



CONNECTICUT LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION VOTERS

2023
YEAR
IN
REVIEW

2023 MILESTONES

2023 was a year of significant engagement for CTLCV as the state legislature transitioned back to a more in-person environment. This shift allowed us to cultivate stronger relationships with lawmakers during a period of changing committee leadership and a large freshman class. Many of these new legislators came with a fresh perspective, but also a need for in-depth information on pressing climate and democracy issues. CTLCV addressed this need through targeted outreach efforts, ensuring all legislators were equipped to champion important environmental and democratic legislation.

Throughout the session, CTLCV remained a constant presence at the Capitol, actively lobbying legislators, participating in public hearings, lobby days, and press events.

In January, CTLCV began the year with our annual **Environmental Summit**. Hosted in-person at the Connecticut Science Center, there was an incredible turnout from lawmakers, advocates and community leaders to discuss the top environmental issues of the year. This event set the stage for the legislative session.

The CTLCV Education Fund produced **Briefing Papers** on a broad array of environmental issues. These papers served as a foundation of environmental information for state legislators, policymakers, media, and the general public. The papers were produced in collaboration with policy experts to provide quick insights into critical issues and helped our members prepare public hearing testimony on issues they cared about.

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Looking ahead, we must recognize the significance of our state's lack of action on climate policy this year and unite as a force to challenge our leaders to do more. Now is the time to raise our voices, mobilize our communities, and demand that our elected officials prioritize climate on the agenda. Last year's achievements would not have been possible without your support and as we move forward with momentum, we hope you will continue to help us grow and succeed!

Following the legislative session, CTLCV produced the 2023 **Environmental Scorecard** highlighting legislative achievements and showcasing the successes in wildlife protection, environmental justice, and substantial funding for land conservation and open space access. This was the first year that CTLCV included a separate Democracy Score as well as the legislator's Environmental Score. In that regard, CTLCV celebrated victories for voting rights with the passage of Early Voting legislation and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act.

We also hosted the **Legislative Session Debrief**. This event provided an opportunity to engage with legislative leaders, discuss the session's challenges, successes, and unfinished business, and strategize for the future.





In response to the lack of legislative action on many climate issues in the 2023 legislative session, CTLCV launched **Climate, Coffee, and Conversations**, showcasing our dedication to expanding community engagement and fostering constructive dialogues between constituents and lawmakers. This initiative aimed to spark action in communities to hold their lawmakers accountable on environmental and democracy issues.

Throughout the year, CTLCV hosted a total of **20 events** in towns across the state, with over **270 participants**. A key strength of the program was CTLCV's collaboration with **15 other organizations** who helped maximize our reach across the state.

Continuing into 2024, CTLCV is committed to expanding the Climate, Coffee, and Conversations initiative to reach even more communities, ensuring that voices from across the state are heard and valued in shaping environmental policy.



Nearing the end of 2023, CTLCV hosted our annual **Environmental Achievement Awards** at the Glastonbury Boathouse. This event was a celebration of the commitment to the environment shown by community leaders and organizations.

Among the honorees were Representative Christine Palm, who received the **Legislator of the Year Award** for her outstanding efforts in advancing environmental legislation. David Bingham was recognized with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his long-standing dedication to environmental causes. Louise Washer was honored with the **Environmental Leader Award** for her exceptional leadership in sustainability and conservation. Additionally, the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network was named **Organization of the Year Award** for its impactful work in promoting environmental justice and sustainability.

The awards ceremony highlighted the remarkable contributions of these individuals and organizations to environmental protection and conservation efforts in communities across the state.



MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

This year, CTLCV continued outreach to our membership and the public through emails, social media channels, and digital advertising. As a result, we saw a continued increase in member engagement, emails, and phone calls to lawmakers, events, and more.

20,000+

Visitors to CTLCV's Website

35,000+

Reached through Facebook

20,000+

Reached through Instagram

1600+

Emails sent to lawmakers from constituents

370+

Attendees at CTLCV's annual Summit





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