issue 25)

- [e Draft CT Comprehensive Energy Strategy \(CES\)](#)
 - Acadia Center. A report that we will discuss at our next ECGA meeting on Saturday (see below). You can comment by email to DEEP on the CES and/or attend a DEEP presentation in Willimantic on Monday (see below).
- [More Clean Energy Needed in Draft Comprehensive Energy Strategy](#)
 - CT Sierra Club. Covers issues beyond distributed solar in the CES.
- [Larson pitches carbon tax to fund \\$1.8 trillion infrastructure bill](#)
 - CT Mirror.
- [Albert Augustus Pope, Transportation Pioneer](#)

- ConnecticutHistory.org. In 1899, Hartford was making about half of all electric vehicles in the world. Then came a bankruptcy and Henry Ford.
- [Rhode Island clean energy gets boost as governor signs bills](#)
 - Utility Dive. Our neighbor RI is a small state, but has taken a large role in renewable energy.

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When: Throughout August.

Where: The James L. Goodwin Forest and Conservation Education Center, located at 23 Potter Road, Hampton, CT 06247. 860-455-9534.

CT Green News (8/4/17-Issue 24)

- [Clean Energy Group Says Connecticut Needs To Invest More In Solar](#)
 - *CT News Junkie.* "Connecticut should be heading down a path towards consumer choice and ambitious goals, not new arbitrary limits,..." .
- [Utility Helps Wean Vermonters From the Electric Grid](#)
 - *New York Times.* Not every utility is fighting the future.
- [Utilities competing to provide clean power to Massachusetts](#)
 - *CT Post.* New England is an interconnected power system, so it's worth knowing what neighboring states are doing. Note how state policy is driving the transition to clean energy.
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CT Green News (7/28/17-Issue 23)

- [**Connecticut updates goals for energy, climate change**](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* Plan to attend the public information meeting in Willimantic on August 14 at 6:30 (details below). Whether you comment or not, you will learn a lot about how CT plans to address climate change in the future. Here is [information](#) about public meetings and opportunities for written comments, as well as a draft [Executive Summary](#).
- [**Millstone cool to Malloy's ordered study of nukes' viability**](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* But AARP and others welcome a closer look at the question of viability. For a broader perspective on closing down nuclear plants, see this [article](#) by Amory Lovins.
- [**Connecticut Green Bank program reaches milestone**](#)
 - *New Haven Register.* A bright spot in CT's clean energy efforts.
- [**Connecticut Wire Manufacturer Adds Rooftop Solar**](#)
 - *Solar Industry.* Respect for the environment+business acumen=solar on a big rooftop.
- [**U.S. Finds 'Apparent Violations' of Security at Millstone**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant.*

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CT Green News (7/21/17-Issue 22)

- [CT Green Funds Part I-Video](#)
 - *Andy Bauer, Chair of Portland Clean Energy Task Force.* Andy created these videos to help persuade lawmakers during the CT Legislature's special session that they need to preserve energy efficiency funds. Here is [Part II](#) and another video, '[Say No to Millstone's Special Deal](#)'.
- [IKEA in Contract for More Wind Farm Energy](#)
 - *Energy Manager Today.* As a side note, the story mentions that IKEA New Haven is adding a fuel cell. The store's [roof](#) is already covered with solar panels.
- [Solar proposal for Candlewood Mountain goes to Connecticut Siting Council](#)
 - *New Times.* See the story below about a similar size project, which received a more positive reception next door in RI.
- [Hopkinton council OKs 43,000-panel solar project for 73-acre site](#)
 - *The Westerly Sun.* Relevant to both projects: "...something's going in there sooner or later..." It's not as though farmland or forest will remain untouched if you block a solar project.
- [Fuel Cell Micro-Grid Reducing University Operating Costs and Supporting Community Energy Reliance](#)
 - [FuelCellWorks.](#)
- [Electric Units-Video](#)

- ***Enerdyamics***. A little shaky on units of electrical capacity and demand? You're not alone. Here's a short video that can help.

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CT Green News (7/14/17-Issue 21)

- **New Haven commits to using only renewable energy for city operations**
 - *New Haven Register*. At our most recent meeting, we discussed possible special projects for our group. Perhaps the focus of ECGA for the coming year should be asking our individual towns to commit to 100% renewable energy for town operations.
- **Sustainable CT/Local Actions, Statewide Impact**
 - *Institute for Sustainable Energy*. Another possible focus could be this program, which is based on [Sustainable Jersey](#). It is still in development, but will be rolled out in November 2017. Its slogan, "Local Actions, Statewide Impact", seems tailor-made for us. People from each town can promote the parts of the program they feel are most important and achievable.
- **Tesla Starts Selling Solar Roofs Including In Connecticut**
 - *Hartford Courant*.
- **CT throws a lifeline to fuel cells, waste to energy**
 - *Hartford Business Journal*.
- **Battle Over Millstone Nuclear Plant Rages On**
 - *CT News Junkie*. Still time to let your legislator and legislative leaders know how you feel about Millstone.

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Rally at the National Governor's Association Meeting

What: Over 30 US governors will be converging on Providence for the National Governors' Association's summer meeting from July 13-16. So some folks have organized a rally in Providence to call on our governor(s) to take urgent action on climate change—specifically, to ban fracking, stop all new fossil fuel infrastructure, and commit to a just transition to 100% renewable energy by 2035. For more details, click [here](#).

When: Saturday, July 15, 12:15-1:30pm.

Where: Outside the RI Convention Center in Providence.

NOTE: Maria Tulman of ECGA is planning to go -- would be happy to share a ride. Contact her at tulmanmar@gmail.com.

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CT Green News (7/7/17-Issue 20)

- [Three solar projects selected for pilot](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. Good summary of where we are now. Doesn't answer the question of when CT will get a full scale program.
- [ISO-NE lays out retirement options for Dominion's Millstone nuke](#)
 - *Utility Dive*. Is Dominion bluffing? We'll know more in March 2018.
- [States betting on giant batteries to cut carbon](#)
 - *RenewEconomy*. Can anyone identify the CT Tesla project mentioned but not identified in the article?
- [Property Rounds: Local solar market growth slows despite new offerings](#)
 - *The Hour*. One response: raise the [virtual net metering cap](#) and allow shared solar to reinvigorate the CT solar market.
- [State Programs to Encourage Renewable Energy Are Constitutional \(In Case You Were Worried\)](#)
 - *JD Supra*. One of many articles on this obscure but important decision.
- [14 environmental, energy, consumer groups oppose Millstone bill](#)

- *The Day*. ECGA signed this letter, which you can find at the end of the article.
- **Connecticut Should Be Tesla Country**
 - *The New York Times*. Does your state legislator know what you think?

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Tour a Net-Zero Farmhouse in Mansfield

What: Tour a net-zero house that's under construction.

When: Saturday, July 8, 11am-1:30pm

Where: In Mansfield. [Register for address and more information](#).

Who: Thanks to our friends at [PACE](#) for letting us know about this.

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Green News (6/30/17-Issue 19)

- [Stop the Raid on Clean Energy! - Contact Legislators Today](#)
 - *Clean Water Action*. Weigh in with your legislators during the special session. Sample email and appropriate addresses provided. For more background, click [here](#).
- [Shared Solar Struggles In Connecticut](#)
 - *CT News Junkie*. "Connecticut is missing a critical opportunity to grow green jobs".
- [Shelton firm picked for solar test](#)
 - *CT Post*. Our small shared solar pilot program is moving along.
- [3 Developers Expected To Bid For The State's First Offshore Wind Farm](#)

- *WBUR*. Important to Connecticut because we can benefit from the jobs and clean energy these projects will produce, IF we decide to participate. More [here](#).
- [**Environment, labor groups see bright future in Block Island wind farm**](#)
 - *The Day*. An important collaboration.

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CT Green News (6/23/17-Issue 18)

- [**Major Simsbury Solar Project Opposed By State Officials Moving Ahead Thanks To Mass., R.I.**](#)
 - *The Hartford Courant*. The CT Commissioner of Agriculture has said that just 2% of CT food comes from CT. So how much farmland should be put out of bounds for solar development as we try to move towards a renewable energy future?
- [**North Stonington approves payments for 125-acre solar array**](#)
 - *The Day*.
- [**Massachusetts carbon fee would save \\$2.9 billion in health costs over two decades, study finds**](#)
 - *Masslive*. Note that every carbon tax proposal is different and a political heavy lift. The Washington state carbon tax initiative, [defeated in 2016](#), is a case in point.
- [**Robert Miller: Connecticut's renewable energy efforts confront Paris accord withdrawal**](#)
 - *Newstimes*. Shooting ourselves in the foot, financially speaking.
- [**EEI 2017: The utility sector's business case for deep decarbonization**](#)

- *Utility Dive*. One of many articles that indicate that change is coming, whether the fossil fuel industry and its allies like it or not.
- [**Connecticut Distributors adds solar array**](#)
 - *Stratford Star*.
- [**Solar Parking Canopies Proposed For Manchester Mall**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. If it makes sense for Buckland, who else should be doing this?

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The CT Legislative Special Session is Coming

The [special session](#) is coming sometime soon. Though the focus will be on passing a balanced state budget, lawmakers can address other issues such as Millstone, raids on the Energy Efficiency Fund and RGGI, and Lead be Example (decreasing the energy used by State of CT buildings). Stay tuned, the game isn't over yet. We may need to let legislators know again that voters care about these issues.

A Presentation: It's Our World

What: Learn what is being done to save our world & what you can do to participate in environmental activism. Sponsored by Eastern CT Resistance. For more information click [here](#).

When: Thursday, June 29, 6:45pm

Who: Dr. David Bingham, co-chair of the League of Conservation Voters.

Where: Saxton B. Little Free Library, Columbia, CT.

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CT Green News (6/16/17-Issue 17)

- [The good, the bad, and the ugly – CT's legislative outcomes](#)
 - *CT Fund for the Environment.* One of many legislative wrap-ups for this mostly disappointing session. Here is [another](#) from CTLCV and [more](#) from the Hartford Courant.
- [How Much Do You Know About Solving Global Warming?](#)
 - *New York Times.* As a small diversion, here is a short quiz.
- [We need to reduce energy costs, not tax ratepayers](#)
 - *New Haven Register.* Can't say this often enough: efficiency is our cheapest fuel source.
- [Trump cannot fool Mother Nature](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* From our own Gary Bent, founder of ECGA.
- [Study: Community Solar Poses Significant Opportunity For Connecticut](#)
 - *Solar Industry.* The question is when should solar advocates press the legislature to reopen this issue. The legislature has so far indicated that it wants to see the inadequate pilot program be completed, which will take another two years or more, before looking at a full scale program.

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CT Green News (6/9/17-Issue 16)

- [Dominion Energy loses legislative fight over Millstone pricing](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* Good news...but see the next, more recent story.
- [Senate gives new life to Millstone relief bill](#)
 - *CT Mirror.* But this was not the final resolution either. Then came [this story](#).

- [**Anti-fracking committee members claim Griswold selectman has conflict of interest**](#)
 - *Norwich Bulletin*. A reasonable concern for the folks in Griswold.
- [**Five years and \\$1B later, Connecticut Green Bank remains strong**](#)
 - *NewsTimes*. Good review of what the Green Bank does.
- [**Connecticut Faces Changes From Global Warming Regardless of Trump Climate Change Decision**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. More mosquitoes, fewer lobsters, higher sea levels...and more!
- [**Amendment Seeks to Overturn CT Pipeline Tax**](#)
 - *Public News Service*. The 2017 CT legislative session ended on Wednesday at midnight. Not sure what happened to this amendment, but if it had passed, we would probably have heard about it. Maybe next year.

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When: Saturday, June 10, Tours at noon and 2:30pm

Where: East Haddam. For more information, [click here](#) and look for EVENTS.

Governor's Council on Climate Change

What: A review of electric sector scenarios, along with current CT policies and programs to decarbonize the electric sector. Discussion to follow. See attached flyer.

When: Tuesday, June 13, 10am to 12 noon

Where: CT DEEP, Gina McCarthy Auditorium, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut

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CT Green News (6/2/17-Issue 15)

- [Connecticut lawmakers target successful energy efficiency program in effort to plug budget hole](#)
 - *Think Progress*. This is the last week for you to tell your legislators and [Governor Malloy](#) that you oppose the budget raid on clean energy funds. See the **attached** flyer for phone numbers. Also, see attached letter that Eastern CT Green Action signed onto.
- [CT environmentalists vow to go it alone after Trump's Paris exit](#)
 - *CT Mirror*. "Dear planet, we're sorry. Please just hang on for three and a half more years and we'll fix this. We promise." Our work has just become more important than ever.
- [New Haven Energy Advisory Council advocates for community shared solar initiatives](#)
 - *New Haven Register*. A good example for other CT towns.
- [Tesla pledges 10 CT stores](#)
 - *Hartford Business Journal*. But will the legislature allow it?
- [House Democrats Wary of Subsidizing Millstone](#)
 - *Journal Inquirer*. See **attached** article for latest update on SB106. Less than a week left for the legislative session.
- [Coal is about to disappear from New England](#)
 - *E&E News*. How the 'Queen of Coal' became the 'Witch of Wind'.

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CT Green News (5/26/17-Issue 14

- [Help Save the CT Energy Efficiency Fund and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#)
 - Take 5 minutes to let state legislators and Governor Malloy know that you oppose the budget raid on clean energy funds. The [attached flyer](#) will tell you how.
- [Defying Trump, these state leaders are trying to impose their own carbon taxes](#)
 - *Washington Post*. Worth following for next year in CT.
- [How to Turn Climate Change Skeptics Into Advocates](#)
 - *On the Media/WNYC*. How a leading conservative talks to other conservatives.
- [Ancient technology in Meriden's Hanover Pond dam begins generating electricity](#)
 - *Record-Journal*. Lots of photos.
- [Study finds Massachusetts would create thousands of jobs and lower electricity prices by increasing renewable portfolio standard](#)
 - *Your Renewable News*. Would work in CT, too.

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CT Green News (5/19/17-Issue 13)

- [Advocates say cutting Connecticut energy efficiency funds a mistake](#)
 - *New Haven Register*. Be the squeaky wheel and let legislators know what you think. See the short, attached guide for how.
- [CT's delayed energy plan could mean trouble for Millstone bill](#)
 - *CT Mirror*. An interesting interplay between the [CES](#) and Millstone.
- [CT consumers should have the option to choose clean, local power](#)
 - *CT Mirror*. Drop the shared pilot and let's move onto the real thing.
- [Michigan capitol overhaul could include new geothermal system](#)
 - *Midwest Energy News*. Something for CT to think about as the CT Roundtable and other groups try to get [Lead By Example](#) off the ground.
- [Deepwater Wind Outlines Solar Farm Proposed In Simsbury](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. Note in the article that shared solar would make this so much easier for residents to accept.
- [Clean Energy for You](#)
 - *Arcadia Power*. In the market for a clean energy supplier? The Sierra Club and League of Conservation Voters endorse this company.

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CT Green News (5/12/17-Issue 12)

- [**Casino, Millstone bills clear a committee hurdle**](#)
 - *CT Mirror*. There is still time to register your opinion with the leadership of the legislature and your legislators. See [attached flyer](#) to find out how. And take a minute to thank [Mae Flexer](#) for her vote in the Appropriations Committee against SB 106.
- [**House Passes Permanent Ban on Fracking Waste in CT**](#)
 - *Hartford Courant*. Now on to the Senate and then the Governor...we hope.
- [**Siting council rejects Killingly power plant applications**](#)
 - *Norwich Bulletin*. Really good news. A closer look at the siting council's reasoning will be interesting.
- [**Massachusetts towns ditch standard electric service to embrace green power**](#)
 - *Milford Daily News*. We need to be thinking about Community Choice Aggregation for CT. It may require enabling legislation. Click [here](#) for a related story.
- [**How to talk to your friends about...carbon pricing.**](#)
 - *Years of living Dangerously*. Useful to learn about and how to do.
- [**As I See It: The Sun Also Rises on Fairfield's High Schools**](#)
 - *NewsTimes*. As EO Smith begins thinking about renovations, Mansfield, Ashford and Willington should be looking at what other towns have done. Here is part of Fairfield's story.

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Eastern CT Green Action-Monthly Meeting

What: We discuss what we're doing, where we're going, and how we intend to get there.

When: Saturday, May 13, 10:00-11:30am

Where: The Mansfield Public Library, Buchanan Auditorium, 54 Warrenville Rd, Mansfield Center.

Who: All are welcome

GC3 Stakeholder Event

What: A Governor's Council on Climate Change event focusing on the very important transportation sector.

When: Saturday, May 17, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Click [here](#) for the Hartford location and more information.

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CT Green News (5/5/17-Issue 11)

- **[ACTION ALERT: If you want a clean energy future for Connecticut OPPOSE Senate Bill 106. Learn how to in the attached flyer.](#)**
- **[Complaints persist even as shared solar \(finally\) nears finish line](#)**
 - CT Mirror.
- **[Wind farm now powering Block Island](#)**
 - The Day.
- **[In Millstone Brinkmanship, Is A Carbon Tax The More Elegant Solution?](#)**
 - WNPR.
- **[Greenskies To Build Solar Project For Its Connecticut Hometown](#)**
 - Solar Industry.
- **[Connecticut firm sets sights on a cheaper flow battery](#)**
 - Utility Dive.

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CT Green News (4/28/17-Issue 10

- [And Woodstock Makes It Thirteen! Fracking Waste Ban Movement Growing in Connecticut](#)
 - Food and Water Watch. And more to come.
- [More city schools going solar](#)
 - Milford Mirror. What's your town doing?
- [A win-win for Connecticut's economy, neighborhoods and environment](#)
 - CT Mirror. R-PACE is a wonky, unsexy program that will make a real difference, if the CT legislature allows it.
- [New UCS Analysis Ranks State Progress Transitioning to Clean Energy](#)
 - Union of Concerned Scientists. Connecticut ranks #17, while RI, VT and MA are in the top 10. We need to do better.
- [Climate Change Stakeholder Engagement Event: A Focus on Transportation](#)
 - CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. May 17, 6:30-8:30pm.

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Announcements

Democracy is not a Spectator Sport: Get Involved!

What: A talk sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northeast CT

When: Wednesday, May 3, 7-9pm.

Where: Bellingham Auditorium, Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT

Who: Tanya Rhodes Smith, MSW. Director of the Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work, University of Connecticut.

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What: Jen Siskind of Food & Water Watch will discuss the toxicity of fracking wastes and how to keep them out of your town.

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CT Green News (4/21/17-Issue 9)

- [Connecticut nuclear support legislation would cost \\$300M a year](#)
 - Utility Dive. You can do something about this. See 'Millstone Doesn't Need Your Money', below, and write a quick email.
- [Carports could double high schools' solar power use](#)
 - The Hour. What is your school board up to and up for?
- [Green light for gas pipeline expansion](#)
 - Hartford Business Journal. A \$93 million expansion instead of \$3 billions.
- [State sending mixed messages to fuel cell industry](#)
 - The Day. We here are not sure what to think about fuel cells. Thoughts?
- [How a Bill Becomes a Law-Connecticut Edition](#)
 - By Ben Shaiken, Chair of the Mansfield Democratic Town Committee. This is a valuable, quick guide and well worth reading.
- [Girl Scouts Partner With Committee To Promote Earth Day](#)
 - Hartford Courant. On Saturday, April 22, see for yourself the amazing work Stafford has done. Flyer attached.

- [The CT DEEP's list of Earth Day Events](#)
 - DEEP Website. Looking for something to do on Earth Day?
- [Peoples Climate March April 29](#)
 - *Official Website.* How to get from CT to DC...and everything else. **8 busses to fill!**

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CT Green News (4/14/17-Issue 8)

- [Why Millstone's Auction Request Is A Nuclear-Powered Irony](#)
 - Hartford Courant. It's not too late to weigh in on SB 106. One way to do so: send the **attached letter** to your state representative and senator.
- [Massachusetts Requests to Carry Canadian Renewable Energy](#)
 - Huddle. This has to be part of the mix.
- [The Northeast's carbon trading system works quite well. It just doesn't reduce much carbon.](#)
 - Vox. Do you keep hearing about RGGI, but aren't sure what it is? Read this.
- [Green Energy Powerhouse Seeks D.C. Help](#)
 - New Haven Independent. Senator Murphy visits a biodiesel plant in New Haven.
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Announcements

Attend a Press Conference with Senators Murphy and Blumenthal

What: *A press conference with Senators Blumenthal and Murphy to promote the upcoming March for Science and People's Climate March and to highlight state and local climate action*

When: *Tuesday, April 18, 11:00am.*

Where: *Common Ground, 358 Springside Ave., New Haven*

Who: *Senator Blumenthal and Senator Murphy, along with labor, religious, environmental and community leaders.*

From the CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs

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CT Green News (4/7/17-Issue 7)

- [Let's replace, not subsidize, Millstone Power Station](#)
 - *New Haven Register*. Looking beyond Millstone.
- [State Approves Solar Array That Will Be Vermont's Largest](#)
 - *VTDigger*. The resulting renewable energy credits will be sold to CT utilities.
- [2 remarkable facts that illustrate solar power's declining cost](#)
 - *Vox*. As we think about Connecticut...
- [Stonington looking into solar energy to reduce costs at sewage plants](#)
 - *The Westerly Sun*. Solar can save money.
- [Cow manure could provide electricity to Connecticut homes, Kennedy says](#)
 - *New Haven Register*. And make it a little easier to be a farmer.
- [March for Science, April 22](#)
 - *Official Website*. Four sites in CT-Hartford, East Haddam, East Lyme, and New Haven
- [Peoples Climate Movement April 29](#)
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Where: First Church of Christ, 549 Storrs Rd (Rt 195 where it meets Rt 89), Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Who: Speakers from Clean Water Action, Sierra Club, CT Fund for the Environment

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Say NO to the elimination of the Council on Environmental Quality!

From the Connecticut Land Conservation Council:

As you know, the Governor's budget proposes ZERO funding for the [Council on Environmental Quality](#)(CEQ), and [H.B. 7051](#), a budget implementer bill, repeals Connecticut General Statutes section 22a-11 (the statute establishing CEQ) and removes all references to CEQ from the statutes.

LAST MONTH, we asked you to submit testimony to the GAE Committee and to contact your legislators asking them to oppose the elimination of CEQ; and **YOU RESPONDED! THANK YOU!**

NOW, the fate of CEQ rests with the leadership of the [Appropriations Committee](#), which is reviewing subcommittee reports on budget items; and **WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!**

Please contact the leadership of the Appropriations Committee and ask that they restore funding to the CEQ budget.

With rollbacks of federal environmental laws and drastic cuts proposed to the EPA budget, it has never been more important to **STAND UP** for the agencies that protect our environment and public health right here at home. Thank you **AGAIN** for taking action!

ACTION: Contact the following leaders of the Appropriations Committee and ask that they restore funding for CEQ.

Senator Paul Formica, Co-Chair: Paul.Formica@cga.ct.gov

Senator Catherine Osten, Co-Chair: osten@senatedems.ct.gov

Representative Toni Walker, Co-Chair: Toni.Walker@cga.ct.gov

Representative Melissa Ziobron, Ranking Member: Melissa.Ziobron@housegop.ct.gov

MESSAGE:

- I oppose the elimination of CEQ.
- CEQ is the state's only independent environmental watch-dog agency.
- Since 1971, CEQ has provided the public with objective and independent oversight of the state's environment efficiently, effectively and at minimal cost (\$174,000) to the state.
- Acting through its volunteer council and just two staff, with limited support from DEEP for administrative purposes only, CEQ services include: The Environmental Monitor (project information for the public under the CT Environmental Policy Act and for notices of proposed transfers of land), Annual Reports on Environmental Quality, Special Reports (most recently, "Energy Sprawl in Connecticut" ...), monthly meetings and an opportunity for citizens to lodge complaints and otherwise voice concerns.
- There is likely no state agency that does so much for so little.
- For the sake of our environment and public health now and for future generations, please restore funding to the budget for CEQ.

Please cc your legislators. (Find your legislators and their contact info [HERE](#)). Please bcc abpateron@ctconservation.org

CT Green News (3/30/17, Issue 6)

- [**Solar Power Is White-Hot, Generating Energy, Jobs And Savings**](#)
 - Hartford Courant. Yes, and we need more.
- [**New England Lawmakers Join Forces On Carbon Tax**](#)
 - CT News Junkie. Probably not this year, but it's time to start this conversation.
- [**100% Connecticut**](#)
 - The Solutions Project. One group's vision of what the energy mix might look like in 2050 if Connecticut reaches 100% renewable energy.
- [**25 US cities have now committed to 100% renewables**](#)
 - Climate Action. Whatever our future energy mix looks like, we in CT need to be more ambitious at both the municipal and state levels.
- [**Analysis: Building a market for renewable thermal technologies**](#)
 - Phys.Org. Not as sexy as renewable electricity, but really important.
- [**Will CT catch or miss the boat on offshore wind energy?**](#)
 - CT Mirror. Explains CT's wind opportunities better than any other article we've seen.
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Screening of the film, 'TAPPED in Putnam!'

A great documentary that explores the bottled water industry

Sunday, April 2, 3:00 at the Pomfret School

See attached flyer for more details!

Lawn Signs Available!

Want to build support for a fracking waste ban in your town? We now have lawn signs available that say, "BAN FRACKING WASTE!". Contact Lois at lkhappe@yahoo.com to get yours!

CT Green News (3/24/17-Issue 5)

- [Nuclear brinksmanship: Does Millstone need help to stay open?](#)
 - CT Mirror. Want to say NO to special deals and subsidies for Dominion? It's easy. Start by clicking [Here](#).

- [**Why You Can't Buy a Tesla in These 6 States**](#)
 - Eco-Watch. To get to CT's 2025 electric vehicle goal, something has to change.
- [**Brooklyn finalizing financial deal for solar project**](#)
 - Norwich Bulletin. A lot of CT energy policy in this modest news story about a 50 MW array.
- [**Agencies, industry push for broader use of RGGI funds**](#)
 - Hartford Business Journal. Good idea?
- [**Danbury congregation hopes to set solar example**](#)
 - The Hour. And they are.
- [**New England electricity prices hit 13-year low**](#)
 - Hartford Business Journal. So why do we need more natural gas pipelines?
- [**March For Science-April 22**](#)
 - 3 Sites in CT. Oh, and in DC, too.

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Announcements

1. A FRACKING WASTE ACTION for Monday

The statewide ban has CLEARED the Environment Committee, so LET'S REACH OUT TO OUR LEGISLATORS again and let them know that we want to see this bill move forward in the full legislature.

CALL or E-MAIL your CT State Representative and CT State Senator.

- Let them know you support HB 6329**
- Ask them to CO-SPONSOR HB 6329**

Look up your two state legislators here:

https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

Make contact even if you think your legislator will not support HB 6329 and even if you have contacted them before. Likewise, do not assume your legislator supports the bill; check this list of the bill's current co-sponsors (if your legislator is already listed, call or e-mail to thank them):

- Rep. Tami Zawistowski, (R) 61st Dist.
- Rep. Scott A. Storms, (R) 60th Dist.
- Rep. David A. Baram, (D) 15th Dist.
- Rep. Matthew Lesser, (D) 100th Dist.
- Rep. Josh Elliott, (D) 88th Dist.

- Rep. John K. Hampton, (D) 16th Dist.
- Rep. Devin R. Carney, (R) 23rd Dist.
- Rep. Susan M. Johnson, (D) 49th Dist.
- Rep. Chris Soto, (D) 39th Dist.
- Rep. Brandon L. McGee, (D) 5th Dist.
- Rep. Patrick S. Boyd, (D) 50th Dist.
- Sen. Heather Bond Somers, (R) 18th Dist.

Thank YOU, fellow CT residents, for, as Senator Kennedy said to Dagmar at the public hearing, "keeping this issue on the front burner". This is how it is done.

2. Saturday, March 25, at 6:30 PM, *Green Hair Company* in Putnam will host a FREE screening of the film "*Merchants of Doubt*"!

Organic, vegan (and delicious!) snacks will be provided by Heirloom Food Company! Refreshments will also be provided; however, we encourage you to BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) and your own cup, mug, or water bottle.

The screening will be followed by a discussion led by Charlie Weedon. The event will conclude at 9 PM. Space is limited. As of today (3/17), there are less than ten tickets remaining. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Please reserve your seat via <https://MerchantsofDoubtPutnam.eventbrite.com/> by 6 PM, March 24th.

CT Green News (3/17/17, Issue 4)

- [**Study Shows Huge Losses from Gas Leaks in CT**](#)
 - Public News Service. Another reason to support HB6546, a bill that would repeal the ratepayer pipeline tax.
- [**Connecticut lawmaker seeks to ban fracking waste in state**](#)
 - New Haven Register. And see Jen Siskind's letter to the editor (attached)
- [**Battle resumes over opening utility markets to Millstone**](#)
 - CT Mirror. Good background for understanding SB106
- [**Gengras Motor Cars in East Hartford, Conn.**](#)
 - Yahoo Finance. We need a LOT more of this sort of distributed generation. The next time you shop for a car, tell your dealer about Gengras.
- [**How New York City Gets Its Electricity**](#)
 - New York Times. Ever wonder how the grid works? NYC is not CT, but a lot of this excellent article is relevant to us.
- [**Muted response to solar panels' debut**](#)
 - CT Post. 24.3 million kWh of clean energy from Bridgeport since May, 2016. We need a lot more of this, too.
- [**Webinar "Legislative Attacks on NEPA and Other Laws Important to Pipelines" - Registration**](#)
 - The Access Northeast Pipeline will go through CT. If you want to oppose it, find out how to by listening to this webinar.

- [**Stop the Millstone Payout**](#)

- Learn what this is about and what you can do.

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EVENTS

[Screening of the film, “TAPPED” in Putnam](#)

A great documentary that explores the bottled water industry. Sunday, April 2, 3:00, at the Pomfret School.

See attached flyer for more details.

CT Green News (3/10/17, Issue 3)

- [Bill Would Require Massachusetts To Use 100% Renewable Energy](#)
 - WAMC. Just a proposal at this point, it could serve as a model for CT in the future.
- [Story of Change](#)
 - The Story of Stuff Project. This video applies just as much to the transition to a cleaner, more efficient energy future.
- [Canterbury Residents Hear Details Of Proposed Solar Farm](#)
 - Hartford Courant. Your support for local solar projects can make a real difference.
- [People's Climate March 2017- Washington D.C. April 29](#)
 - 350CT. Find out where to get a bus.
- [2 Connecticut energy bills aim to help Millstone owner, spur fuel cell use](#)
 - New Haven Register
- [Renewables Can 'No Doubt' Replace N.Y. Nuclear Plant](#)
 - Solar Industry. Relevant to the previous article as we think about Millstone.
- [Connecticut Seeks Agreement on Fuel Cell Funding](#)
 - Future Structure.
- [Mansfield Schools Facility Planning](#)
 - Attend one of the public forums on Monday or Tuesday and let the planners know that energy efficiency and clean energy need to be built into the project right from the start.

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EVENTS

Briefing on Clean Energy Opportunities in 2017 CT Legislature

What: A legislative briefing on energy and climate opportunities in Connecticut, plus Legislative Action 101/202.

Review of energy legislation and opportunities for clean energy breakthroughs including shared solar, virtual net metering, energy efficiency in public buildings, strengthening the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and more.

Legislative action tips and strategies, and an opportunity to write a letter to your legislator. Gear up for an effective season!

When: Tuesday, March 14, 7:00pm.

Where: Town Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Rd, Mansfield CT, 06268

Who: Speakers from Clean Water Action, Sierra Club, CT Fund for the Environment

Brought to you by the Mansfield Sustainability Committee and Eastern CT Green Action.



Now is the time to say NO to fracking waste at the state level. Write an email to envtestimony@cga.ct.gov by Monday 3/13 to comment on PHB 6329 (put this in Subject line). Make a difference!

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Pomfret Fracking Waste Ban

WHO: Citizens of Pomfret and surrounding towns, YOU are Invited!**WHAT:** Presentation and discussion, to be led by Jennifer Siskind of the Connecticut chapter of Food & Water Watch, about the dangers of waste from hydraulic fracturing (also known as fracking) and why Pomfret and other Connecticut towns need to be concerned and act quickly to pass local legislation. This event is free, and everyone is welcome. Donations appreciated for travel expenses for our guest speaker. She is volunteering her time for this presentation.

WHERE: The Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Road, Pomfret Center, CT 06259

WHEN: Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 PM

WHY: Close to a dozen Connecticut towns have already passed or are in the process of passing ordinances to ban the storage, use, and disposal of fracking waste. At Pomfret's Annual Town Meeting this spring, Pomfret residents will have an opportunity to do the same. In order to provide accurate information and respond to questions on the subject, all interested residents are invited to this meeting.

QUESTIONS? Please, email PomfretFrackingWasteBan@gmail.com

CT Green News (Issue 2)

- [Lead by Example](#)
 - CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs. This is a campaign that Eastern CT Green Action is supporting.
- [Tesla Still Looking To Sell Directly To Consumers In Connecticut](#)
 - The Hartford Courant
- [Energy advocates call for new commitment to renewable growth](#)
 - The Wilton Bulletin
- [Bill aims to boost fuel-cell industry](#)
 - Hartford Business Journal
- [Connecticut's First High-Tech Food Waste Recycler Set To Come Online](#)
 - WNPR
- [Study: Pipeline expansion would cost ratepayers](#)
 - Hartford Business Journal
- Important Bills for 2017 General Assembly
 - From Gary Bent, please see [attached](#)

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Make a difference on Lobby Day, 2017

The CT Chapter of Sierra Club, Citizens Campaign for the Environment and Consumers for Sensible Energy have organized a clean energy lobby day on Wednesday, March 8, in Hartford!

Join in calling upon Connecticut lawmakers to get our state off of fossil fuels and to invest in clean, renewable energy. Tell your legislators why you care about Connecticut developing clean wind and solar energy, and not shackling our state dirty oil and gas for decades to come! Advocate for:

- Growing CT's Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Expanding solar programs and distributed generation
- Repealing Connecticut's unfair ratepayer pipeline tax

Help make an impact this session by turning out to ask legislators to support these important issues. **Organizers will be on hand to help you find and communicate with your Senator and House Representative.** This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend, so please invite your friends and family! We can win big for clean energy this year but we need your help!

When: Wednesday, March 8th, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Where: Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT (meet in hearing room 1C @ 10am)

Please **RSVP** by emailing CCE Program Director, Lou Burch: lburch@citizenscampaign.org

We hope to see you there!

CT Green News (Issue 1)

- [Lawmakers Are Again Asked To Consider Nuclear Energy](#)
 - CT News Junkie
- [Ledyard approves scaled-down solar project](#)
 - The Day
- [New farmland harvest - solar energy - creating political sparks](#)
 - The CT Mirror
- [26 Local Chambers in CT, and Governor, Show Strong Interest in Clean Energy](#)
 - Chambers for Innovation and Clean Energy
- [Clinton Energy Committee Sets Sights on Public Works](#)
 - Zip.com

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A Special Notice

Eastern Connecticut Green Action (ECGA) has recently been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Center for Health, Environment & Justice (CHEJ). We want to congratulate and thank Cathy Cementina from Coventry for doing the lion's share of the work on the grant, which will help fund ECGA's efforts to assist at least nine more towns in our region to pass bans on the storage, use and distribution of fracking waste in their municipalities. The grant will support outreach efforts to

engage as many local citizens as possible in activities such as petitioning, attending town meetings, and voting -- leading up to the passage of fracking waste bans or ordinances. Currently, there are a total of ten towns in Connecticut that have passed fracking waste bans. With CHEJ's grant, ECGA is confident it will bring that total closer to 20.