

# CLIMATE ACTION STEPS



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# MULTIPLE CLIMATE THREATS

- Temperature
- Atypical Storms
- Flooding, Inundation
- Drought
- Sea Level Rise
- Invasive Species
- General Sustainability Issues



# WEHA RESILIENCY TOOLS/PROJECTS

- TREE ACTION GROUP (“TAG”)
- WEST HARTFORD TREE PROJECT
- PUBLIC EDUCATION, SEMINARS
- THE WESTMOOR ARBORETUM,  
TREE TRAILS PROJECT



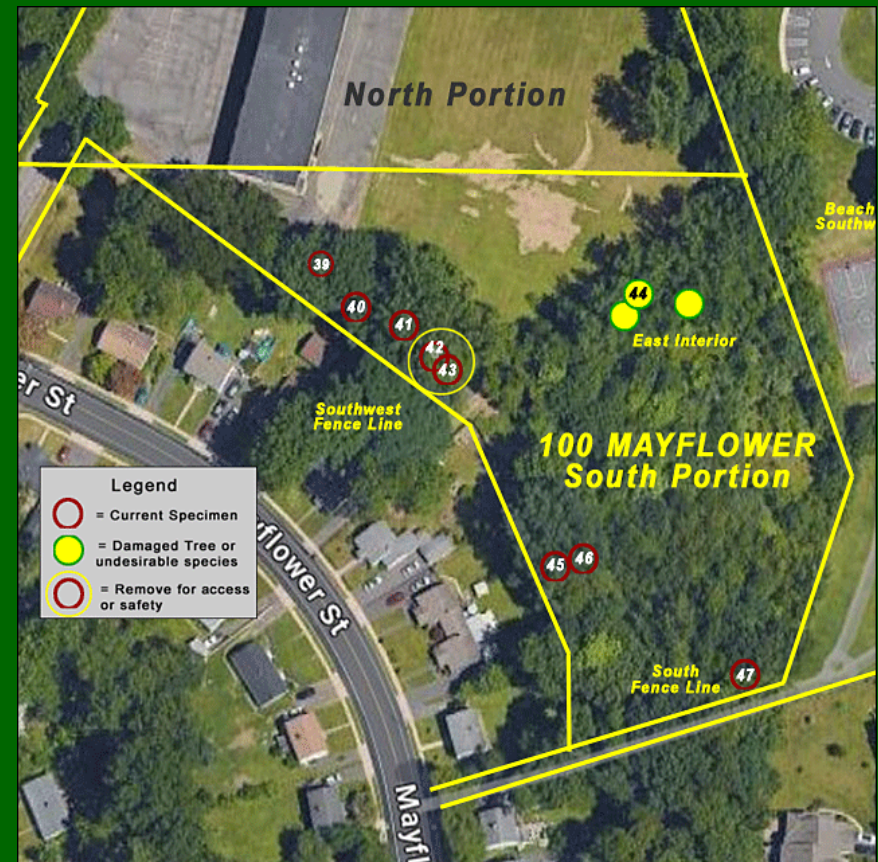
# TREE ACTION GROUP (“TAG”)

- ESTABLISHED: 2021
- TOWN ADVISORY GROUP
- ROLE: TOWN FORESTER
- REPORTS TO: TOWN COUNCIL  
via LEISURE SERVICES



# TAG HIGHLIGHTS 2024, '25

- Multiple Inventory Projects, Parks & Development Areas
- Initiating 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Canopy Study & Inventory Projects
- Unique “Lookback” Feature
- Leadership Role in New and Sustainable Planting
- Multiple Seminars, Tours, and Public Education Efforts





# WEST HARTFORD TREE PROJECT

- 2025 = YEAR # 5
- >6,000 Trees Planted
- All Volunteer
- Founded by Ted & Carolyn Goerner
- Annual Fundraising
- Native Trees Only
- 1 Day Distribution (close to Arbor Day)
- SUSTAINABLE CT Partner



# PUBLIC EDUCATION: TAG, WHTP

- 2 YEARS: Teacher Continuing Education Courses
- Multiple Outreach Programs, Social Media
- Planting Seminars
- Repeat the Mantra: RIGHT TREE, RIGHT PLACE





# THE WESTMOOR ARBORETUM

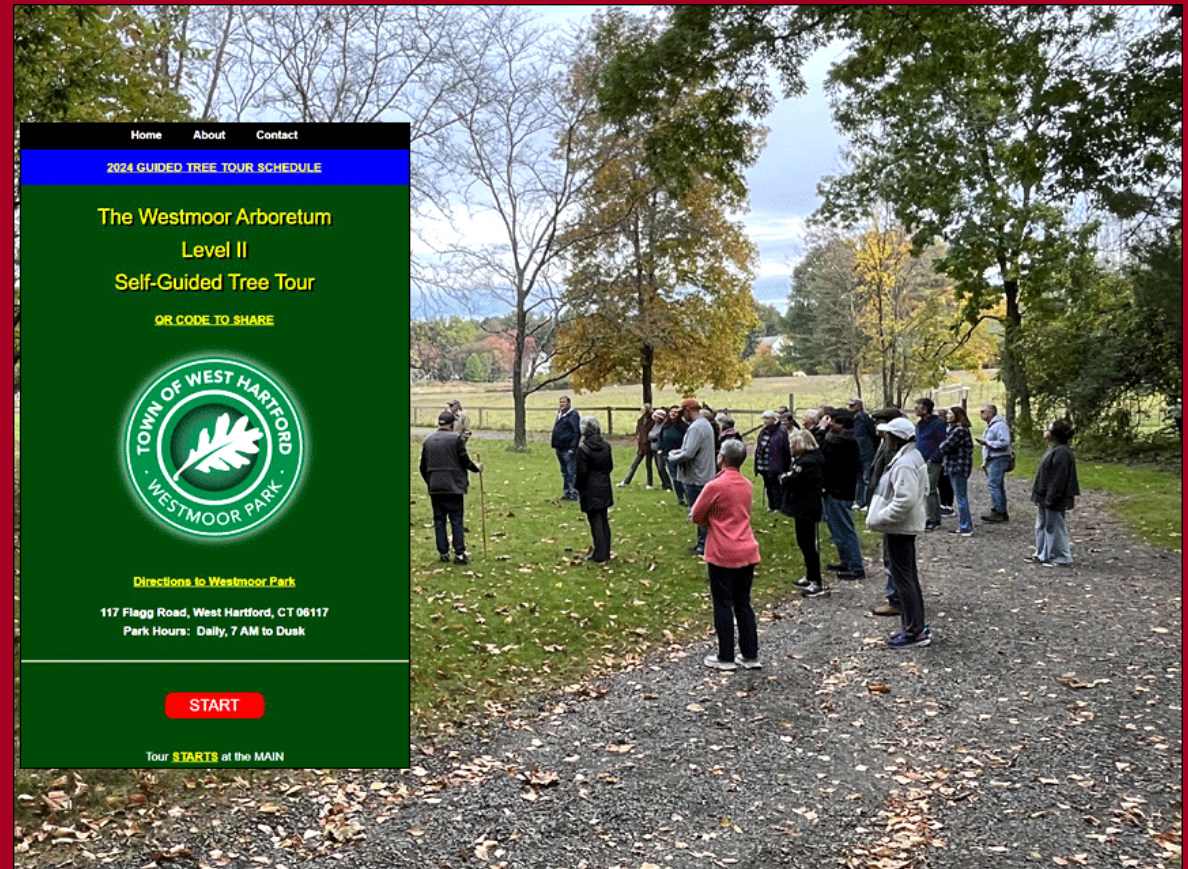
- ArbNet Level II  
Arboretum @  
Westmoor Park
- Flagship of Town's Tree  
Walk Program
- Level I: 2023, 68  
Species
- Level II: 2024, 130  
Trees & Woody Plants





# PUBLIC EDUCATION: ARBORETUM

- GUIDED TOURS: >25 Tours since 2023
- > 800 Participants
- All Trees & Plants are Signed...
- SELF GUIDED TOURS via Smart Phone





# THANK YOU



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