



# Ella T Grasso Southeastern Technical High School Groton, CT

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The Grasso team learned about large scale biodiesel production and made some of their own.

The Ella T Grasso Southeastern Technical High School participated in the Keep Connecticut Cool contest that was judged on June 4, 2011. The contest is for Connecticut students in grades 4-12 to create climate change solutions in their schools and communities. The Grasso team consisted of mentor Larry Fritch and a group of concerned students.

The Grasso team accomplished many different goals from introducing new uses for waste materials within their school, to experimenting with different aspects of an ecofriendly environment. The team:

- Taught elementary students about greenhouse operations
- Built a hydroelectric demonstration exhibit.
- Composted food scraps from the schools kitchen as well as recycled paper and milk cartons for greenhouse and other lab use throughout the school.
- Increased the use of campus grounds to produce useful foods and produced herbs to be used in the school's kitchen.
- Maintained the school garden, greenhouse, and Xeriscape garden.
- Helped with the use of the school wind turbine and solar panels.

Ella T Grasso Southeastern Technical High School's team showed great involvement and teamwork at the Keep Connecticut Cool contest. They used outside resources to meet their goals, which lead to them winning the \$1000 prize for Best Collaboration.

Keep Connecticut Cool is a program of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University. You can find more information at [www.keepconnecticutcool.org](http://www.keepconnecticutcool.org)



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