Presentation to Simsbury Board of Selectmen
February 11, 2019
• **Road map.** A menu of coordinated, voluntary actions to promote sustainability.
• **Resources.** Support, including funding and grants, to help municipalities implement actions.
• **Certification.** To recognize municipalities for their sustainability achievements.
• **Flexibility.** Meeting the needs of all municipalities, urban or rural, big or small.
• **Livability.** More sustainable, efficient, healthy, safe, resilient, thriving municipalities.
Sustainable CT communities strive to be...

...thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.
Menu of Voluntary Actions

- Clean and diverse transportation systems and choices
- Efficient physical infrastructure and operations
- Strategic and inclusive public services
- Dynamic and resilient planning
- Well-stewarded land and natural resources
- Thriving local economies
- Healthy, efficient and diverse housing
- Vibrant and creative cultural ecosystems
- Inclusive and equitable community impacts
One Program – Many Benefits

Environmental Impacts
Greenhouse Gas Reductions
Health and Wellness
Cost Savings

Economic Well-Being
Climate Resilience
Community Building
Equity
Additional Benefits: Peer Sharing and Visibility
Process / Timeline

- Pass a resolution – Board of Selectmen
  - Statement of Intent
  - Designation of Municipal Official or Staff as point of contact
  - Establish an Advisory Sustainability Team
- Apply for Certification
  - Outreach, Workshops, Assistance
  - May 2, 2019 – Pre-read submission deadline
  - August 30, 2019 - Final application submission deadline for certification (Rolling, 3 years)
  - Mid October – Notification of decision
  - Late October – Awards ceremony at CT Conference of Municipalities
- Complete Actions (Past efforts count)
  - Bronze – Complete 1 Equity Tool Kit, 1 action in each of 9 categories, and additional actions totaling 200+ points
  - Silver – Complete 3 Equity Tool Kits, 1 action in each of 9 categories, and additional actions totaling 400+ points
Sustainable Simsbury Project Team

• Representatives from boards and commissions
  • Clean Energy Task Force
  • Recycling Committee
  • Bike-Pedestrian Committee
  • Conservation Commission
  • Economic Development Commission

• Town staff representatives from:
  • Public Works
  • Planning Department
  • Culture, Parks and Recreation

• Various other town government departments, boards and commissions on an as-needed basis (e.g., Boards of Education & Finance, Tourism Committee, Open Space Committee)

• Others?