

Cheshire Sustainability Fair



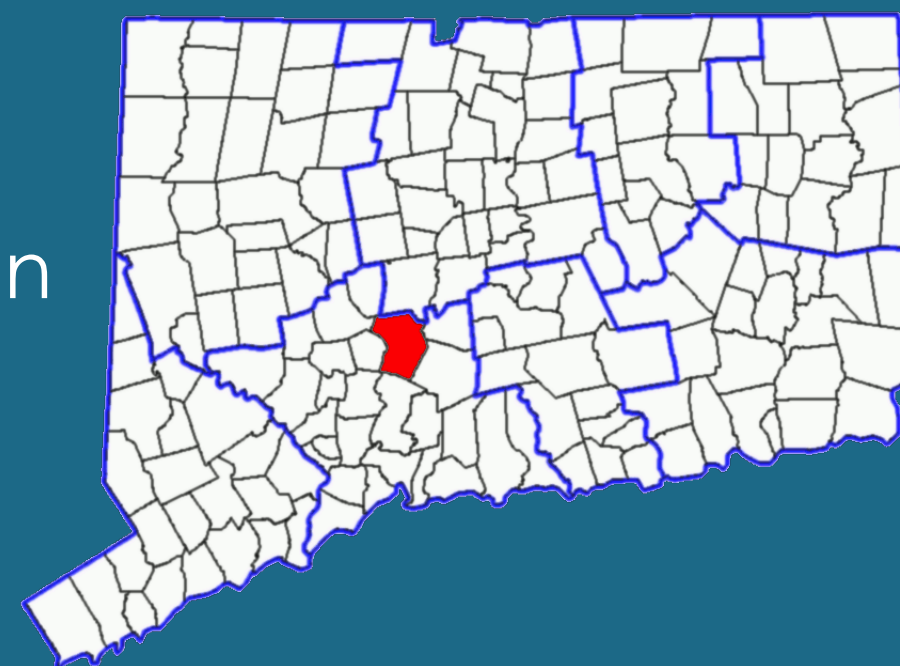
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Sustainability Fair participating organizations/groups:

- Cheshire Land Trust
- Save the Sound
- Mill River Watershed Association
- Cheshire Pollinator Pathway
- Friends of Boulder Knoll Farm
- Cheshire Energy Commission
- Quinnipiac Valley Audubon Society/Riverbound Farm
- Cheshire Creation Care
- Cheshire High School Sustainability Education Team



Motivation

We sought to create intra-community dialogue about sustainability

- Sustainability is an issue that spans multiple sectors
- Input from all stakeholders is critical to tackle sustainability effectively
- Larger events that promote dialogue encourage more community members to become involved
- Different groups are working to accomplish the same goals; events like this allow them to connect

Event Details

The Cheshire Sustainability Fair was held at the First Congregational Church green on October 16, 2021

- Event promoted in *The Cheshire Herald*, the *Record Journal*, and *The Cheshire Citizen*
- 10 different groups participated, focusing on conservation, water and land management and protecting pollinators
- Help from over 30 total volunteers, including more than five from Cheshire High School

The Take-Away

- The fair was attended by over 150 community members of all ages
- Event, along with other sustainability measures, was discussed at local debates
 - Appointment of new members to Cheshire Environment Commission
 - Rejection of proposal to combine Environment and Energy Commissions, allowing more opportunities for funding



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