Energy Efficiency Marketing Overview

EEB Meeting November 2, 2023

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Eversource, CNG, SCG and UI, the Energy Efficiency Board, Connecticut Green Bank, and the State have united on a shared mission - to provide Connecticut residents and businesses the resources they need to save money and use clean energy.

The Energize Connecticut initiative empowers our communities to make smart energy choices, now and in the future.

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Marketing Goals and Objectives

Through our joint marketing efforts, we aim to:

- Bring awareness to the Energize CT programs
- Educate our customers and stakeholders on the benefits of participating
- Lead customers to participate and continue to engage



Data-Driven

Decisions on tactics/channels, creative and message are based on data.

Campaigns are optimized on a regular basis and media dollars are shifted to high performing channels while maintaining sight of goals:

- Awareness
- Conversions
- Leads





Reaching key audiences

Program marketing



Targeted paid media



Direct outreach



Community outreach

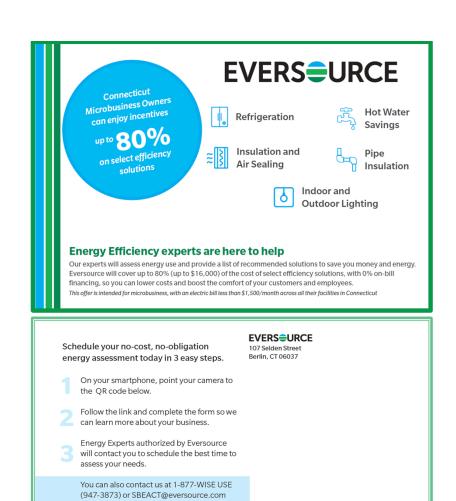
Channels used

Direct mail to customers in arrears

- Low-income customers in arrears and enrolled in an arrearage forgiveness program
- Low-income customers in arrears
- Non-low-income customers in arrears



- Outsourced vendor supplied with a microbusinessfocused script
- Calls made on behalf of 3 select vendors per town for follow-up assessments
- Program piloted in key Environmental Justice Communities (EJCs)
 - New London (709 contacts, 15 leads)
 - Waterbury (2358 contacts, 49 leads)
 - East Hartford (984 contacts, 16 leads)
 - Upcoming towns include New Britain, Bristol, Willimantic, among other EJCs
- Pre-call letters and post-call postcards sent to full contact list for multiple touches



Eversource Small Business Outreach



Round 2 selected participants are all DECD Distressed Municipalities and municipalities containing DEEP Environmental Justice census block groups



If projects are occurring in municipalities with EJ census block groups, they must create plans for reaching customers within these areas in their community



Participating
municipalities must
partner with a
community-based
organization or
nonprofit
organization

Community Partnership Initiative



Partnerships are key for engaging our multifamily sector customers



Roundtable discussions with landlords were held in November and December 2022 and in June 2023



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Multifamily Initiative



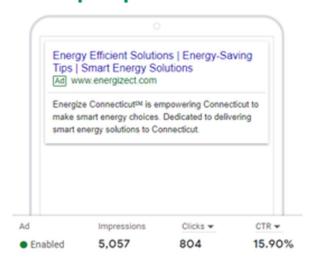
Joint Marketing Initiatives

EnergizeCT.com, Social Media, Paid Search, PR

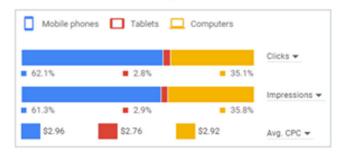
Campaign launched on May 2 and has been active for ~ six months.

Goal: Generate awareness of the Energize CT brand, programs, and offerings by directing web traffic to on-site conversions.

Ad: Top Impressions and Clicks



Performance by Device



Mobile devices led the way with over 60% of all impressions and clicks.

Performance by Gender & Age



While the age groups are spread pretty evenly between 25-65+, the top performing by gender are:

- Males (35-44) 2,805 impressions
- Females (55-64) 2,972 impressions

Energize Connecticut Paid Search

Customized Geo Targeting allows each utility to focus on their own geos and provides optimization flexibility.

Conversion Tracking Metrics include contact form submissions, rebate form downloads, off-site clicks to utility websites, and phone call/email clicks.

37,381 Ads Served

5,310 Ad Clicks

14.2% CTR

3.2% Benchmark (Source: Wordstream) Up from 12% in August

Est. Conversion Rate: 35%

1,859 total conversions at a NET cost of \$8.39 per conversion. This conversion rate is very high as most Paid Search campaigns average between 2-8% Conversion Rate.

Conversion Breakdown:

Contact Form Submissions 89

Rebate Clicks 1,183

Clicks to Utility 394

Phone Call / Email Clicks 193

Top Performing Keywords by Click

Keyword	Clicks -	Impressions	CTR
energy saving programs	1,274	8,541	14.92%
energy efficiency programs	700	4,286	16.33%
energize CT	526	1,390	37.84%
energy efficient appliances	409	3,370	12.14%
ct energy efficiency programs	365	1,580	23.1%
energy saver	310	4,124	7.52%
home energy efficiency	239	2,126	11.24%
energy audits for homes	222	1,539	14.42%
ct energy audit	203	1,081	18.78%
energy audit	197	1,763	11.17%
electricity saving tips	150	1,189	12.629

Strong demand for energy saving and efficiency program search terms lead the way in terms of total impressions and clicks. Branded terms such as "energize CT" demonstrate program awareness and the best click through rate (CTR).

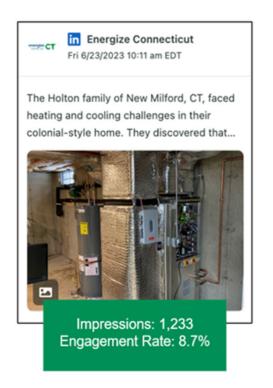
Energize Connecticut Paid Search

Channels: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter (X), and Tik Tok

Highlights: Video content created for Tik Tok is proving effective in increasing post reach on both Instagram and Facebook Reels. Followers on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter (X) are more engaged, with average engagement rates on the rise across all three platforms compared to 2022.

Top Performing Posts:







Energize Connecticut Social Media

YTD 2023 Overview: 67 pieces of coverage, 245,000 estimated views, 15.6M

audience, 237 engagements









Energize Connecticut PR

Bridgeport's Beverly Pizza saves more dough in energy efficiency



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Holistic energy-savings provide upgraded options beyond lighting

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How UI and SCG's Micro Business Energy Assistance Pilot (MBEA) incentives work

The incentives made the project financially feasible and covered 75 percent of the project costs. The new upgrades led to the restaurant ensuring comfort and satisfaction for all customers in an environmentally friendly way.

Project:

Beverly Pizza

Measures:

New high-efficiency furnace. water heater, AC unit, energyefficient lighting, and vending machine control upgrades

Total Incentives: \$43,000

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Each of these schools will incorporate some or all of the following solutions: Ground source heat pumps for heating and cooling, which draw heat from

- the earth's internal temperature. Water-source heat pumps on geothermal loops, another type of ground
- source heat nump. Domestic hot water heat pumps, which use similar technology to remove
- heat from the ground to provide water heating. High efficiency building envelope, which included spray foam insulation.
- LED lighting solutions to achieve a low Lighting Power Density of 0.26 watts
- HVAC controls, including variable speed fan controls for all systems and demand control ventillation which increases or decreases airflow depending on how much output is actually needed.
- Energy recovery on outdoor air intaka, which makes using outdoor air for good circulation more energy efficient.

The town of Manchester also invested in saveral renawable solutions, including photovoltalc (solar) rooftop panels and a rotating, pedal-fanning solar "smart flower" to self-generate electricity for the building. While renawable energy is an added benefit for the schools and helps the school achieve its net zero energy objective, it does not lower the overall energy intensity of the buildings.

In addition to the technical assistance provided by Eversource, financial incentives were also provided to help offset some types of equipment costs and verification fees

RESULTS

It, in its first year of occupancy, Buckley can meet its design EUI, it will become the first renovatio-as-new net zero energy public school in the state of Connecticut.

Together, all three schools represent the tremendous investment and commitment of the town of Manchester to a clean energy future for its students. Each school serves as a model of sustainability and energy savings netted from these projects can eventually be reinvested back into education. Manchester also continues to invest in its public infrastructure, which involves undertaking retrofit projects in eight additional schools and upgrading numerous other municipal oulidings, including the Senior Center and Police Station.



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net zero school projects

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- Chris Till FacilitiesManager for the town of Manchester, Connecticut

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The information in this case study is an accurate representation of this customer's experience at the time of publication. Results, including cost savings, from energy efficiency measures can vary based on each individual customer's situation.

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support and expertise

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Chris Till Facilities Manager for

Case Studies

Long Vacant New Haven Pirelli Building Transformed into First US Net-Zero Energy Hotel

The landmark Pirelli Building is now the country's first known 100 percent electric powered full-service hotel. The hotel is proud to be LEED Platinum certified and is slated to be the nation's first Passive House certified botel by the end of 2005.



"As an architect, I am increasingly aware of being environmentally responsible, and I want to build projects that will not be a burden on the environment or on public health."

Bruce Redman Becker, Becker + Becker

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Existing Structures Can Become a Model Energy

By producing renewable energy onsite, the hotel will meet or exceed the amount of energy used by the facility.

More Than \$500,000 in Energy-Efficiency Incentives

Hotel Marcel was eligible for energy-efficiency incentives of more than \$500,000 upon verification that benchmarks specified in the design plan are met.

Zero Reliance on Fossil Fuels for Heating. Cooling Or Any Operations

The Interior has been transformed into a property with no reliance on fossif fixels for heating, cooling, or any operations, even in the kitchen and laundy spaces. Reaching out to energy partners early in planning helped make decisions upfront.

Incentives For Energy Created on Property

Hotel Marcel participates in the new Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) Electric Storage Program being Implemented by U.T. the program provides incentives for energy created on property that can be returned to the power grid during critical periods of peak demand.

Project: Hotel Marce

easures: Converting

Converting existing structure to a Model Energy-Efficient Building

Energy-Enicient Bolton

stal Incentives: \$500,000

Energy Savings: 809,482 kWh per year

(Based on whole-building energy model simulations; not including additional offsets that may result from Hotel Marcel's

on-site solar generation.)

ENERGY STAR® high-efficiency equipment throughout

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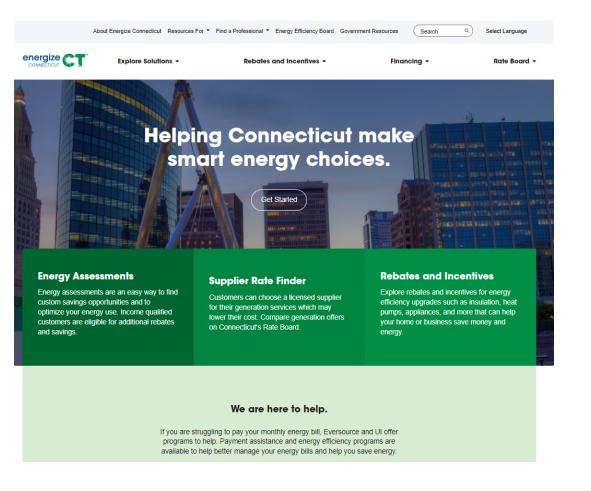
Ground Source Heat Pump **CASE STUDY Holton Family** We love our ground New Milford, CT source heat pump. Although the total cost HIGHLIGHTS of investment for this >> Incentive: \$7,500 system is certainly >> Square feet electrified: 2.148 high, the incentives >> Estimated CO_lifetime from Eversource, as a reduction: 528 metric tons **Sponsor of Energize** powered cars from the road) ConnecticutSM, help make it more affordable. We tell everyone we know to

make the investment -

you won't regret it!

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Completed:

- SEO analysis
- Job Board
- GA4

On the horizon:

- "Find a Professional" additional filtering options
- Gated contractor portal
- Document library
- Enhanced SEO

EnergizeCT.com

Energy in Action mobile exhibit metrics

			Scheduled 2023	Total 2023	EJ Goal		EJ Scheduled	EJ Total
Eversource	28	28	7	35	17	13	1	14
UI	12	14	1	15	7	3	0	3
Total	40	42	8	50	24	16	1	17
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UI	12	20	1	21	7	13	1	14
Total	40	49	2	51	24			31



Questions

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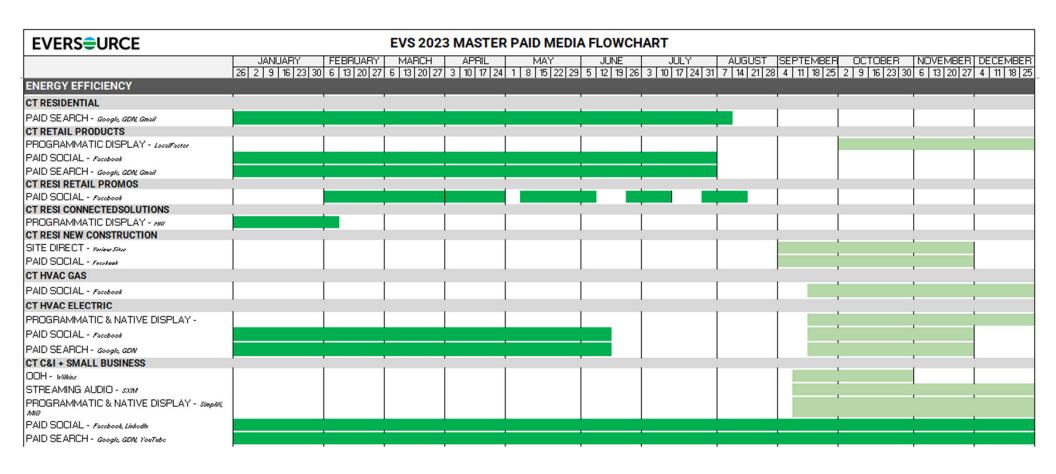


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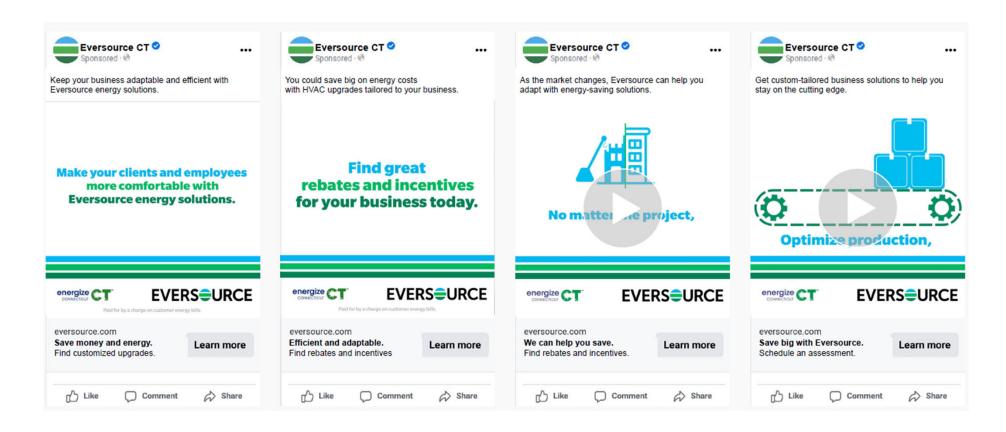


Supplemental slides



Paid Media Flowchart_As Of July

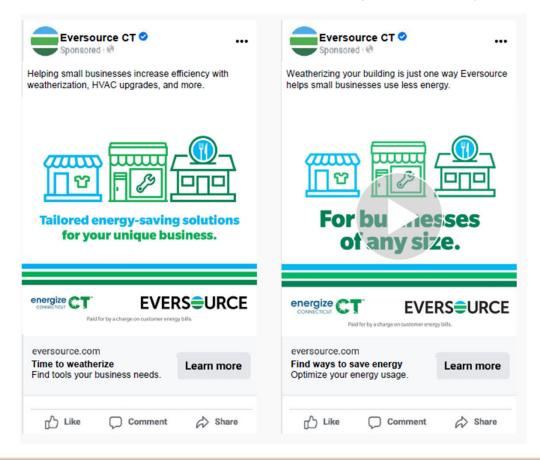
Digital outreach: Facebook, LinkedIn, Google Display Network



Eversource C&I Outreach

Digital Outreach via Facebook, LinkedIn, Google Display Network

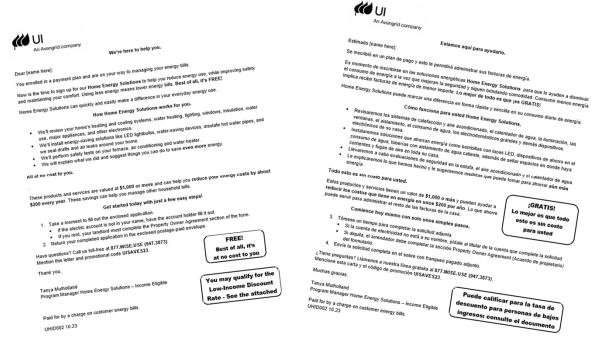
Weatherization Focus



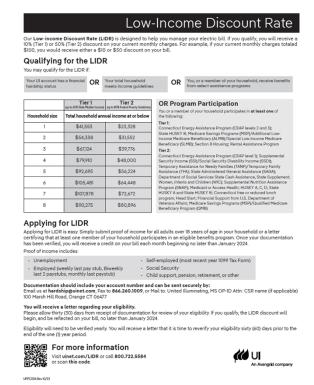
Eversource Small Business Outreach

Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible Direct Mail + LIDR

2023 HES-IE marketing efforts have consisted primarily direct mail efforts to customer enrolled in payment plans and forgiveness programs for UI, SCG, SCG./UI and CNG. Those mailers have included an English/Spanish letter, pre-populated application form and as of 11/3/23 the addition of the LIDR information. To date over 23,000 customers have been contacted. Campaign dates 7/5/23-12/15/23.



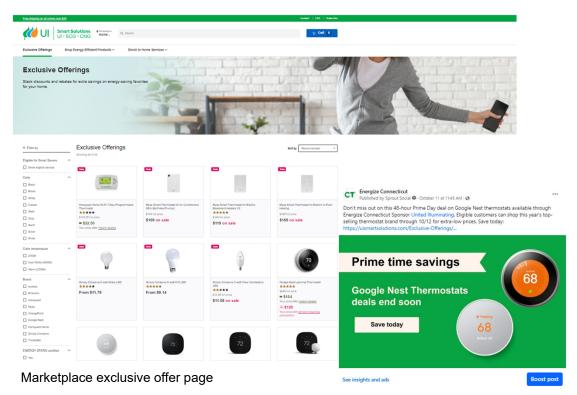
HES-IE direct mail letter



New LIDR promotional insert

UISmartSolutions.com Residential online marketplace

2023 monthly email efforts to residential customers via the online marketplace engage over 170,00 customers based on engagement and purchase history.



Energize CT social post

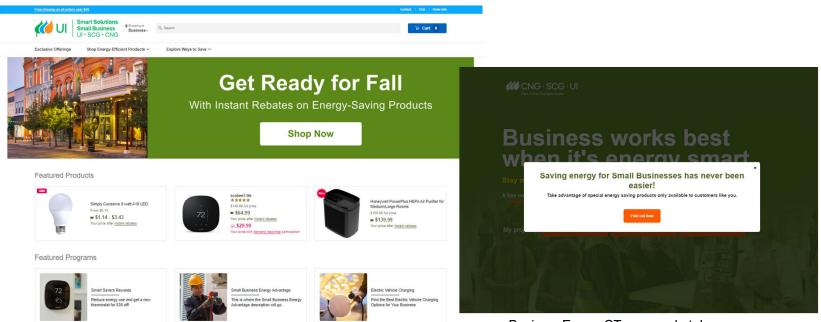




Marketplace emails

UISmartSolutions.com Small Business online marketplace

New in 2023, monthly email efforts to small business customers via the online marketplace are generating awareness with a broad base of products and Small Business Energy Advantage program engagement to over 16,000 small business customers.



BusinessEnergyCT.com marketplace promo



Marketplace email

Marketplace main page

2023 Small Business mass media campaign

Expanded Small Business marketing across CNG, SCG and UI service territories focusing on print, radio, digital advertising, paid social, and search across key media markets in both English and Spanish. Campaign dates 8/5/23-12/15/23. A portion focuses on under severed markets.







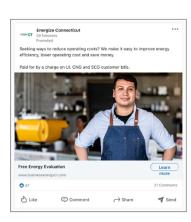




Paid social







LinkedIn

Print advertising



Digital advertising





2023 Large C&I mass media campaign

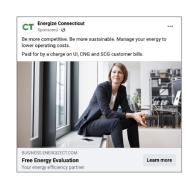
Focused Large Commercial and Industrial marketing across CNG, SCG and UI service territories focusing on print, radio, digital advertising, paid social, and search across key media markets. Campaign dates 8/5/23-12/15/23.











Paid social



Social retargeting



LinkedIn

Print advertising



Digital advertising





2023 Small Business additional initiatives

Paid social

Additional Small Business marketing across CNG, SCG and UI service territories leverage a variety of opportunities within paid and owned media. Campaign dates 7/5/23-12/15/23. Main Street focuses on under severed markets

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