



# Sustainable Connecticut Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Connecticut Certification Report of West Hartford, a Sustainable Connecticut silver certified applicant.

West Hartford was certified on November 01, 2021 with 725 points. Listed below is information regarding West Hartford's Sustainable Connecticut efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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## Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which West Hartford was approved for in 2021 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

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### 1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

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#### 1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED

40 Points

**Approved Information:** 4 Actions - 40 points 1.1.1 Optimize For Equity - Action 13.1.1 Action Plan & CPRB (10 points) -- Success Story 1.1.1 Optimize For Equity - Action 1.3.1 WHPS Educational Equity Policy (10 points) 1.1.1 Optimize For Equity - Action 5.1.1b Sustainability in POCD (10 points) 1.1.1 Optimize For Equity - Action 8.1.1 Juneteenth (10 points)

#### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.1.1 CERC TOWN PROFILE 2019 WEST HARTFORD](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - ACTION 13.1.1 ACTION PLAN & CPRB](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 2020 HOUSING DATA PROFILE WEST HARTFORD PSC](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - ACTION 1.3.1 WHPS EDUCATIONAL EQUITY POLICY](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - ACTION 5.1.1B. INCORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY INTO POCD](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - ACTION 8.1.1 JUNETEENTH](#)

**Documentation Details:** Only the Equity Toolkit write-ups are provided here. The individual Action submissions contain all the supporting documentation.

**Partners:** 1.1.1 (Optimize For Equity - Action 13.1.1 Action Plan & CPRB) Many. Partners/stakeholder involvement is described in the write up. Most of the work was done by Town 1.1.1 (Optimize For Equity - Action 1.3.1 WHPS Educational Equity Policy) Many. Partners/stakeholder involvement is described in the write up. Most of work was done by WHPS and BOE. 1.1.1 (Optimize For Equity - Action 5.1.1b. Sustainability in POCD) Many. Fitzgerald & Halliday was hired through an RFP process as a consultant and assisted the Town in conducting outreach, holding workshops, and drafting the new POCD. Additional partners/stakeholder involvement is described in the write up. 1.1.1 (Optimize For Equity - Action 8.1.1 Juneteenth) Many. Partners/stakeholder involvement is described in the write up.

## 1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.3.1 Equity Statement (15 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [1.3.1 STATEMENT ON EQUITY OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [1.3.1 WHPS BOE POLICY 1800 EDUCATIONAL EQUITY](#)

PDF: [1.3.1 WHPS EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM VISION STATEMENT](#)

PDF: [1.3.1 WHPS COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM STATEMENT \(ENGLISH AND SPANISH\)](#)

PDF: [1.3.1 TOWN RESOLUTION\\_RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please read 1.3.1 Statement on Equity\_overview first.

**Partners:** 1.3.1 (Equity Statement) None

**Additional Information:** Please note: 1.3.1. WHPS BOE Equity and Anti-Racism Vision Statment & Educational Equity Policy is one of our Equity Toolkit actions - Action 1.1.1 Optimize for Equity

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## 2. Thriving Local Economies

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### 2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.2.1 Participate in a sustainable procurement training (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2.2.1 SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING TRAINING OVERVIEW](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf.

**Partners:** 2.2.1 (Sustainable Purchasing Training) None

## 2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.4.1 Business Roundtable (5 points) 2.4.2 Small Business Development Center Partnership (5 Points) 2.4.3 Community Events (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.1 BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE](#)

PDF: [2.4.1 BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 COMMUNITY EVENTS](#)

PDF: [2.4.2 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER PARTNERSHIP](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdfs

**Partners:** 2.4.1 (Business Roundtables) WH Chamber of Commerce and Town jointly organized and participated in the roundtable. 2.4.2 (Small Business Development Center Partnership) SBDC provides services. Town entered into partnership on behalf of local biz and provides location for office hours and helps promote partnership. 2.4.3 (Community Events) WH Chamber of Commerce and the Town jointly develop and promote local business awareness and networking and events. Often the Chamber uses Town spaces such as Town Hall or libraries for events.

## 2.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.6.3 C-PACE Projects (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.6.3 C-PACE PROJECTS](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in pdf.

**Partners:** 2.6.3 (C-PACE Projects) CT Green Bank arranged C-PACE financing. This is a large development project which the Town is actively collaborating on from many perspectives: permitting, housing, zoning, financing, etc.

## 3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

### 3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.4.1 Open Space Inventory (10 points) 3.4.2 Open Space Priority (5 points) 3.4.3 Open Space Plan (10 points) 3.4.4c Improve Open Space (5 Points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2.4.2 PRIORITIZERESOURCES](#)

PDF: [3.4.4C IMPROVE OPEN SPACE\\_FERNRIDGE PARK](#)

EXCEL: [3.4.1 WH\\_OPENSACEINVENTORY\\_BYPARCEL\\_EXCEL.XLSX](#)

PDF: [3.4.1 OPEN SPACE INVENTORY OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [3.4.2 OPEN SPACE PRIORITY\\_WORKSHEET 1](#)

PDF: [3.4.2 AND 3.4.3 WEST HARTFORD POCD\\_OPEN SPACE PLAN RELEVANT SECTIONS](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 OPEN SPACE PLAN\\_WORKSHEET 2](#)

**Documentation Details:** For 3.4.1, read Open Space Inventory overview first

**Partners:** 3.4.1 (Open Space Inventory) None. 3.4.2 (Open Space Priority) None 3.4.3 (Open Space Plan) None 3.4.4c (Improve Open Space) Friends of Fernridge undertook at Sust CT Community Match Fundraising project to fund improves to park. The Town of West Hartford helped select, purchase and install the trees and benches in Fernridge park.

**Additional Information:** Please Note: 3.4.4c Fernridge project was not used for credit under Action 8.4.1 Community Match Fund Projects.

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### 3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.8.1c LID Training (5 points) 3.8.3c LID Projects\_Rain Barrel Sale (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [3.8.3C LID PROJECTS\\_RAIN BARREL SALE OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [3.8.1C LID TRAINING OVERVIEW](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf.

**Partners:** 3.8.1c (LID Training). None 3.8.3c (LID Projects\_Rain Barrel Sale) Hartford, joint sale website. Educational workshop and pickup held separately.

## 3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.12.1 Enhance Pollinator Pathways - Education (5 points) 3.12.2 Enhance Pollinator Pathways - Gardens (15 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.1 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS - EDUCATION](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS - GARDENS](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 SUSTAINABLE GARDENS PROJECT REPORT](#)

**Documentation Details:** All details are contained in the pdf. For 3.12.2, read 3.12.2 Enhance Pollinator Pathways - Gardens first.

**Partners:** 3.12.1 (Enhance Pollinator Pathways - Education) Farmington Libraries. Farmington and West Hartford Public Libraries jointly sponsored this event. 3.12.2 (Enhance Pollinator Pathways - Gardens) Boy Scouts, Fern of Fernidge, West Hartford Garden Club, Westmoor Park (Town). Volunteers and town staff from all these organizations helped build and plant gardens. Gardens are on municipal property and are jointly funded and maintained by Leisure Services Department.

## 4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

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### 4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.1,2 CTVisit Profile (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [4.1.2 CTVISIT PROFILE](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf

**Partners:** 4.1,2 (CTVisit Profile) None

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### 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture - 5 sub-actions (20 points) 4.2.1 Poet Laureate  
4.2.3 Arts Funding 4.2.5 Arts Commission 4.2.7 Streamline Permitting 4.2.11c Support artists

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [4.2.3 ARTS FUNDING](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 ARTS COMMISSION](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 STREAMLINE PERMITTING](#)

PDF: [4.2.1 POET LAUREATE](#)

PDF: [4.2.11C SUPPORT ARTISTS WRITERS GROUPS](#)

**Documentation Details:** Each pdf contains an overview as well as supporting documentation,

**Partners:** 4.2.1. (Poet Laureate). None 4.2.3 (Arts Funding). As part of municipal budget process funding given to Noah Webster Foundation, West Hartford Community Interactive, West Hartford Art League, Playhouse on Park, West Hartford Community Theater, West Hartford Symphony 4.2.5 (Arts Commission). None 4.2.7 (Streamline Permitting). None 4.2.11c (Support Artists) None, West Hartford Public Library is part of Town

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## 5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

## 5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

40 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.1.1a. Incorporate Hazard Mitigation into POCD (5 points) 5.1.1b. Incorporate Sustainability into POCD (30 points) 5.1.1c. POCD scorecard (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1.1A-C WEST HARTFORD POCD 2020\\_ADOPTED](#)

PDF: [5.1.1C POCD SCORECARD OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [5.1.1A HAZARD MITIGATION IN POCD OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [5.1.1A HAZARD MITIGATION IN POCD\\_WORKSHEET 1](#)

PDF: [5.1.1A HAZARD MITIGATION IN POCD\\_WEST HARTFORD ANNEX FROM CRCOG REPORT](#)

PDF: [5.1.1B SUSTAINABILITY IN POCD OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [5.1.1B SUSTAINABILITY IN POCD\\_WORKSHEET 2](#)

PDF: [5.1.1A-C TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES\\_APRIL 20 2020\\_POCD 2020\\_RECEIVED](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf. Please read overviews first.

**Partners:** 5.1.1.a-c (POCD) Consultant Fitzgerald & Halliday was hired to assist Town with development of new POCD, including outreach, workshop and drafting. 5.1.1a. (Incorporate Hazard Mitigation into POCD). CRCOG coordinated regional effort on Hazard Mitigation which was incorporated and expanded in West Hartford POCD. 5.1.1b.(Incorporate Sustainability into POCD) None, but Sustainable CT Fellow, Thomas Bonitz helped review and edit worksheet 2 - Thank you! 5.1.1c. (POCD scorecard) None

**Additional Information:** Please note: 5.1.1b Incorporate Sustainability into POCD is one of our Equity Toolkit actions - Action 1.1.1 Optimize for Equity

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## 5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.3.1 Agriculture Friendly Policy (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.3.1 AGRICULTURE FRIENDLY POLICY](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are in the pdf

**Partners:** 5.3.1 (Agricultural Friendly Policy) None



## 5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.4.1 Perform a Climate Vulnerability Assessment (10 points) 5.4.2 Secondary Impacts (5 points) 5.4.3 Special Consideration (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [5.4 ASSESS CLIMATE VULNERABILITY OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [5.4 FINAL WEST HARTFORD CRB REPORT BY TNC](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf.

**Partners:** 5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.4.3, (Climate Vulnerability Assessment) The Nature Conservancy completed a climate vulnerability assessment for West Hartford through Sustainable CT program offerings. West Hartford worked with TNC to gather background information, identify participants, organize the event and coordinated all logistics, emails, surveys, etc.

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## 6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

## 6.1 Implement Complete Streets

65 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.1.2 Complete Streets Training (5 points) 6.1.3 Complete Street Policy (20 points) 6.1.5 Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community (10 points) 6.1.6 Complete Streets Projects (30 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETESTREETS\\_2020ANNUALREPORT](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETESTREETS\\_2019ANNUALREPORT](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 WH COMPLETE STREETS POLICY](#)

PDF: [6.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING](#)

PDF: [6.1.5 BFC\\_SPRING\\_2018\\_REPORTCARD\\_WEST\\_HARTFORD\\_CT\\_BRONZE](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 WH COMPLETE STREETS POLICY\\_RESOLUTION\\_2015](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETESTREETS\\_2018ANNUALREPORT](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 COMPLETE STREETS POLICY\\_OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 WH COMPLETE STREETS POLICY\\_EMAIL\\_2021](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT\\_OVERVIEW\\_AND\\_WORKSHEETS](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 COMPLETE STREETS POLICY\\_WORKSHEET](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details contained in pdfs. For 6.1.3, start with: 6.1.3 Complete Streets Policy\_overview For 6.1.6, start with: 6.1.6 Complete Streets Projects\_overview and worksheets, Worksheets are contained in this. Photos are in the Annual Reports.

**Partners:** 6.1.2 (Complete Streets Training) None 6.1.3 (Complete Street Policy) None 6.1.5 (Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community) None 6.1.6 (Complete Streets Projects) None

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## 6.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.2.2a Non-Regulatory Parking Strategies (15 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.2.2A NON-REGULATORY PARKING STRATEGIES OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [6.2.2A TWH-DELAMAR PARKING AGREEMENT](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in pdf.

**Partners:** 6.2.2a (Non-Regulatory Parking Strategies). Delamar Hotel, a private hotel, shares parking facilities owned by Town. so they did not have to construct their own.

## 6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.4.1 ZEV Promotional Event (5 points) 6.4.2 Municipal EV Training (15 Points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [6.4.1 ZEV PROMOTIONAL EVENT](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 MUNICIPAL EV TRAINING](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are provided in the pdf.

**Partners:** 6.4.1 (ZEV promotional event) Town of Bloomfield organized a 4-part ZEV educational series. West Hartford's role was to organize one of the in-person EV day events for Part 4 of the series. Both Towns promoted all events. Capitol Clean Cities of Connecticut also helped organize the events and participated as a speaker. 6.4.2 (Municipal EV Training) Trainings attended were put on by a variety of organizations, CT DEEP, Capitol Clean Cities of Connecticut, Chargepoint, LIVE Green CT, Lion Electric, Great Plains Institute, Sustainable States Network, Sustainable Fairfield, Town of Bloomfield. These partners presented content and facilitated discussions and active planning exercises with participation from the municipal staff and representative attending. More complete descriptions of the organizations are provided in the pdf.

**Additional Information:** Please Note: The ZEV event at Town Hall was not included in Action 8.1.1 Hold a sustainability event.

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## 7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

### 7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.1.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.1.1 BENCHMARK MUNICIPAL ENERGY USE OVERVIEW](#)

EXCEL: [7.1.1 DATA REQUEST\\_SUSTAINABLE CT 2021 WH](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf.

**Partners:** 7.1.1 (Benchmark and Track Energy Use) UConn (Amy Thompson). West Hartford has been tracking energy use in Portfolio Manager for a long time. UConn provided some additional help setting up automatic data transfer for some CNG and Eversource accounts. Catherine Diviney, Town Energy Specialist, and Amy also collaborated on the best way to enter renewable energy data for Virtual Net Metering and REC Purchases.

**Additional Information:** West Hartford does not own a municipal wastewater treatment facility.

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## 7.2 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.2.1 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings (20 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.2.1 REDUCE ENERGY USE OVERVIEW](#)

EXCEL: [7.2.1 DATA REQUEST\\_SUSTAINABLE CT 2021 WH](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details contained in the pdf, calculations showing 20% reduction are provided at the bottom of spreadsheet 7.2.1 Data Request\_Sustainable CT 2021 WH in Columns P-R. Note: West Hartford owns its street lights and we have included a DUMMY building for street lights in our municipal energy use. For street lights, we do not believe that weather adjustments to energy use should apply. Note: The DUMMY Virtual Net Meeting and REC rows are not included in energy use, as this would double count electricity use that was already recorded from utility bills. These DUMMY accounts were discussed and created with Amy Thompson (UConn) to calculate Renewable Electricity % for 7.4.2. Virtual Net Metering and REC purchases are done at the Town level, not the building level. Virtual Net Metering is monthly, RECs are annual, which is why there is no weather-adjustment showing for RECs.

**Partners:** 7.2.1 (Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings). UConn (Amy Thompson) - UConn assisted with automating some data transfer from CNG and Eversource into Portfolio Manager.

**Additional Information:** West Hartford does not own a wastewater treatment facility.

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## 7.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.3.2 Achieve LEED Silver (or higher) certification (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.3.2 LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION\\_COIA.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details provided in pdf.

**Partners:** 7.3.2 (Achieve LEED Silver (or higher) certification). None

## 7.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings

50 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.4.2 Increase Use of Renewable Energy (50 Points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.4.2 INCREASE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY OVERVIEW](#)

EXCEL: [7.4.2 DATA REQUEST\\_SUSTAINABLE CT 2021 WH](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf, calculations showing 129% Renewable Electricity are provided at the bottom of spreadsheet 7.4.2 Data Request\_Sustainable CT 2021 WH in Columns F-H. This is because of an annual REC purchase in ADDITION to on-site solar and virtual net metering. Note: West Hartford owns its street lights and we have included a DUMMY building for street lights in our municipal energy use. For street lights, we do not believe that weather adjustments to energy use should apply. Note: The DUMMY Virtual Net Metering and REC rows are not included in energy use, as this would double count electricity use that was already recorded from utility bills. These DUMMY accounts were discussed and created with Amy Thompson (UConn) to calculate Renewable Electricity % for 7.4.2. Virtual Net Metering and REC purchases are done at the Town level, not the building level. Virtual Net Metering is monthly, RECs are annual, which is why there is no weather-adjustment showing for RECs.

**Partners:** 7.4.2 (Increase Use of Renewable Energy) UConn (Amy Thompson). UConn assisted West Hartford with questions about how to enter VNM and REC data into Portfolio to ensure it showed correctly in report.

## 7.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.5.1 Municipal Energy Plan (10 points) 7.5.2 Residential and Business Energy Plan (10 Points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.5 ENERGY PLAN RESOLUTION\\_2021](#)

PDF: [7.5 DEVELOP A MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLAN\\_OVERVIEW \(7.5.1 AND 7.5.2\)](#)

PDF: [7.5 WEST HARTFORD ENERGY PLAN\\_2020](#)

PDF: [7.5 WORKSHEET\\_ENERGY PLAN](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please start with 7.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan\_overview (7.5.1 and 7.5.2 are both included). West Hartford's Energy Plan covers is both a municipal and community (Residential & Business) Plan.

**Partners:** 7.5.1 (Municipal Energy Plan) and 7.5.2 (Residential and Business Energy Plan). Town of Simsbury, PACE. West Hartford and Simsbury collaborated in early stages of drafting of a plan template. West Hartford took the basic draft and substantially elaborated on it. We have made our enhance version available to others thru Peoples Action for Clean Energy (PACE) website.

## 7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.7.1 Implement a Community Energy Campaign (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.7.1 COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN\\_SOLARFORALL OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [7.7.1 SOLAR FOR ALL GREATER HARTFORD CAMPAIGN SUMMARY](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please read 7.7.1 Community Energy Campaign\_SolarForAll overview first.

**Partners:** 7.7.1 (Implement a Community Energy Campaign) Posigen and CT Green Bank, Town of West Hartford and City of Hartford ran campaign in collaboration. Posigen did most of "boots on the ground." Town provided local knowledge, contacts, outreach, logistics.

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## 8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

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### 8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.1.1 Support and hold a sustainability event (15 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [8.1.1 SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS\\_SUPPORT INFO](#)

EXCEL: [8.1.1 SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS WORKSHEET\\_10+ EVENTS](#)

**Documentation Details:** More than 10 events are documented. The support info is numbered to correspond to the events listed in the Worksheet.

**Partners:** 8.1.1 (Hold a Sustainability Event) Partners and town role are listed in the worksheet.

**Additional Information:** Please note: 8.1.1. Sustainability event - Juneteenth is one of our Equity Toolkit actions - Action 1.1.1 Optimize for Equity

### 8.3 Train Municipal Representatives

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.3.1b Train Municipal Representatives (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [8.3.1B TRAIN MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details contained in the pdf.

**Partners:** 8.3.1b (Train Municipal Representatives) None

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### 8.4 Support Community Match Fund (CMF) Project and Civic Engagement

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.4.1 Community Match Fund Projects - 3 projects (15 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

EXCEL: [8.4.1 COMMUNITY MATCH FUND PROJECTS SUBMISSION TEMPLATE](#)

PDF: [8.4.1 COMMUNITY MATCH FUND PROJECTS OVERVIEW W/ PHOTOS](#)

PDF: [8.4.1 MLK MURAL WE-HA.COM](#)

PDF: [8.4.1 BANNERS WE-HA.COM](#)

PDF: [8.4.1 ART BARRIERS WE-HA.COM](#)

PDF: [8.4.1 ART BARRIERS ARTISTS WH ART LEAGUE](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please read 8.4.1 Community Match Fund Projects\_overview w/ photos first. A news article for each project is also provided and profiles of the art barrier artists from the WH Art League.

**Partners:** 8.4.1 (Community Match Fund Project). Banners - West Hartford Center Business Association; Art Barriers - West Hartford Art League; MLK Mural - Connecticut Murals/RiseUP for Arts. For all three, the projects were made, created, or painted by the partner along with assistance from the public. The Town provided assistance promoting the projects for fund raising and public awareness as well as in kind operational support, logistics, and site preparation.

**Additional Information:** The MLK Project was truly inspirational and is touched upon more in our 1.1 Optimize for Equity Toolkit submission for WH Juneteenth Celebration

## 8.5 Collaborate With Other Municipalities

60 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.5.1 Mentor/Mentee (30 Points) 8.5.2 Collaborate Regionally (30 Points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.5.1 WORKSHEET 1 - MENTOR/MENTEE - 3 PROJECTS](#)

PDF: [8.5.2 WORKSHEET 2 - REGIONAL COLLABORATION - 3 PROJECTS](#)

**Documentation Details:** Project details contained in worksheets. For 8.5.2 - we have submitted more than 3 projects, as there was a question as to whether the collaboration actually had to result in the joint implementation of an action. The action description says "Participate actively with other towns or regional organizations in the \*\*inventory, planning, or implementation\*\* of any Sustainable CT action. Participation in COG regional programming is specifically mentioned.

**Partners:** 8.5.1 (Mentor/Mentee) Town of Bloomfield (mentee), City of Middletown (mentor), Town of Hamden (mentee), see worksheet for roles. 8.5.2 (Collaborate Regionally) Many, see worksheet.

**Additional Information:** We believe Sust CT may want to clarify the requirements of this action for next year. Some of the best, most worthwhile collaboration and/or learning may not result in implementation.

## 9. Strategic Materials Management

### 9.1 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.1.1 Staff & Report Data (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.1.1 STAFF AND REPORT DATA](#)

EXCEL: [9.1.1 PER CAPITA CALCULATION WORKSHEETS\\_FY20\\_FY21](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details contained in pdfs

**Partners:** 9.1.1 (Staff & Report Data) None



### 9.3 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

40 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.3.1 Recycle Additional Materials (40 Points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [9.3.1 RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS](#)

**Documentation Details:** All Details contained in the pdf.

**Partners:** 9.3.1 (Recycle Additional Materials) The Town works with various vendors to makes these recycling program possible.Simple Recycling, Take2, Thermostat Recycling, Mattress Recycling Council, PaintCare but the majority of outreach is done by the Town. In some case collection/drop off is done by the vendors or at the Brixton St Town Recycling Center.

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### 9.4 Develop a Food Waste Prevention Campaign or Food Scraps Recovery Campaign or Program

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.4.2 Food Scraps Recovery Program (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [9.4.2 3-2-1-DONE BROCHURE\\_CUSTODIANS](#)

PDF: [9.4.2 3-2-1-DONE BROCHURE\\_TEACHERS](#)

PDF: [9.4.2 WHPS FOOD SCRAPS RECOVERY PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [9.4.2 WHPS FOOD WASTE SLIDES](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf.

**Partners:** 9.4.2 (Food Scraps Recovery Program) West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District. Had conversation with Health District about program 7/23/2021.

## 10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

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### 10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 10.3.2 Anti-vaping campaign (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [10.3.2 ANTI-VAPING CAMPAIGN](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in the pdf.

**Partners:** 10.3.2 (Anti-vaping campaign), West Hartford Social Services Department, West Hartford Public Schools, the West Hartford Prevention Council (a Town Commission), and West Hartford Community Interactive (WHCI) (Community TV). These organizations are all part of all "Town" but worked in partnership on this campaign.

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### 10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 10.4.1 Develop and promote inclusive spaces and programs that provide opportunities for residents to engage in local farming, gardening, or other forms of horticulture or plant cultivation. (15 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [10.4.1 COMMUNITY GARDENS](#)

PDF: [10.4.1 SUSTAINABLE GARDENS PROJECT REPORT](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please read 10.4.1 Community Gardens first. The Sustainable Gardens Project Report was put together by a group of residents on our Sustainability Advisory Group.

**Partners:** 10.4.1 (Community Gardens) None

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## 11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

## 11.1 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.1.1. Housing Committee (10 points) 11.1.2 Housing Data Profile (10 Points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.1.1 HOUSING COMMITTEE OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 WH AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADV GROUP RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 HOUSING DATA PROFILE OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 HOUSING DATA PROFILE\\_PSC WEST HARTFORD 2020](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 HOUSING DATA PROFILE\\_EXCLUSIONARY ZONING PRESENTATION 7/20/20](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 HOUSING DATA PROFILE\\_MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL 7/20/20](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 WORKSHEET 2 WEST HARTFORD](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please start with 11.1.1 Housing Committee\_overview. Please start with 11.1.2 Housing Data Profile\_overview

**Partners:** 11.1.1. (Housing Committee) None 11.1.2 (Housing Data Profile) CT Fair Housing Center & Partnership for Strong Communities staff helped to put together and gave presentation on 7/20/20. This presentation was instrumental in the creation of the Affordable Housing Advisory Group.

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## 11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.2.3 Commit Funding to Affordable Housing (10 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.2.3 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 29 2020](#)

PDF: [11.2.3 COMMIT FUNDING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [11.2.3 WE-HA.COM ARTICLE ON TAX ABATEMENT](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please read overview first.

**Partners:** 11.2.3 (Commit Funding to Affordable Housing) None

## 11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

40 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.3.2 ADU Policy (20 points) 11.3.4 Permitting Processes and Fees (20 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [11.3.2 ADU POLICY OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [11.3.2 WH ADU ORDINANCE ADOPTED JAN 2021](#)

PDF: [11.3.2 WE-HA NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT WH ADU POLICY](#)

PDF: [11.3.4 PERMITTING PROCESSES AND FEES](#)

**Documentation Details:** For 11.3.2 ADU Policy please read overview first. Relevant sections of the Ordinance are highlighted.

**Partners:** 11.3.2 (ADU Policy) None 11.3.4 (Permitting Processes and Fees) None

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## 12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

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### 12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 12.2.1a Homelessness Contact (5 points) 12.2.1b Homelessness Training (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [12.2.1B HOMELESSNESS TRAINING](#)

PDF: [12.2.1A HOMELESSNESS CONTACT](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details contained in pdf

**Partners:** 12.2.1a (Homelessness Contact) None. 12.2.1b (Homelessness Training) None. See pdf for list of organizations providing training.

**Additional Information:** Homelessness Resources & Contact information was added to town website at the request of WH Sustainability Advisory Group.

## 13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

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### 13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 13.1: Created a comprehensive wellness assessment promoting mental health and prevention of substance abuse (10 points); created by ordinance a Civilian Police Review Board and created a community-informed action plan for improving community engagement and trust (20 points).

#### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [13.1.1 \(1\) WHPC WELLNESS ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT](#)

PDF: [13.1.1 \(1\) WELLNESS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [13.1.1 \(2\) CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [13.1.1 \(2\) WE-HA.COM ARTICLE ON CPRB-CREATION](#)

PDF: [13.1.1 \(2\) WE-HA.COM ARTICLE ON CPRB-MEMBERS APPOINTED](#)

PDF: [13.1.1 \(2\) ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & TRUST\\_AUG 8 2021](#)

PDF: [13.1.1 \(2\) ACTION PLAN/CPRB OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [13.1.1 \(2\) CPRB MINUTES\\_JUNE 1 2021](#)

**Documentation Details:** Details are contained in pdfs. Please start with the overviews. 13.1.1 (1) Wellness Assessment overview 13.1.1 (2) Action Plan/CPRB overview

**Partners:** 13.1.1 (Wellness Assessment) UConn, Jean Schensul and other professors provided reports and assistance analyzing data for report as well as graduate students to design and administer community survey. 13.1.1 (Action Plan/Civilian Police Review Board) Many. Note: This Action is also submitted under 1.1. Optimize for Equity, please refer to that write-up.

**Additional Information:** West Hartford submitted these 2 actions under 13.1.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action as we believe they are innovative and cover 2 areas: Wellness/Mental Health and Community Policing/Public Safety that are critically important in a community given present day happenings and are currently not covered under Sustainable CT. Both of these actions involved a lot of collaboration and community input. Please Note: 13.1.1 Action Plan for Improving Community Engagement & Trust/Civilian Police Review Board is one of our Equity Toolkit actions - Action 1.1.1 Optimize for Equity