

## **Connecticut's Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge**

A community savings program that engages residents in 14 Connecticut towns to reduce their home's energy use by 20 percent. As residents join and take actions to help their household, they earn points that can be redeemed for community rewards. "The program reduces monthly costs for residents, improves the quality of Connecticut homes, and creates local jobs in the process," said Kerry O'Neill, Program Manager for the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge and President of Earth Markets. "All of this is supported by what our technology partners bring to the table."

The Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is a community energy savings program made possible by a \$4.17 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, funded as part of the BetterBuildings initiative, whose mission is to create a self-sustaining building energy upgrade market. Neighbor to Neighbor is one of 41 state and local government programs providing high-quality energy improvements to homes and businesses across the nation.

Over three years, Neighbor to Neighbor will engage residents in 14 towns, helping them reduce their energy use by 20 percent. The program is administered by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and draws resources and expertise from several partner organizations, including Earth Markets, Clean Water Fund, the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, EMpower Devices, MIT, SmartPower, Snugg Home, Mobile Genius and the Student Conservation Association. For more information, visit www.ctenergychallenge.com.