



*Recycle* CT



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

## ABOUT US

### WHAT WE DO

The RecycleCT Foundation, Inc. targets and promotes the coordination and support of research and education activities and public information programs aimed at increasing the rate of recycling and reuse in the state.

[Grants](#) are available to help fund efforts that foster greater understanding of and promote action and engagement in waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting in Connecticut.

[Annual Report 2015-2018](#)

### WHO WE ARE

The RecycleCT Foundation is a Connecticut based 501c3 nonprofit that was started as a result of legislation in 2014 through Public Act 14-94. RecycleCT was created to help bring Connecticut from an estimated 35% to a 60% diversion of solid waste from disposal by 2024, as described in the Connecticut Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy, adopted by CT DEEP in 2016. Our current Board





## Grantee Highlight: Innovation Grant

### *Kids Can Compost!*

#### **The Children's Museum**

West Hartford, CT

#### Organization Overview

As one of the largest sources of third-party education, The Children's Museum is constantly looking to extend their educational reach. RecycleCT Innovation Grant funding in 2017 has helped the Children's Museum implement *Kids Can Compost!*, designed to engage children and families in composting activities.

Since 1927, The Children's Museum has engaged children, families, and schools with fun, hands-on teaching to increase their understanding about science and nature. Their educational programs include hands-on exhibits, topic-specific classes, a preschool, field trips, outreach programs, planetarium shows, wildlife demonstrations, a nature center, camps, public programs and more.



#### How has RecycleCT helped?

With RecycleCT's funding in 2017, the Museum created an outdoor aerobic composting station, consisting of a three bin system including one plexi-glass wall and educational signage. The Museum's wildlife sanctuary area, butterfly house, and gardens generate leaf and yard debris and, with the generation of food scraps from the museum's visitors and preschool, make up the recipe for

# Financial & Administrative Support

- June 2018 – distributed RFQ
- NERC awarded contract September 2018
  - Establish one or more bank accounts
  - Prepare 990 and audit
  - Distribute checks for grant programs and/or other expenses
  - Ensure RecycleCT Foundation stays up to date and in compliance with state/federal filings
  - Develop annual report



# School Grant Program



Fund efforts in Connecticut K-12 schools that foster greater understanding of and promotion action and engagement in waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and/or anaerobic digestion.

\*Green Leaf schools are given priority

7 proposals received  
6 proposals approved  
\$7,800 distributed



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- \*Charter Oak International Academy (West Hartford) – banned Styrofoam; reusable/washable trays
- \*Oak Grove Montessori School (Mansfield) – reusable dishes and utensils
- Wilcox Technical High School (Meriden) – purchase shredded to make value added products



- Manchester Public Schools – district-wide education/outreach; formation of eco teams at each school
- South Elementary School (New Canaan) – new collection system for cafeteria
- Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker (Hartford) – new signage and some upgrades for cafeteria collection





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## CT Green LEAF Schools

*CT Green LEAF Schools is now an initiative of COEEA. Please update your bookmark with this web address!*

**COEEA.ORG**



**CONNECTICUT  
GREEN LEAF  
SCHOOLS**

*Leading, Educating, Achieving and Fostering  
healthy, green schools for all.*

We encourage you to explore the information, forms, suggestions, and resources provided on the coeea.org website. Under the direction of Abby Peklo (Project Director), the Green LEAF Project team and Advisory Council are here to help you along the path to every day environmental improvements at your school.

Thanks to a current EPA grant, we are pleased to offer some special incentives for your participation in 2019 & 2020. These include:

- No cost field trips for elementary and middle school students during Spring 2019 and 2020. (First come, first served. Please contact us to discuss.)
- Free registration at the annual COEEA Conference, as well as **reimbursement to your district for your substitute teacher.**
- Free full day workshops held throughout the year, with **small stipends for participants.**
- Opportunities to apply for accessible small grants specifically for Green LEAF schools.
- No cost professional development (PD) and individual coaching throughout the year, both at your school for your Green LEAF team, and throughout the state.

Our goal is to help new schools join the growing number of Green LEAF schools across the state and to help sustain current Green LEAF schools ongoing work. We are happy to help you in many ways and encourage you to contact us for a phone conversation, conference call with your team, or visit to your school.

Best wishes. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Abby Peklo – Green LEAF Project Director

Check out all of our subpages for lots of information about CT Green LEAF Schools!:

- [About CT Green LEAF Schools](#)
- [Becoming a CT Green LEAF School](#)
- [Our Schools](#)

# Oops Tag – for municipalities & collectors

- Stickers, or clipped on tags that notify residents about recycling “boo boos”.
- It’s not about shaming, but rather informing, educating
- Communication tool to reduce contamination
- Can also be used for enforcement – linked with warning or fee
- Willing to review and give feedback on DRAFT?  
Email [sherill.Baldwin@ct.gov](mailto:sherill.Baldwin@ct.gov)



# New Board Members

Katie Dykes, Board Chair

At large:

Michael Ferro III, City Carting

Diane Lauricello, Consultant



## CAN I RECYCLE IT?

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# KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW

Learn about the benefits of recycling right



Plastic Bags



Pizza Boxes



Shredded Paper



Loose Bottle Caps



IN OR OUT