

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Full Coalition Meeting

June 15, 2022



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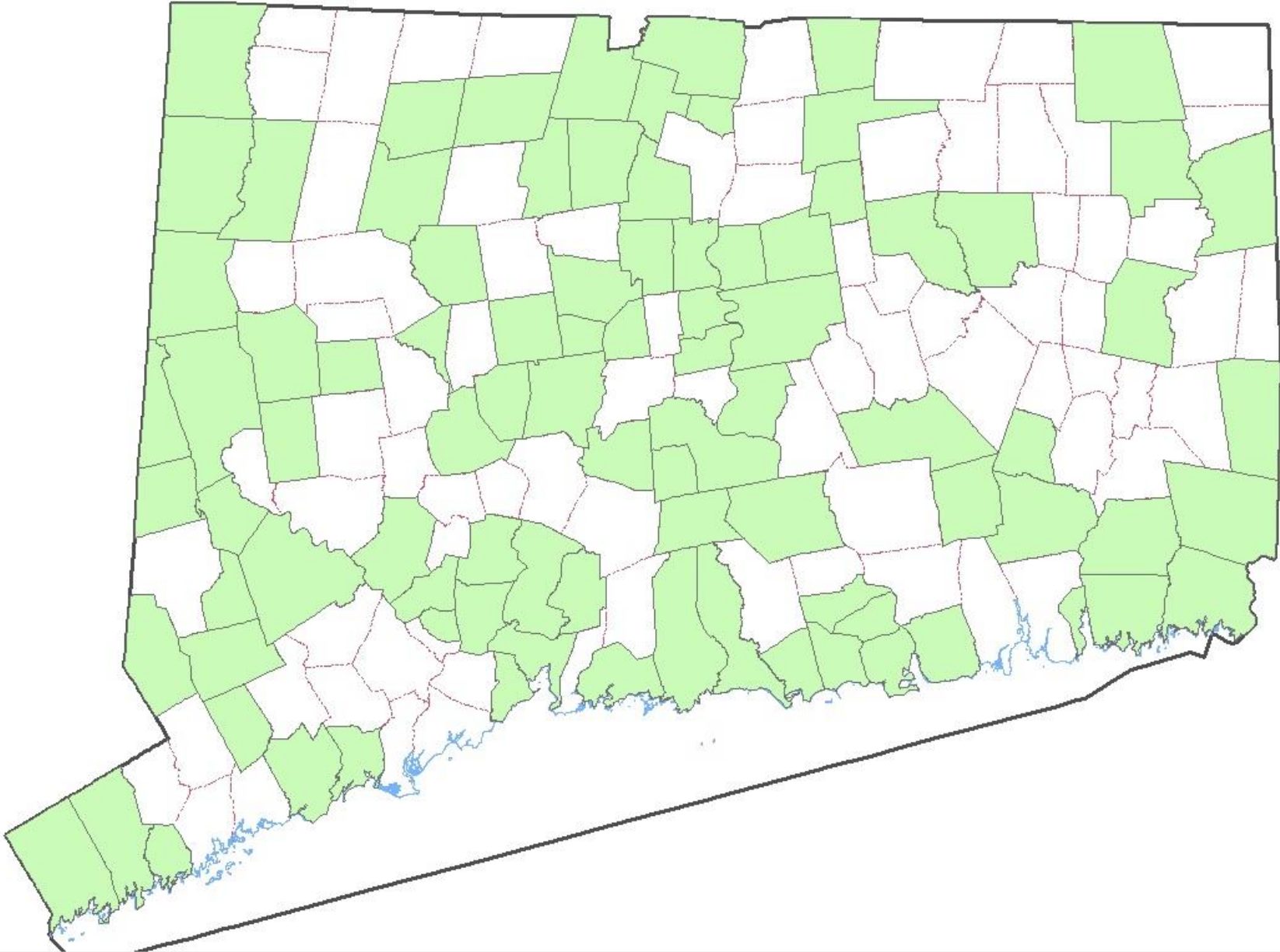
CCSMM Housekeeping

- This meeting is being recorded.
- Please keep your microphones muted unless sharing information.
- Municipal participants will be revised to "**Panelist**" status. Once in the Panelist area of the webinar, please rename yourself to reflect your organizational affiliation.
- Municipal participants are encouraged to turn webcams on and actively participate during the meeting.
- Non-municipal participants: Please share your questions, comments & ideas through the ZOOM Chat feature. There will also be opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.
- Feedback can also be sent by email to: DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov

CCSMM Full Coalition Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks
- Next steps for CCSMM
- Legislative Session Recap
- Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant Program
- Bottle Bill Updates
- Business Recycling Assistance Program
- Permitting Updates
- Municipal/Regional Updates
- Other Topics
- Public Comment
- Closing Remarks

CCSMM Municipalities



Next Steps for CCSMM

- Reviving CCSMM working groups, but in a slightly different format
- Three Working Groups:
 - Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
 - Organics Diversion & Unit-Based Pricing (UBP)
 - Increase Recycling
- Meetings will be organized by Working Group leads, but **all towns are encouraged to participate/attend**

Legislative Session 2022 Recap

Harrison Nantz, CT DEEP

Legislative Session 2022 Recap

Budget items:

- Additional **\$5M** to support Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program
- **HB 5118** An Act Concerning Waste Management And Anaerobic Digestion.
- Redemption center grant updates

Legislative Session 2022 Recap

Bills Passed:

- **SB 277** An Act Establishing A Trash-to-Energy Working Group.
- **HB 5142** An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility For Certain Gas Cylinders.

Bills Failed:

- **SB 115** An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility For Consumer Packaging.
- **HB 5139** An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility For Tires.

Legislative Session 2022 Recap

Questions?

Harrison Nantz, Legislative Director

CT DEEP

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Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program

32 Applicants

- 5 were COGs or regional waste authorities

Proposals include:

- Town-wide or specific routes for Unit-Based Pricing (UBP) with food scrap collection
- Food scrap collection without UBPs
- Regional support for UBPs with food scrap collection
- Food scrap-processing infrastructure

Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program

Applicant Data

- 23 unit-based pricing (UBP) with food scrap collection/ diversion projects
 - 6 town-wide projects
 - 6 transfer station programs with food drop off and UBP
 - 11 food scrap co-collection or separate collection projects
- 9 food scrap collection only projects

Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program

Next Steps:

- Announce grant recipients and begin the contracting process
- Outreach, education and support for awarded projects
- Data collection and regular updates on successes

Any Questions:

DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov

Meriden UBP/ Food Scrap Pilot Project

Kristen Brown, Waste Zero

Bottle Bill Updates

- Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program (aka Redemption Center Grant Program)
- \$0.05 Fee on Miniatures

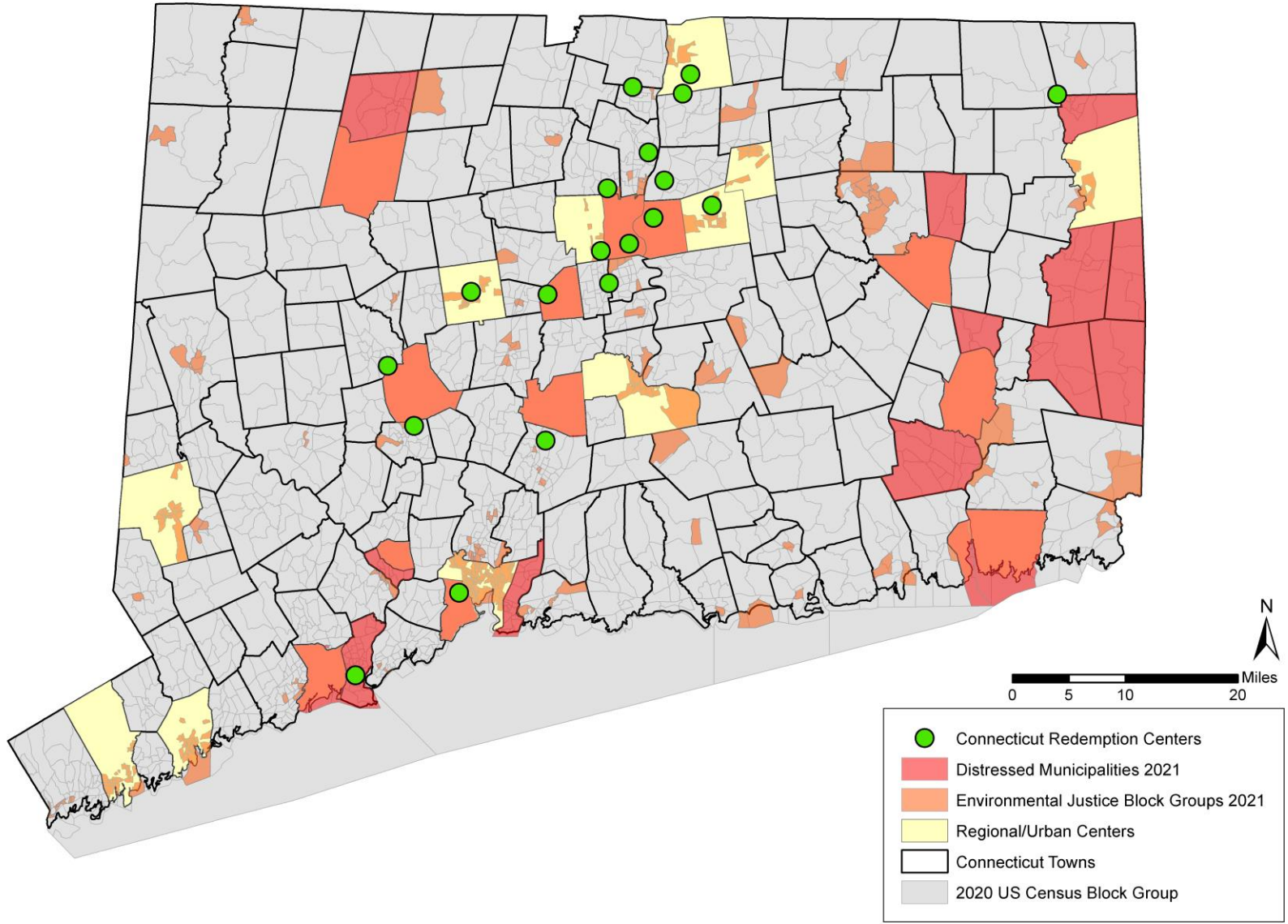
Bottle Bill Updates : Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program

Overview

- Grants available
 - \$150,000 cap removed (new)
- Target applicants:
 - New redemption centers
 - Existing redemption centers (new)
 - Locally-owned, minority-owned, women-owned
- Eligible locations:
 - Environmental justice communities
 - Urban centers
- Municipalities/COGs eligible to apply
- Application deadline extended through October 3, 2022 (new)

Bottle Bill
Updates :
Beverage
Container
Recycling
Grant Program

Redemption Centers compared to EJ Communities
and Urban/Regional Centers



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How to Apply

- Applications accepted on a rolling basis through October 3, 2022
- Resources, like [UConn Small Business Development Center](#), are available to applicants
- More information available on [DEEP's website](#)
- Questions? Email DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov

Bottle Bill Updates :

\$0.05 Fee on "Miniatures"

Overview

- Effective Oct. 1, 2021
- Wholesalers must assess a \$0.05 fee on all miniature alcohol bottles sold to retailers
- Revenues from the \$0.05 fee are disbursed by the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of CT (WSWC) on behalf of wholesalers to municipalities each April and October (starting April 2022)

Bottle Bill Updates :

\$0.05 Fee on
"Miniatures"

A reminder:

- Miniatures are not part of the deposit redemption system
- No state involvement aside from receiving semiannual report from wholesalers/WSWC

Bottle Bill Updates :

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Initial payments

- Summary of payments made to municipalities by WSWC for the first 6-month period can be found online at:

[https://portal.ct.gov/-
/media/DEEP/reduce_reuse_recycle/bottles/WS
WC_payments_to_towns_for_minis_Oct21_Mar
22.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/reduce_reuse_recycle/bottles/WSWC_payments_to_towns_for_minis_Oct21_Mar22.pdf)

Bottle Bill Updates :

\$0.05 Fee on "Minisatures"

- **How should these funds be used by municipalities?**
 - Public Act 21-58 specifies that "All payments received by any municipality... shall be expended by such municipality on environmental measures intended to reduce the generation of solid waste in such municipality or reduce the impact of litter caused by such solid waste, including, but not limited to, the hiring of a recycling coordinator, the installation of storm drain filters designed to block solid waste and beverage container debris or the purchase of mechanical street sweeper, vacuum or broom that removes litter, including, but not limited to, such beverage containers and other debris from streets, sidewalks and abutting lawn and turf areas."
- **What other ideas/projects are municipalities considering doing with these funds?**

Business Recycling Assistance Program

Kat McCarthy – Center for EcoTechnology (CET)

DEEP Solid Waste Permitting Updates – Appendix H: Food Waste

- The CCSMM menu of options identified the need for a network of facilities to feed into larger food waste processing facilities.
 - Streamlined permitting to develop infrastructure was identified as an action item for DEEP.
- Issued modified General Permit to Construct and Operate a Commercial Facility for the Management of Recyclable Materials and Certain Solid Wastes, including new appendix for food waste facilities.
 - Appendix H: Food Waste, issued January 13, 2022.
 - The General Permit, application and instructions can be found on the DEEP website [here](#).

Commercial General Permit Appendix H: Food Waste

Provisions of Food Waste Facility Appendix :

- Two Subcategories:
 - Receipt, Storage, Transfer
 - Receipt, Storage, Transfer, and Limited Processing
- Two Tiers:
 - Sanitary operations, maintenance, and facility design conditions

Additional Resources for Current Food Waste Permitting Options

- WEED [Pre-application](#) meetings.
- The Food Waste Permit Options Pathways table initially presented at the July 16, 2021 CCSMM meeting showing current authorization pathways for food waste collection and processing is located [here](#).
- Projects with multiple permitting requirements or cross-cutting programmatic needs may benefit from DEEP's [Client Concierge Service](#).
 - [Farm-Based Anaerobic Digestion Fact Sheet](#)

Municipal Transfer Station General Permit

- The Municipal Transfer Station General Permit will expire on November 29, 2022.
- The Department plans to reissue the MTS General Permit this year.
 - Anticipates public notice of intent to reissue in mid 2022.
- Any feedback on the General Permit reissuance can be sent to the department any time up to and through the public comment period.
 - Please submit any feedback to elizabeth.moore@ct.gov

DEEP Permitting Contacts

Additional questions regarding solid waste permitting can be sent to:

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Municipal and Regional Projects Updates

- CRCOG Waste Study – Robyn Nichols
- Middletown Update – Kim O'Rourke
- West Haven Update – Doug Coulter
- Others – please share updates on any CCSMM-related efforts that your municipality may be working on!

Other Topics

- Are there any other CCSMM-related topics that municipalities or regional organizations would like to discuss?

Public Comments

- Attendees can post questions in the chat box or raise hand to request to speak.

Additional ways to keep informed

- Sign up for **CCSMM updates** [HERE](#).
- Participate in **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meetings**:
 - SWAC meeting agendas & materials are posted [HERE](#)
 - Instructions for self-subscription to the SWAC email listserv are posted [HERE](#)
- Municipal representatives should sign up for the **CTRecyclers listserve** and the **CT Municipal Recycling Coordinator Newsletter**
 - Contact sherill.baldwin@ct.gov for more details

Thank you CCSMM Members

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