

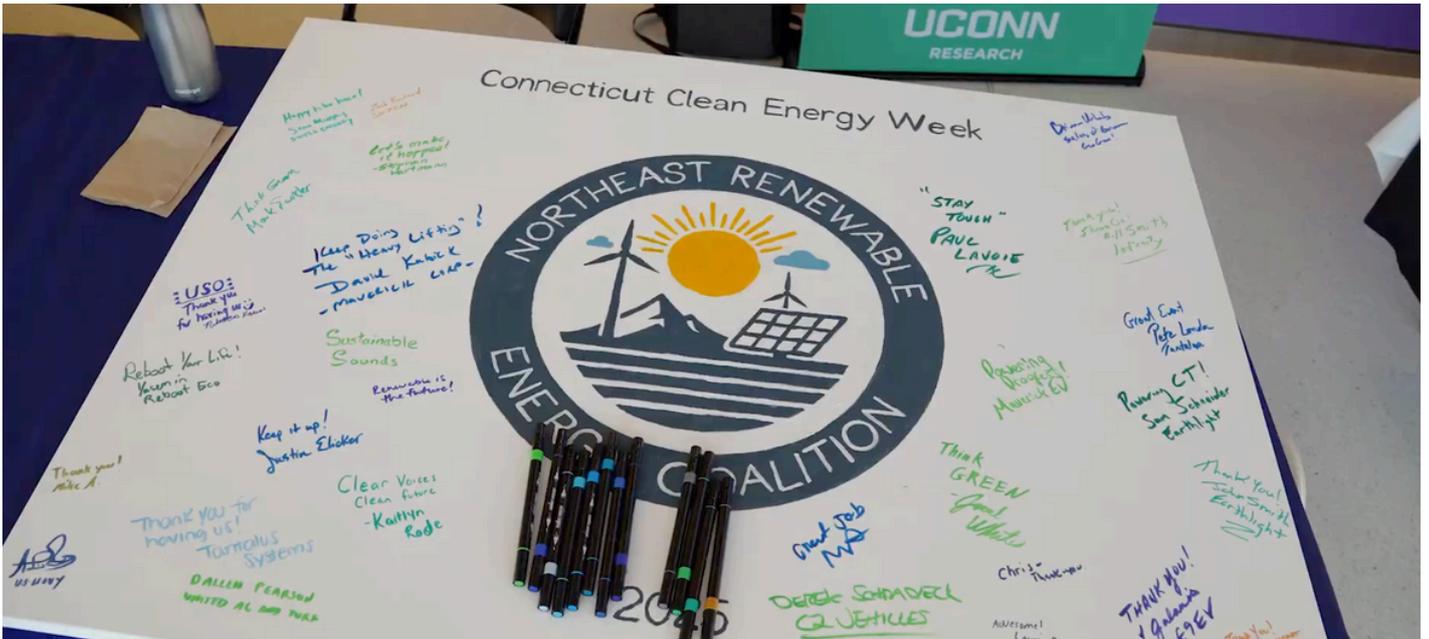


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A New Voice in New England's Clean Energy Future

CONNECTICUT CLEAN ENERGY WEEK | A RECAP



Dear Champions of Connecticut's Clean Energy Future,

What an extraordinary week we shared together! The inaugural Connecticut Clean Energy Week (June 23-27, 2025) exceeded every expectation and filled our hearts with hope for the sustainable future we're building together.

From the inspiring opening breakfast at Hotel Marcel (Connecticut's own net zero marvel) to the electrifying EV Race Day at Thompson Speedway, and culminating in our beautiful awards celebration at UConn's Zachs Atrium, we witnessed something truly special unfold. This wasn't just a series of events; it was the birth of a movement that will power Connecticut forward for generations to come.

Our Incredible Partners at UConn

To our extraordinary partners at UConn and UConn Tech Park you didn't just host us, you embraced our vision and transformed your facilities into innovation epicenters...

NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY WEEKS

MASSACHUSETTS
SEPT 29-OCT 3, 2025

RHODE ISLAND
APRIL 20-24, 2026

CONNECTICUT
JUNE 22-26, 2026

The UConn Tech Park became the beating heart of our week, hosting our Innovation Expo, residential showcase, and groundbreaking panels. Your researchers brought such energy and expertise to every discussion. I encourage those who have never been to UConn Tech Park give Michael DiDonato a call, you will not be disappointed.

Dr. Zhou, your passion for teaching students to "break things, fail, and discover their limits" perfectly embodied the innovative spirit we celebrated all week. The UConn Institute of the Environment Office of Sustainability and the UConn Tech Park Center for Clean Energy Engineering your work is literally shaping Connecticut's sustainable future, and we were honored to recognize your leadership.

Our Distinguished Speakers and Leaders

Our opening breakfast at Hotel Marcel brought together an extraordinary lineup of visionaries who set the tone for the entire week:

Senator Richard Blumenthal, your presence at our opening breakfast and your keynote address, even while fighting for clean energy legislation in Washington, exemplified true leadership and commitment.

Mayor Justin Elicker hosting us in New Haven at the magnificent net zero Hotel Marcel was the perfect way to launch Connecticut Clean Energy Week. Your city's comprehensive sustainability initiatives prove that local leadership drives real change.

Bruce Becker (Becker & Becker) thank you for sharing your insights on sustainable development and green building practices.

Sam Schneider (President & Co-Founder, Earthlight Technologies) your company's approach to living the clean energy future you're building resonated throughout the week.

Peter Londa (CEO, Tantalus Systems) your vision for advancing clean energy infrastructure continues to inspire innovation in Connecticut.

Paul Lavoie (Chief Manufacturing Officer, State of Connecticut) your perspective on Connecticut's clean energy manufacturing leadership was invaluable.

Jesse Baldwin (Director of Business Development, ThayerMahan Offshore) your company's determination to turn innovative vision into reality embodies the entrepreneurial spirit we celebrated.

David Kubick (Head of Sales and Business Development, Maverick Corporation) thank you for sharing your expertise and commitment to advancing clean energy solutions.

Rebecca Karun (United Service Organizations) your dedication to supporting our military families while advancing sustainability shows how clean energy serves those who serve us.

Brian Urlaub (Senior Vice President & Director of Geothermal Operations, Salas O'Brien) your geothermal innovations are literally tapping into the earth's energy to power Connecticut's future.

William Smith (CEO, Infinity Fuel Cell & Hydrogen) your leadership in fuel cell technology represents Connecticut's pioneering role in clean energy innovation.

Our Remarkable Award Recipients

What moved us most was celebrating the thirteen extraordinary organizations and individuals who are actively creating Connecticut's clean energy future:

Avangrid (United Illuminating) Franklyn Reynolds, your leadership as President and CEO of UIL Holdings shows how utilities can be champions of the clean energy transition. Thank you for your vision and for presenting multiple awards throughout the evening. We also want to thank you for your military service and for being such an incredible example of what true leadership looks like.

Earthlight Technologies your headquarters showcases every clean energy solution you sell, proving that you don't just talk about the future, you live in it.

ThayerMahan, your CEO's determination to prove that innovative vision can become reality embodies the entrepreneurial spirit driving our industry forward. Thank you Dr. Kevin Lopes for giving us a glimpse into the remarkable and innovative ways ThayerMahan is helping other industries, in this sector, with your technologies.

Tantalus Systems even though you couldn't be with us in person, your commitment to advancing clean energy infrastructure resonates throughout New England.

United Service Organizations (USO) General Scott Rice and Rebecca Karun, your dedication to supporting our military families while advancing sustainability shows how clean energy serves those who serve us. We will continue to support the USO, for years to come.

Salas O'Brien your geothermal innovations are literally tapping into the earth's energy to power Connecticut's future. Looking forward to seeing you during Massachusetts Clean Energy Week September 29th-October 4th!

Our Innovation Showcase Heroes

The companies and innovators who brought our Innovation Expo to life proved that Connecticut is at the forefront of the clean energy revolution. Your live pitches, interactive displays, and breakthrough prototypes showed hundreds of attendees that the future of energy is being built right here in Connecticut. From our "Sustainability Showcase" to the "Interactive Tech Zones," you made complex technologies accessible and inspiring. Infinity Fuel Cells won our pitch contest! Congratulations!

Unforgettable Moments

The energy at Thompson Speedway during EV Race Day was electric in every sense seeing families experience the future of transportation firsthand on that legendary track created memories that will last a lifetime. The safety briefings, the flaggers, the portable EV chargers, every detail came together to create something truly unprecedented.

Thank you to the service men and women from Subase Silver Dolphin presented the colors and sang the National Anthem to open the race day was moving for everybody!

Our diverse panels and discussions brought together experts from across the clean energy spectrum, fostering the kind of meaningful dialogue that transforms ideas into action.

A Movement is Born

To all the participants who joined us throughout the week, you are the heart and soul of this movement. From our farm families, like Freund Farm & Market who understand that innovation means adaptation, to our professors and students bridging research and application, to our family run businesses like Earthlight, thinking in generations rather than quarters, to our military members who understand that energy security is national security you all proved that Connecticut's clean energy future belongs to everyone.

As I said in my opening remarks, "Connecticut's greatest natural resource isn't offshore wind, though that's important. Connecticut's greatest natural resource is the people in this room." That truth resonated through every event, every conversation, every moment of connection.

Looking Forward

Connecticut has always been a state of pioneers and innovators. This week, we proved once again that when we come together with a shared purpose, there's no limit to what we can achieve. The connections forged, the knowledge shared, and the inspiration kindled during these five days will ripple outward, creating waves of change that will transform our state's energy landscape.

As we plan for the Second Annual Connecticut Clean Energy Week in 2026, we carry with us the energy and momentum you helped create. This inaugural week wasn't an ending, it was a beginning, a foundation upon which we'll build an even brighter, cleaner future for the Constitution State.

Thank you for proving that the future gets built by people willing to do the work. Thank you for showing us that when Connecticut leaders come together to solve problems, they don't just talk about solutions, they build them.

With profound gratitude and unwavering commitment,

Kristin Rode

Executive Director

Northeast Renewable Energy Coalition

The full collection of videos and presentations from Connecticut Clean Energy Week is available on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@NortheastREC> and website at <https://northeastrec.org>



Senator Richard Blumenthal at the CCEW Opening Breakfast



Infinity Hydrogen's stall at our Innovation Expo



Connecticut Clean Energy Manufacturing Panel. Moderated by Paul S. Lavoie



Franklyn Reynolds, President and CEO of UIL Holdings, accepting the Utility Company of the Year Award



SHERP and Electric Bikes: Just some of the amazing tech on display!

NEWS CORNER



Senate Republicans double down and target clean energy in draft tax bill

Senate Republicans introduced a draft tax bill that would phase out residential solar, EV, and hydrogen tax incentives, and significantly reduce support for clean power investments. Labor unions and industry leaders, including Tesla's CEO, warned of job losses and a slowdown in clean energy adoption

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RFP alert: Massachusetts takes steps toward 40 GWh of energy storage

On June 17, the Massachusetts DOER released a draft Request for Proposals seeking 1.5 GW of 4–10 hour-duration battery storage as part of its plan to procure 5 GW by 2030 under the Clean Peak Standard. This major initiative supports the state's 2050 decarbonization goals.

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Connecticut House passes community solar bill, remains dead on arrival at Senate

In early June, Connecticut's House approved legislation to expand community solar provisions, allowing residents to subscribe to local solar farms without needing rooftop panels. Although it passed the House before the session ended, the bill still awaits Senate action

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Fourth delay for SouthCoast Wind contract comes with a first: a warning it might not happen at all

Rhode Island's major offshore wind contract, SouthCoast Wind, saw its fourth delay in June, now pushing the final pricing approval deadline to December 3. Despite the setback, advocates remain optimistic about offshore renewable growth and upcoming regulatory reviews.

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“CLEAN ENERGY IS NOT JUST GOOD FOR THE PLANET, IT'S GOOD FOR JOBS, GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY, AND GOOD FOR OUR FUTURE.”
— SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL