

City of Derby, Connecticut

PRESS RELEASE

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<u>Derby Honored as High Achieving Clean Energy</u> <u>Community</u>

Mayor Dugatto accepts award for efforts to save energy consumption

Derby – Communities across the state came together to celebrate their achievements in energy today at Oakdale Theater in Wallingford, CT.

The City of Derby was honor as a high-achieving participant in Clean Energy Communities, an Energize Connecticut program sponsored by United Illuminating Company and the Connecticut Green Bank.

Curt Spalding, the EPA Administrator for the New England region was the keynote speaker at the morning event.

Mayor Anita Dugatto was on hand to accept a plaque and statuette on behalf of the City of Derby.

According to Energize CT, 541 homes in Derby have participated in residential energy savings programs. Additionally, 72 business and municipal energy-saving projects have been completed in the last couple of years.

Mayor Dugatto was pleased to accept the honor on behalf of the City of Derby. "I am very pleased that we have made an investment in energy saving initiatives over the last two years." Noted Dugatto.

"We need to continue to use our creative energy to save our taxpayers money through the use of green energy." Urged the Mayor, "I congratulate all those who participated in these programs and encourage all citizens to consider energy efficient options for power consumption."

Mayor Dugatto and her administration initiated a solar panel project last year at the Derby Transfer Station that will save the City of Derby significant energy costs over the next several years. That project is expected to begin construction in the next month.



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Derby

MEMBER SINCE 2013



ENERGY SAVED JAN 2010 - JULY 2015

14.929.287 kWh 22,676 ccf



EMISSIONS AVOIDED

Equivalent to 7,449 tons of CO2 avoided

1,299 cars off the road for one year

1,847 acres of trees planted



- Currently benchmarking all municipal and BOE buildings
- · Hosted 2 Great Light Bulb Exchanges where 839 light bulbs were swapped with LED's
- 541 (10%) homes have participated in residential programs
- 72 (11%) business & municipal energy-saving projects completed
- Home of B.J.'s Wholesale Club, an early adopter of solar PV



East Granby

MEMBER SINCE 2015



ENERGY SAVED JAN 2010 - JULY 2015

2,516,877 kWh 14,611 ccf



EMISSIONS AVOIDED

Equivalent to 1,320 tons of CO2 avoided

230 cars off the road for one year

328 acres of trees planted



HOW THEY DID IT

- · East Granby is a Solarize CT Community
- Joined Clean Energy Communities in May 2014
- Earned first \$5,000 Bright Idea Grant
- 327 (15%) homes have participated in residential programs
- 69 (6%) business & municipal energy-saving projects completed
- East Granby is a C-PACE and SolarizeCT community

Durham

MEMBER SINCE 2012



ENERGY SAVED JAN 2010 - JULY 2015

1,580,122 kWh

74 ccf



EMISSIONS AVOIDED

Equivalent to

773 tons of CO2 avoided

135 cars off the road for one year

192 acres of trees planted



HOW THEY DID IT

- Raised \$1,050 for Durham Fuel Bank through Home Energy Solutions
- Participated in Municipal Technical Assistance to benchmark all Municipal and Board of Education buildings
- 449 (18%) homes have participated in residential programs
- 36 (11%) business & municipal energy-saving projects completed
- Earned 5 rewards on renewable track
- Top 10 town based on percentage of homes with solar, thanks to a record-breaking Solarize CT campaign

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ENERGY SAVED JAN 2010 - JULY 2015

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EMISSIONS AVOIDED

500 tons of CO2 avoided

87 cars off the road for one year

124 acres of trees planted



HOW THEY DID IT

- Participated in the 2015 Municipal Technical Assistance program to benchmark all municipal and BOE buildings
- 383 (11%) homes have participated in residential programs
- 20 (17%) business & municipal energy-saving projects completed
- Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies installed a 157 kW solar PV system using C-PACE financing
- Partner in US Department of Energy grant program Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge

Level achieved within the Clean Energy Communities program to date: 🛊 Bronze 🛊 Silver: 🛊 Gold See inside back cover for details.