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**Middletown Honored at January 7, 2019 Common Council Meeting  
Sustainable CT Certification**



Along with twenty-one other Connecticut towns and cities, Middletown was recently recognized as a Sustainable CT certified community, earning a Bronze certification. The announcement was made at the annual conference of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities in November. The awards ceremony, attended by hundreds of municipal leaders from across the state, marked the successful completion of the first year of Sustainable CT, a statewide initiative that inspires and supports efficient, resilient, and inclusive

practices at the local level.

Middletown's certification and plaque will be officially presented to the City by Sustainable CT at the January 7, 2019 Common Council meeting at City Hall. The Mayor and the two Councilmen currently serving on Middletown's Clean Energy Task Force, Councilman Gerald Daley and Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski will receive the plaque. The meeting begins at 7 PM.

Along with the other newly certified towns, Middletown worked to demonstrate significant achievements in nine areas ranging from thriving local economies and vibrant arts and culture to clean transportation and diverse housing. In addition, all of the towns had to address diversity, inclusion, and equity when implementing sustainability actions.

Middletown was the first Connecticut municipality to join the program and has continued to display leadership in this area with this initial certification.

After the Clean Energy Task Force took the lead to join the program, a Sustainable CT Team emerged comprising task force members, City Hall staff, community volunteers and an intern provided by Wesleyan University. The Team worked diligently throughout 2018 to accomplish the initial certification and expects to use that achievement as a base upon which additional sustainable initiatives will be rolled out, earning higher levels of certification this coming year and into the future.

For more information, visit [www.sustainablect.org](http://www.sustainablect.org), or call Michael Harris, Middletown's Energy Coordinator, at 860-638-4854.