



# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING TOOL (CREST)

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## VISION FOR CREST AND SITING RENEWABLE ENERGY



Further Connecticut's clean energy goals – full decarbonization by 2040.



Enable a more transparent and efficient siting and permitting process.



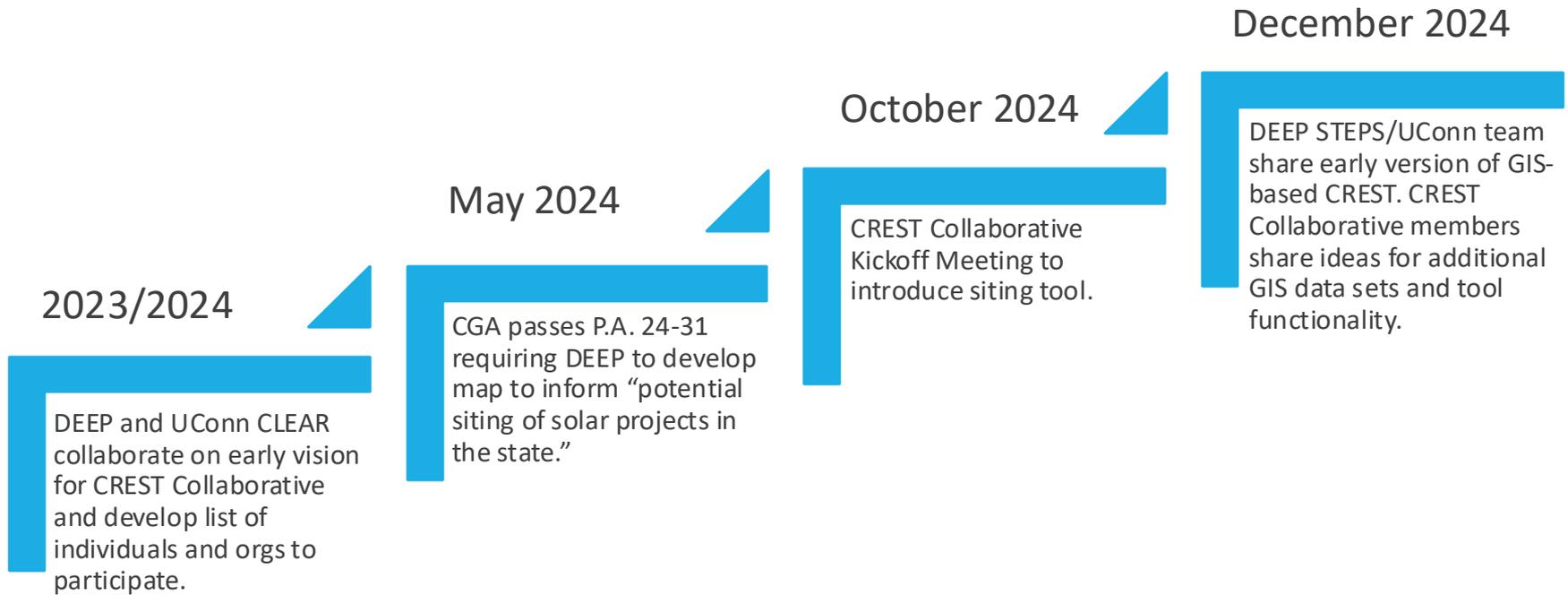
Conserve Connecticut's environmental resources equitably in all communities.



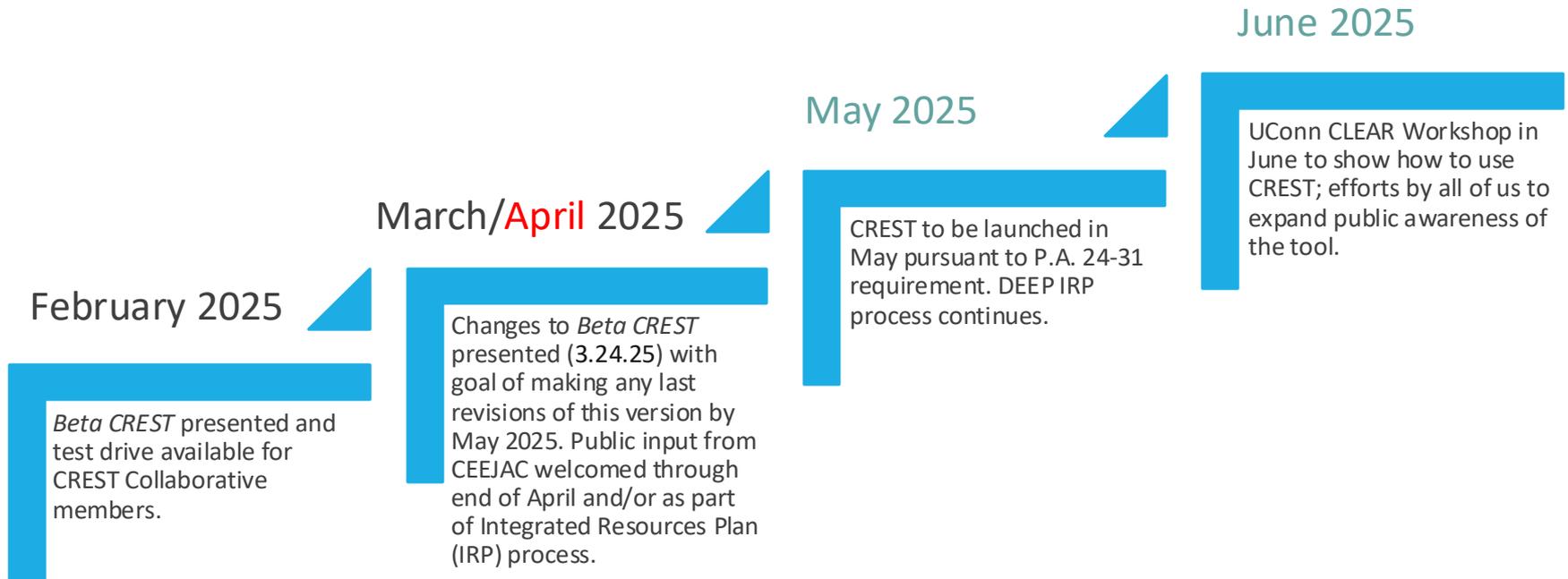
Provide a tool with publicly available data that leads to the 3 goals above.

# HOW WE GOT HERE + WHERE WE HOPE TO GO

Outgrowth of “Sustainable, Transparent and Efficient Practices” (STEPS) for solar development process that started in 2021



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## NEXT STEPS - DETAILS

1. April 2025 - Finalizing the CREST and Factsheet/User Guide
2. Comments from CEEJAC welcome by the end of April via email to [DEEP.STEPS@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.STEPS@ct.gov)
3. Mid-May 2025 tool launch and webpage ([STEPs](#) subpage for CREST, [CT ECO](#))
4. Webinar (recorded for video tutorial) by UConn-CLEAR: **Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**