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The Essex Foundation Gets Sustainable Essex Project Over Fundraising Goal *Awards grant for purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging station*

Essex, CT – Essex's first electric vehicle charging station is coming to a parking space near you thanks in part to grant support from The Essex Foundation. The project was conceived by the Sustainable Essex committee, a group of volunteer residents who strive to balance environmental protection, economic development, and social objectives to meet the needs of today without compromising the quality of life for future generations. The group received permission from the Town of Essex to place a charging station in the Town-owned parking lot located next to the Essex Town Green and Post Office.



The charging station will be a single pole, dual Level-2 charger that can be used for most types of electric cars, by residents and visitors. The Foundation's grant of \$1257 put the community crowd-funded initiative over its \$7042 goal, triggering another \$7042 in matching funds from Sustainable CT, and the ability to proceed with purchasing and installation before the end of this year.

Supported by donations from the community, The Essex Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex residents by providing funding for needs not met by other organizations or sources. Grants are awarded for projects that are of benefit to Essex residents, are somewhat unique, and require relatively quick action. More information can be found online at www.theessexfoundation.org or by emailing contact@theessexfoundation.org.

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Pictured Above: Sustainable Essex Committee Member Mark de Jongh (left) accepts a ceremonial check from The Essex Foundation Vice President Jay Tonks.