

2026 MUNICIPAL EV-READINESS WORKSHOP

FRI, OCT 16
9AM-3:30PM
Free event

HOTEL MARCEL
500 Sargent Dr.
New Haven

Get ready for the EV transition in this free workshop. Municipal leaders gain practical tools through presentations, peer learning, exhibits, and interactive sessions. Get on a fast track to designation in the national "Charging Smart" program. **Earn Sustainable CT points just by attending and more for future actions!**

Meet Our Speakers



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President of the EV Club of CT,
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Advisor to Sustainable Westport



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Deputy Director of Clean
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Director of Clean Transportation
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City of New Haven Executive Director
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About the Program

- Planning for municipal EV fleets
- Public EV charging strategies
- Funding and incentive opportunities
- Fleet vehicles and charging technologies
- Model policies and best practices
- Charging Smart certification
- Lessons from Connecticut communities
- Networking with municipal and industry experts
- EV show featuring municipal fleet EVs

The free Charging Smart program provides technical assistance, practical tools, and a step-by-step pathway to help your community expand EV charging and earn national recognition.



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United Illuminating
Staff

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Municipal EV-Readiness Workshop Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome**
- 9:15 - 9:45 **Introduction to Charging Smart and the Roadmap to Bronze**
- 9:45 - 10:00 **Latest on EV Education & Incentives**
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Break**
- 10:15 - 10:45 **Working with Your Utility**
- 10:45 - 11:15 **Zoning for Success**
- 11:15 - 11:45 **Municipal Operations Related to EVs**
- 11:45 – 1:00 **Lunch, Municipal EV Show & Networking**
- 1:00 – 1:45 **First Breakout Sessions**
- **Utility Incentives, Fleet Programs and Managed Charging**
 - **Municipal EV Procurement**
 - **New Haven EV-Readiness Ordinance**
- 1:45 – 2:00 **Tabling & Networking**
- 2:00 – 2:45 **Second Breakout Sessions**
- **Opportunities for Medium and Heavy-duty EVs**
 - **EV Charging in Public Parking Spaces**
 - **Practical Planning and Zoning Actions**
- 2:45 – 3:30 **Third Breakout Sessions**
- **Insights from Branford's Electric School Bus Project**
 - **EV 101: Basics of Electric Vehicles**
 - **Micromobility: EV-sharing and Electric Bikes**

Workshop Sessions

Plenary Sessions

- **Introduction to Charging Smart and the Roadmap to Bronze** - For those new to the program, learn about the simple roadmap to bronze accreditation. For municipalities looking to earn silver or gold certification, there are workshops that will apply, as well as a chance to engage with similarly situated municipalities.
- **Latest on EV Education & Incentives** - Points are awarded in the Charging Smart program for creating educational content about the benefits of EVs and holding public events. We can help.
- **Working with Your Utility** - We will have representatives from Eversource and UI to discuss how to work with utilities to discuss how best to plan for accessing power, work with your utility and understand capacity maps.
- **Zoning for Success** - Municipalities shape where EV chargers are located and how they are designed. This session explores zoning regulations that improve safety, accessibility, circulation, visibility, and connections to local businesses and amenities—helping communities create well-used charging sites that support economic activity and become valuable community assets.
- **Municipal Operations** - Learn best practices for municipal fleet electrification and charging.

Take a Deeper Dive in a Breakout Session:

- **Utility Incentives, Fleet Programs and Managed Charging** – learn about their fleet programs, incentives, and managed charging program.
- **Municipal EV Procurement** – Learn about fleet procurement tools, how to determine the right EV to buy and how to procure it.
- **New Haven EV Readiness Ordinance** - Using the New Haven EV Readiness Ordinance as a model, get an in-depth view of a local EV readiness zoning ordinance proposal, including provisions related to the state requirements, building uses, definitions, low-power charging, and incentives.
- **Opportunities for Medium and Heavy-duty EVs** - Heavy-duty EVs can be a daunting subject. Learn how it can be approached efficiently and cost-effectively.
- **EV Charging in Public Parking Spaces** – This will cover what you should think about when installing EVSE for public use, including how to set costs, amenities, use cases and what kind of equipment to install.
- **Practical Planning and Zoning Actions** - Every municipality is at a different stage of EV readiness. Hear from a municipal planner who has implemented EV zoning regulations and explore practical ways to incorporate EV readiness into zoning, POCDs, vision statements, and other planning documents. Participants will learn from real-world examples and leave with practical next steps for their communities.
- **Insights from Branford's Electric School Bus Project** - Learn how Branford electrified its school bus fleet, installed the necessary infrastructure, and took advantage of financing options.
- **EV 101** – This consumer-directed presentation is for those who want to educate themselves about EVs, charging, and the EV lifestyle. We can offer a version of this presentation for public education for towns pursuing Charging Smart designation.
- **Micromobility** - Explore transit options for short distances, such as last mile from a public transit node, and where e-bikes belong.