



September 23, 2025

Matthew Reed, Town Administrator
Town of Ellington
55 Main Street
Ellington, CT 06029

Re: Congratulations on Your CEDAS Silver Best Practices Recognition!

Dear Mr. Reed,

On behalf of the Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS), it is my great pleasure to congratulate the Town of Ellington on achieving **Silver recognition through the CEDAS Best Practices Program**. This prestigious designation honors Ellington's exceptional commitment to excellence in economic development and land use practices.

The CEDAS Best Practices Program celebrates municipalities that demonstrate transparency, collaboration, and innovation. Ellington's achievement reflects the town's forward-thinking approach to fostering economic vitality, supporting local businesses, and enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors.

To celebrate this accomplishment, we invite you to join us at the CEDAS Best Practices Award Ceremony taking place in October. As part of this recognition, your municipality will receive two complimentary tickets to attend the event and accept your award in person. Additional details, including venue information and the evening's agenda, will follow in the coming weeks.

We commend the leadership of you and your team, as well as the many community partners who made this success possible. Your work serves as an inspiration to other municipalities across Connecticut striving for similar excellence. Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved Silver designation. We look forward to celebrating Ellington's achievements together this October.

With sincere appreciation,

Kevin Bielmeier

Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS) President