

Green Snow Pro - Best Practices Training



Water companies may want to let their towns and public works departments know about upcoming training that focuses on best practices to minimize salt use, which may negatively impact water resources, such as private wells and public water supplies. In addition, road salt is very corrosive and has a harmful impact on equipment, including trucks, fire hydrants, and other local infrastructure.

UConn's T2 Training & Technical Assistance Center provides training on best practices for salt application and maintenance of public works facilities and equipment and uses demonstrations and case studies to illustrate the positive impact these strategies can

October 19, 2021
New Milford, CT

October 21, 2021
Durham, CT

Session is 8:30am—3:00pm
(Registration begins at 8:00am)

Lunch will NOT be provided, please bring a bag lunch.

Please note: These are socially distant sessions. All state and university COVID-19 precautions

Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this class, participants will be able to:

- Explain the environmental impacts of chlorides on our environment and infrastructure.
- Describe best practices for maintenance of facilities and equipment before, during and after the storm.
- Discuss the importance of calibration and pre-treatment in winter operations.

Registration: Please visit www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/T2_Workshop_Schedule.asp to register for this class online. Please direct any questions to Shelly Desjardin at shelly.desjardin@uconn.edu.

Cost: \$100 - State and Municipal participants
\$200 - Private-sector participants

have on your community and operations.

For more information on registering for the workshops, please download the [T2 Flyer](#).

Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program Deadline Extended to October 31

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is accepting applications through October 31 for the next round of competitive [Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program](#) (OSWA). Water companies, land trusts, and municipalities are eligible to apply.

- [OSWA 2021 Application Package](#)
- [Open Space in Connecticut](#)
- [Additional Information and Assistance](#)

CT's Recreational Trails Program Deadline November 1, 2021

DEEP is now accepting proposals for Connecticut's Recreational Trails Program, which provides funding for projects that add to or enhance the state's 2,000 miles of multi-use trails and bike paths that connect cities to the outdoors, provide opportunities for green commuting and crisscross some of the state's most picturesque terrain.

The Connecticut Recreational Trails Program provides funding for projects that include the following uses: planning and design of trails; construction of new trails; maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails; access to trails by persons with disabilities; purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment; acquisition of land or easements for a trail, or for trail corridors; and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as related to recreational trails.

Applications for the current grant round will be accepted through November 1, 2021. Grant amounts vary and can pay up to 80% of eligible project costs.

Visit www.ct.gov/deep/ctrectrails for details and applications. *For further information*

contact: Laurie Giannotti, DEEP Recreational Trails & Greenways Program at (860) 424-3578.

Urban & Community Forestry Grant Programs

DEEP is pleased to announce three upcoming urban forestry grant opportunities. Award amounts, types of projects funded, and deadlines vary. Visit [Urban Forestry Grant Opportunities \(ct.gov\)](#) for a full overview.

The America the Beautiful Grant Program offers \$1,000-\$20,000 in funding for municipalities and non-profits to pursue planning projects in urban forestry. See [America the Beautiful Grant Program – CT DEEP](#) for additional details and information. *Note: Any municipality or 501(c)3 in the state is welcome to apply.* Awards range from \$1,000-\$20,000 and are administered through DEEP. The application deadline is December 3, 2021.

The Urban Forestry Climate Change Grant Program awards grants from \$10,000-\$37,000. These grants can be used to initiate, grow, support, and expand activities by municipalities and non-profits that use urban forestry to address issues of environmental justice and combat the impacts of climate change. Visit [Urban Forestry Climate Change Grants Program – Connecticut Urban Forest Council](#) for additional details and information.

The Urban Forestry Equity through Capacity Building Grant Program is designed to assist municipalities and non-profits interested in pursuing urban forestry projects while also building capacity within their organization. Awards range from \$5,000-\$10,000 and can fund projects that will address issues of environmental justice and combat the impacts of climate change. Visit [Urban Forestry Equity through Capacity building Grant Program – CT DEEP/University of Connecticut](#) for additional details and information.

Note: Although projects in all municipalities are eligible, part of the scoring rubric for the Urban Forestry Climate Change Grant Program and Equity through Capacity Building Grant Program includes environmental justice goals and special attention will be paid to municipalities or census blocks that fall within DEEPs EJ communities: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Environmental-Justice/Environmental-Justice-Communities>.

