



## Sustainable Connecticut Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Connecticut Certification Report of West Haven, a Sustainable Connecticut bronze certified applicant.

West Haven was certified on November 01, 2021 with 220 points. Listed below is information regarding West Haven'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 Haven 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

#### 1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.1.1. [10 points] Equity Toolkit is being submitted for the following actions 13.1 Innovative Action "Allingtown Plan"

**Supporting Documentation:**

**WORD:** [13.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE ALLINGTOWN PLAN INNOVATIVE ACTION](#)

**WORD:** [13.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT](#)

**PDF:** [5.3 ROBBIN WATT HAMILTON \(5TH DISTRICT COUNCILPERSON\) SEEKING COMMUNITY INPUT ON ALLINGTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN.PDF](#)

**PDF:** [5.3 COMMUNITY INTEREST IN THE ALLINGTOWN GARDEN, WITH COUNCILPERSON'S STATED INTENT TO SET UP INFO SESSION.PDF](#)

**IMAGE:** [4.1 JUNETEENTH - DEMONSTRATION OF CULTURAL EQUITY IN ACTION - CITYWIDE EVENT IN ALLINGTOWN](#)

**PDF:** [4.1 WRITE-UP OF CULTURAL MAPPING AS AN ACTION OPTIMIZED FOR EQUITY](#)

**PDF:** [4.1 COMMUNITY SURVEY TO INTRODUCE CONCEPT OF CULTURAL MAPPING](#)

**Documentation Details:** 9.1 West Haven is applying the Equity Toolkit to three new actions. We've attached descriptions of each Action together with the required format for the Equity Toolkit. The documents attached to the corresponding action categories may be referred to for more detail.

**Partners:** 4.1 ArtsWestCT facilitated the Artists Roundtable and developed the Strategic Brief and Cultural Asset Mapping survey. Our role will be to publish and promote the resulting Map as part of our Centennial Year festivities and invite new input periodically to keep it updated. 5.1 We organized a walkthrough confirming site selection in June 2020 - attended by our Sustainability Team Leader Dabar Ratapenu. District 5 Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton has since been working with our City's Grants Coordinator to solicit interest from Allingtown households. When she has a list of 20 households with confirmed interest, they will plan an info session. 13.1 The City held its first-ever Juneteenth celebration in Brent Watt Park in the Allingtown neighborhood, featuring local vendors, artist and food trucks, and its first-ever public music event on the Allingtown Green in July 2021 as part of the Centennial Concert Series. These events demonstrate and showcase a newly cohesive sense of cultural equity and unity that have developed throughout this community-specific planning process.

#### 1.2 Participate in Equity Training

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.2.1 Participate in Equity Training 10 (points)

**Documentation Details:** Equity Training completion certificates: N/A-Registered via SustainableCT Attendees: Dates: Mayor Nancy Rossi FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Mark Paine Dir Parks & Rec FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Elinor Slomba Resident & West Haven SustainableCT Team Member FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

**Partners:** SustainableCT

### 1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.3.1 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity (15 Points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [RESOLUTION-DECLARING-RACISM-A-PUBLIC-HEALTH-CRISIS \(2\).PDF](#)

PDF: [MINUTES - CITY COUNCIL DEC 28, 2020.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 1.3.1 Submit: Your town's equity statement, the date it was adopted by the municipal governing body and associated documentation of the adoption (such as meeting minutes or agenda), and a description of outreach conducted to make the statement publicly accessible. Public Equity Statement- concludes with the assertion that "anti-racist work encourages the growth and success of every resident and improves community culture in the City of West Haven." See pgs 5-6 of the Meeting Minutes from December 28, 2020 where it was unanimously adopted by our City Council Outreach has included a workshop with Dr. Lorenzo Boyd of the University of New Haven on Feb 17, 2021 which was broadcast live on Facebook. A recording is publicly available here: <https://www.facebook.com/CAofWH/posts/111009594343518> and monthly virtual Town Halls with Mayor Nancy Rossi hosted by the UNH Student Mayoral Advisory Committee.

**Partners:** 1.3.1. The City created a new public Board/Commission - the Community Alliance of West Haven - to play a key role in this action. <https://www.facebook.com/CAofWH>. Ms. Trenee McGee, Councilwoman for our 7th District, Chaired the Alliance and facilitated the process of drafting the Resolution with input from Corporation Counsel. At the Mayor's invitation, members of the West Haven Police Department, cultural and youth leaders, leaders/members of local houses of worship participated in review and input.

**Additional Information:** Following the City Council's unanimous vote to adopt the Resolution, the Alliance hosted a public workshop where nationally-recognized expert on police-community relations Dr. Lorenzo Boyd spoke to assist stakeholders and the public in breaking down and understanding core concepts. Dr. Boyd teaches at our local institute of higher learning the University of New Haven, where he is associate professor of criminal justice as well as director of the Center for Advanced Policing. The workshop took place on Feb 17, 2021 and a recording is available here <https://www.facebook.com/CAofWH/posts/111009594343518> All the meetings of the Community Alliance are recorded and publicly available here: <https://www.facebook.com/CAofWH>

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## 2. Thriving Local Economies

## 2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.1.1 Create a municipal or regional brownfields inventory. (5 Points) 2.1.2 Create a map of the brownfield sites within your community, either by marking up an existing municipal map manually, or by using an electronic Geographic Information System (GIS) base map. (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [BROWNFIELDS MAP](#)

EXCEL: [REVISED BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY](#)

PDF: [HAVEN SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT PLAN](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2.1.1 Create a municipal or regional brownfields inventory. Any private properties should be listed only with the owner's consent. The inventory should include each site's name, address, zip code, parcel number, status, site type, site size, current zoning, current owner, tax payment status, existing buildings and their square footage, and the availability of site photos and site documents as outlined in the attached template. Consider partnering with neighboring municipalities, or working through your council of governments to create the inventory. Ideally, the inventory should be updated as soon as any sited is identified, assessed or remediated. Date of review of the materials, name(s) and title(s) of individual(s) or group who performed it, and if no updates are being submitted, a statement that the information is still current and relevant Submit: A map of brownfield sites listed in the inventory. For maps available online, please provide a hyperlink and a screenshot of the relevant webpage(s). 2.1.2 Create a map of the brownfield sites within your community, either by marking up an existing municipal map manually, or by using an electronic Geographic Information System (GIS) base map. (5 points) Date of review of the materials, name(s) and title(s) of individual(s) or group who performed it, and if no updates are being submitted, a statement that the information is still current and relevant Submit: A map of brownfield sites listed in the inventory. For maps available online, please provide a hyperlink and a screenshot of the relevant webpage(s). \*\*\*\*\*2019 Bronze\*\*\*\*\* 1.1.1 Upon review of the requirements for this action, we have determined we have only six sites formally identified as "brownfields" in West Haven. The other sites previously provided included contaminated or potentially contaminated sites as well as brownfields. We have attached a new inventory in the required format and have reduced our requested points to 10 for the six sites. Only three of the six sites appear on the inventory because the other three are privately owned and have not given permission to be included here. We have also attached a map showing these six sites, taken from the EPA website here: [https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/cimc/f?p=cimc:MAP:::71:P71\\_WELSEARCH:NULL%7CCleanup%7C%7C%7Ctrue%7Cfalse%7Cfalse%7Cfalse%7Cfalse%7C%7C%7Csites%7CY](https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/cimc/f?p=cimc:MAP:::71:P71_WELSEARCH:NULL%7CCleanup%7C%7C%7Ctrue%7Cfalse%7Cfalse%7Cfalse%7Cfalse%7C%7C%7Csites%7CY) Text of original Documentation Details as follows: West Haven's grant writer maintains the inventory of Brownfields in the City. Unfortunately, she unexpectedly retired as this application was being prepared, and was unavailable to address questions about the properties on the list. A replacement for her had not been hired as of the date of this application. It appears that some properties on the list may not be actual "brownfields," but places where there may have been some sort of environmental contamination at one point in time. Some of these have been remediated, some are in process. We decided to err on the side of thoroughness and included all properties the City had so identified on the SCT template (and maps) with as much information as was available for them. In addition to the listing contained in the SCT template, we've also attached the CT DEEP list of Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites as a cross reference. Note "Potentially Contaminated" does not qualify as brownfield. Photos of properties are available on the West Haven GIS site, <https://westhaven.mapxpress.net/>, link also supplied on the inventory. Properties outlined in brown are or were on the EPA Brownfields list. Several properties on the City were recently acquired for redevelopment by The Haven Group. Please see attached The Haven South Municipal Redevelopment Plan for details on the environmental assessments for those properties.

**Partners:** NA

## 2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.4.2 establish a business support entity (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2.4.1 WORKSHEET WITH EDC INFORMATION ON BUSINESS ROUNDTABLES FOR UPCOMING YEAR](#)

PDF: [2.4.1. EDC MINUTES FROM NOV 2020 - WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADVANCECT ON SUPPORTING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY](#)

PDF: [2.4.2 ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ENTERPRISE ZONE](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2.4.1. Minutes from Nov 2020 include takeaways from a presentation by Sadie Colcorde of AdvanceCT which has inspired our current plans and formed the basis for a positive, data-driven partnership. The EDC will invite her back for the 1st Roundtable to speak directly to the local business community. Person responsible for planning this and the other events is Chris Gallo, Chair, EDC - [sgtyork56@gmail.com](mailto:sgtyork56@gmail.com) in conjunction with Chris Soto, Planning Director 2.4.2 announcement from City Hall that the City Council approved new business Enterprise Zone under state guidelines

**Partners:** 2.4.1 - 1st Business Roundtable to feature guest speaker from AdvanceCT



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

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.6.3. [5 points] One completed project in the past three years

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [CPACE RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [CPACE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT EXECUTED.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [C-PACE PROJECTS - WEST HAVEN, CT.XLSX](#)

IMAGE: [SCREEN SHOT OF C-PACE ON CITY WEBSITE](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2.6.2 Encourage local building owners to access C-PACE financing by organizing an educational event, conducting educational outreach to individual property owners, or working with the Connecticut Green Bank on outreach. Submit: Depending on the specific strategy or combination of strategies you chose, submit a list of the names of any education events and the dates that they were held or any other documentation that verifies your municipality's efforts to encourage local building owners to access C-PACE financing. This action falls under the action type "Outreach, Education, Programs, Campaigns, Recognition/Designation in External Program, and Funding" (see "Timeframe for Credit" Guidance Document for submission requirements). \*\*\*\*\*2019 Bronze \*\*\*\*\* 1.6.1. [5 points] West Haven passed a resolution to opt-in to C-PACE on October 28, 2013 (copy attached). A legal agreement was signed on May 6, 2014 (copy attached). Information on the C-Pace program is on the City's website (screenshot attached). 1.6.3. [5 points] Only one project has been approved for and closed with C-PACE financing in the past 3 years.

**Partners:** NA

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## 3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

### 3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.2.1 Inventory (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

PDF: [WEST RIVER WATERSHED PLAN](#)

PDF: [INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [APPENDIX A TECHNOLOGICAL MEMORANDUM #1](#)

PDF: [CTECO ACQUIFER MAP](#)

**Documentation Details:** Date Reviewed: 6/22/2015 No updates are being submitted, the information is still current and relevant for all actions below: 3.2.1a Submit: Your completed Natural Resources Inventory. 3.2.1b. Submit: A map depicting all aquifers, riparian corridors, wetlands, vernal pools and headwaters. 3.2.1c. Submit: A map depicting land uses and possible locations where pollutant loads may enter the watershed. \*\*\*\*\*2019Bronze\*\*\*\*\* 2.2.1 a. Inventory: The natural resources, such as the Tidal marshes, wetlands and some geologic features are included in the WRMP Appendix A, Technical Memorandum #1 (pages 24-30). The wildlife and the marine life are present in the database of the CTDEEP and explained in the plan on pages 31-33. 2.2.1 b. Maps are from the West River watershed plan, Appendix A. I. Headwaters and Vernal pools/lakes (Fig: 2-1, p. 7), II. Riparian Zone (Fig: 4-4, p. 35) III. West Haven possible aquifers (<http://cteco.uconn.edu/maps/state/ctsurficialaquiferpotential.pdf>) IV. Land cover map (p. 52). 2.2.1 c. Combined sewer overflow (possible pollutant inflow areas) (Fig: 5-1, p. 40) Land use map (Fig. 6-1, p. 49) A detailed data on type and quantity of pollutant load in the West River is given in the WRWP Appendix A Technical Memorandum #1 (pages 65-68). See also WRWP pp.83-85. 2.2.2 a., b., c. Watershed protection goals are contained in the WRWP, pp. 13-15. I. Capacity building, II. Water Quality, III. Habitat Protection and Restoration, IV. Sustainable Land Use, Open space, and public access, V. Education and Stewardship. Both West Haven's Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations, "IWWR," which regulate activity within 100 feet of wetlands and 200 feet of watercourses and the Harbor Management Plan "HMP" which "Coordinate(s) planning, management, and regulatory actions with New Haven and other communities with jurisdictions in the watershed to advance the goals and recommendations of the West River Watershed-Based Plan (p. 7-4) align with the Watershed Protection goals. 2.2.3 The action plan of West River watershed protection is contained in the West River Watershed management plan (2015). This plan states the goals and objectives of restoring and maintaining the West River watershed, its health and the marine life it supports. See recommended actions in each category of Chapter 3, "Management Recommendations," and pp. 57-58 on West River Tidal Marsh restoration (submitted for credit under Action 2.3.1.)

**Partners:** 3.1.1(a, b, & c) The City of West Haven Risk Manager inquired to DEEP & SCROG if any updates were made/available to the 2015 inventory. Upon additional DEEP & SCROG review, DEEP & SCROG advised that no updates were warranted and that the information is still current and relevant . \*\*\*\*\*2019Bronze\*\*\*\*\* The WRWP is a collaborative effort among the towns of New Haven, West Haven, Hamden, and Woodbridge. Woodbridge used its participation in the WRWP for full credit for Action categories in 2.2 in 2018.

### 3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.4.1 Inventory [10 points] 3.4.4b Increase open space [5 points]

#### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [POCD](#)

PDF: [COASTAL RESILIENCE PLAN](#)

PDF: [HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

EXCEL: [OPEN SPACE INVENTORY](#)

PDF: [WESTHAVEN\\_BUYOUTS.PDF.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.5. WEST HAVEN SALT MARSH ADVANCEMENT ZONE ASSESSMENT\\_SMALL REDUCED.PDF](#)

PDF: [USDA FLYER ON FLOODPLAIN EASEMENT PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [APPENDICES TO COASTAL RESILIENCE PLAN](#)

PDF: [LIST OF FLOODPLAIN PROPERTIES ACQUIRED TO DATE](#)

PDF: [NEW HAVEN REGISTER ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [CT MIRROR ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [OPEN SPACE PLAN](#)

PDF: [PRIORITY PROJECTS 6.25.2021.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Well Stewarded Land 3.4.1 Inventory [10 points] 3.4.2 Priorities [5 points] 3.4.3 Develop an Open Space Plan [10 points] 3.4.4. Protect open space [10 points] 3.4.5. Increase open space [5 points] 8/13/21 All Action items are up to date and current. We have submitted the Harbor Plan Priorities for review as well \*\*\*\*2019\*\*\*\* 2.4.2 To date, West Haven's open space priorities have been driven by its efforts to improve coastal resilience. The City participates in the Federal Floodplain easement program: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ct/programs/financial/ewp/?cid=stelprdb1244478>, implemented by the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. See flyer attached. More information on how this project was used in West Haven can be found in the New Haven Register article: <https://www.nhregister.com/connecticut/article/West-Haven-s-resiliency-projects-near-Sandy-11327219.php> and this from CT Mirror, <https://ctmirror.org/2018/01/08/sandy-5-irene-6-coastal-resilience-still-elusive-and-expensive/> 2.4.3 West Haven's POCD identifies a goal of designating undeveloped space not currently so zoned as Open Space, especially land that is environmentally sensitive, contains significant natural resource, or provides linkages to or between existing open space and other destination points (p. 125, pp. 142-143) It also refers to the Federal Easement program (pp. 110-113). West Haven has completed Phases I and II of the acquisition process and will be entering Phase III. The City's CRP recommends expanding open space by acquiring properties in flood-prone neighborhoods (p. 43) and unused industrial sites. Appendix A of West Haven's Coastal Resilience Plan refers to the goal of creating more open space in neighborhoods lacking such facilities, creating a park of approximately 20 acres in the Allingtown neighborhood, and protecting/restoring the tidal estuary of the Oyster River (pp.13-14). Finally, Open Space acquisition is also a recommendation of the "Water and Waterfront Access Policies" (6.1.3) of the West Haven Harbor Management Plan (pp. 6-16 to 6-17 and pp. 6-19 to 6-21). See also the Salt Marsh Advancement Assessment prepared by the Nature Conservancy which informs open space decisions. All documents attached. Standalone document outlining West haven's open space plan attached 10/4/2019. 2.4.4 The properties acquired as part of the Federal Floodplain Easement program (link: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ct/programs/financial/ewp/?cid=stelprdb1244478>) are protected and can never be developed. The coastal FEMA flood-prone areas are subjected to protection, see Appendix E and Appendix F of the West Haven CRP. Additionally, West Haven has protected a 42-acre parcel of its coast with a land trust easement, prohibiting development of this Open Spaces: Savin Rock Shorefront property and 410 Savin Avenue in perpetuity. Copy of Land Trust Easement is submitted under separate cover. 2.4.5 The Federal Floodplain Easement program is an active open space acquisition program. Thirteen properties were acquired in Phase I. Five of the seven properties in Phase II have been acquired; two are in process. At that point we will enter Phase III. List of properties acquired attached.

**Partners:** Harbor Commission SCROG CTDEEP

### 3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.5.1: Develop a natural resource and wildlife (NRW) inventory. 10pts 3.5.2: Integrate your NRW inventory into municipal planning documents and/or decision-making processes. If relevant, include such documents. (10 Points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [POCD](#)

PDF: [HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

PDF: [WEST RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN APPENDIX A, TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM #1.PDF](#)

PDF: [WH COASTAL RESILIENCE PLAN APPENDICES DRAFT.PDF](#)

PDF: [CTECO BASE MAP](#)

IMAGE: [LAND COVER MAP](#)

IMAGE: [SOILS MAP](#)

PDF: [GIS MAP LEGEND](#)

PDF: [CTECO DRAINAGE BASINS MAP](#)

IMAGE: [CTECO \[IMPAIRED\] SURFACE WATERS MAP](#)

PDF: [CT SURFICIAL ACQUIFER MAP](#)

PDF: [CTECO NATURAL DIVERSITY MAP](#)

IMAGE: [SCRCOG OPEN SPACE MAP](#)

PDF: [PRIORITY PROJECTS 6.25.2021.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory 3.5.1: Develop a natural resource and wildlife (NRW) inventory. 10pts 3.5.2: Integrate your NRW inventory into municipal planning documents and/or decision-making processes. If relevant, include such documents. (10 Points) 8/13/2021 All action items are current and up to date. We have attached the Harbor Priority Plan for review \*\*\*\*2019\*\*\*\* 2.5.1 West Haven's Natural Resource Inventories are included in the POCD, pp. 126-134 and the HMP, pp. 2-7 to 2-12, and the WRWP Appendix, pp. 24-33. Also, the maps are linked on the CTECO site: I. Base map: Found in the POCD, p. 16. Link to the CTECO viewer: <https://cteco.uconn.edu/viewers/ctimagery/>, pdf of that base map attached. II. Land cover: Map available at <http://clear.uconn.edu/projects/landscape/CT/landcoverviewer.htm>, pdf of that map attached. III. Soils and hydrology can be viewed as individual layers on the West Haven GIS map, [https://westhaven.mapxpress.net/ags\\_map/](https://westhaven.mapxpress.net/ags_map/) (not possible to print individual layers, but Map Legend is attached as pdf. CTECO also has soil type layers on map here: [https://cteco.uconn.edu/map\\_catalog.asp?town=156#mapcat](https://cteco.uconn.edu/map_catalog.asp?town=156#mapcat). CTECO map of Surficial aquifer potential attached. IV. Impaired waters: The 2016 Impaired waterbodies for the City of West Haven can be viewed here: <https://cteco.uconn.edu/viewers/ctms4/>, PDF of map attached. V. Natural Diversity Database map here: [http://cteco.uconn.edu/maps/town/nddb/nddb\\_WestHaven.pdf](http://cteco.uconn.edu/maps/town/nddb/nddb_WestHaven.pdf), pdf of map attached. VI. SCRCOG OS viewer: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=521bd79622694c30ab83b0c997d4efe2&extent=-8156128.9694%2C5035187.6254%2C-8058289.5732%2C5100694.1587%2C102100>, pdf of map attached. VII. Elevations for City of West Haven are shown on the City's GIS map when filtered for "Contours." This only appears when the map is expanded, so it is not possible to print it here. Less specific elevation is also shown here, when "Contours" is selected: <https://cteco.uconn.edu/viewer/index.html?viewer=advanced> VIII. Drainage Basin map here: [http://cteco.uconn.edu/maps/town/basin/basin\\_WestHaven.pdf](http://cteco.uconn.edu/maps/town/basin/basin_WestHaven.pdf), copy attached. 2.5.2 The Natural and Coastal Resources Inventories are identified in the West Haven POCD as an asset to the City of West Haven (pp. 126-134). The HMP includes an emphasis on protecting the natural resources (pp. 2-7 to 2-12) which the Coastal Resilience Plan Appendix A underscores (pp.10-13).

**Partners:** Harbor Commission

### 3.7 Provide Education on Responsible Water Usage

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.7.1a host water conservation education workshop 3.7.1b disseminate water conservation information

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [3.7.1A LETTER OF INVITATION TO RWA](#)

PDF: [3.7.1B PUBLIC INFORMATION RE: RAIN BARRELS](#)

**Documentation Details:** 3.7.1a invitation from City to Regional Water Authority to present water conservation education workshop in September 2021 3.7.1b Rain Barrel info distributed at the West Haven Farmers Market

**Partners:** Regional Water Authority to present water conservation tips CTDEEP developed the Rain Barrel Info brochure

### 3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.10.2a invasive species management on municipal properties (5 points) 3.10.3b public education about invasive species (5 points)

#### Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [3.10.2A WEST HAVEN SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT - SIGN INSTALLATION AT THE PUBLIC BOARDWALK](#)

PDF: [3.10.2A ARTICLE ABOUT EAGLE SCOUTS HELPING WITH INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL AND HABITAT RESTORATION](#)

PDF: [3.10.3B NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK CAMPAIGN](#)

PDF: [3.10.2A PRESS RELEASE WITH AUDUBON VOLUNTEER QUOTE](#)

PDF: [3.10.2A TIMELINE FOR AUDUBON'S SHARE THE SHORE AWARD](#)

PDF: [3.10.3B INVASIVE SPECIES CAMPAIGN FOLLOW UP - INVASIVE PLANT ERADICATION EVENT](#)

PDF: [3.10.3A WEB PATH](#)

**Documentation Details:** 3.10.2a Award Timeline and Eagle Scouts Article from July 2018 establish how the City is building on years of work by volunteers in managing invasive species 3.10.2a Share the Shore Award press release includes this quote by an Audubon volunteer (middle of pg 2): "Working with the West Haven Watershed Restoration Committee and the Wildlife Guards, we have removed invasive plants and replaced them with native ones." Winter 2020-21 3.10.2a Photo of a New Sign at the Boardwalk says: "West Haven Shoreline Restoration Project Pardon our appearance! The City of West Haven, the West Haven Land Trust, and other local environmental groups are removing invasive plant and investigating options for ecosystem restoration. This is a work in progress that will take some time. Your patience is appreciated! If you have questions or would like to get involved, please visit the Sustainable West Haven Facebook page." 3.10.3a path starting at City of West Haven website and showing how to access Invasive Species info from the home page 3.10.3b Sustainable West Haven offered public education in the form of posts on its Facebook page throughout National Invasive Species Awareness Week in May 2021 followed by a public Invasive Plant Eradication Event near the shoreline, aimed mainly at Garlic Mustard.

**Partners:** West Haven Land Trust oversees fidelity to a conservation easement passed on the City-owned shoreline parcels in 2007. They send representatives to the meetings about invasive plant management. Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary hosts volunteers to assist with invasive plant removal and native plant restoration.

### 3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.12.2 Create pollinator gardens (15 points)

#### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [GARDEN AT BRENT WATT.PDF](#)

PDF: [GARDEN AT LIBRARY.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Photos and copy in social media posts showing evidence of this work

**Partners:** West Haven Public Library, Allingtown Village Association, Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary, West Haven Beautification Committee are all in dialogue about pollinator-friendly plant selections for their gardens, and in touch with volunteers from Sustainable West Haven on how to prepare the beds.

## 4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

## 4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.1.2 [5 points] Update CTVisit profile. - Completed

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.1.1.B CULTURAL ASSET LOCATION RESPONSES \(IN-PROGRESS, 50 AS OF AUG 1ST\)](#)

PDF: [4.1.1.A CULTURAL MAPPING FORM - FOR PUBLIC INPUT](#)

PDF: [4.1.1.C CREATE A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE RESOURCE \(IN-PROGRESS WITH DATA SUBMITTED TO DATE\)](#)

PDF: [4.1.1.D PLAN TO KEEP ASSETS UPDATED - OUTREACH AND MAINTENANCE THROUGH ONGOING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, OPTIMIZED FOR EQUITY \(EDIT TITLE\)](#)

PDF: [4.1.1.A PREPARATION TO CONDUCT THE INVENTORY - AGENDA FOR MARCH 20, 2021 INFO SESSION](#)

**Documentation Details:** 4.1.2 our freshly updated profile in 2020 is more easily searchable and features the tagline created by the Economic Development Commission - "Miles of Shore & So Much More..." a subheading optimized for Sustainability is "building a Green and Clean community" The profile can be found online here: <https://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-west-haven>

**Partners:** 4.1.1. ArtsWestCT is a newly revived organization gaining momentum with funding from the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. They are providing legwork for cultural projects and coordinating with our City PR person. ArtsWestCT Held a virtual informational session, 'What is Cultural Assets Mapping?' on March 20, 2021. It was attended by 8 individuals representing several different artistic disciplines, educators, and differing cultural backgrounds and ability levels. At least 6 of these attendees have stayed involved in the project and are now known as the Cultural Asset Equity group. ArtsWestCT collaborates regionally with the Milford Arts Council, Hamden Cultural Commission and the Woodbridge Arts Guild.

**Additional Information:** 4.1.1. Our Cultural Mapping Form is based on a Cultural Assets Mapping Kit used in Austin, TX and Hamden, CT. It can be found online at [http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/EGRSO/CAMPKit\\_Webpage.pdf](http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/EGRSO/CAMPKit_Webpage.pdf)

## 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.2.1 West Haven's Poet Laureate Tony Fusco was named April 29, 2019 and has remained active in civic life 4.2.2 Centennial Concert Series and other events advertised on City websites and in eblasts 4.2.7 permitting system for special events - streamlined in Fall 2020

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [APPOINTMENT OF POET LAUREATE](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.1 VIRTUAL POETRY READING FEB 2021 WITH WEST HAVEN POET LAUREATE AS HEADLINER](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 CENTENNIAL EVENTS INCLUDING CONCERT SERIES](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

PDF: [4.2.6 ARTSWESTCT NEWSLETTER FULFILLING ARTS & CULTURE LIAISON ROLE FOR THE CITY](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 NEWLY UPDATED CITY SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION](#)

PDF: [4.2.9 DESCRIPTION OF ANNUAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR LOCAL ARTISTS](#)

PDF: [4.2.11D DESCRIPTION OF NETWORK-BUILDING & PEER SHARING ACTIVITIES WITH LIVE LINKS TO PROMOTION](#)

PDF: [4.2.11D CITY PRESS RELEASE HIGHLIGHTING PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS NETWORK - ARTIST SUNDAY](#)

PDF: [PROMOTION OF LIBRARY EVENTS.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 4.2.1 Flier for poetry event featuring West Haven Poet Laureate 4.2.2 City eblast for Centennial Events list (partial) 4.2.3 public Facebook profile for Centennial Committee, the body producing high profile arts & culture events during this Centennial Year 4.2.6 newsletter demonstrating ArtsWestCT's liaison role for the City (180 subscribers, social links shared by multiple groups) 4.2.7 copy of permit application - updated with Corporation Counsel review and departmental input (Parks & Rec, Health, Public Works, Building) 4.2.9 Public recognition of Local Artists by City / the Mayor for Centennial year with intent to make Annual 4.2.10a Mayor social media promoting Library events 4.2.11d List of network-building and peer sharing opportunities for artists organized by Arts West CT, with live links

**Partners:** The Centennial Committee and ArtsWestCT collaborated with numerous groups to produce high quality events, including the Connecticut Poetry Society, West Haven Historical Society, West Haven High School, Village Drill Team and the Savin Rock Festival Committee. The West Haven Public Library did a great job pivoting during Covid to produce virtual and outdoor events, which the City promoted.

**Additional Information:** You can see the latest ArtsWestCT newsletter and all past issues through this link: <https://mailchi.mp/ed3f5b13f201/painted-pallets-spoken-word-fresh-figs-and-more> The Library hosted professionally-facilitated Community Input Sessions virtually in 2020.

## 5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

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### 5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.3.2 Allow Active Agricultural Use of Municipal land (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [WHCG FLYER 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [WHCG GARDEN WORKSHOPS.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [PICTURE OF COMMUNITY GARDEN](#)

**Documentation Details:** 5.3.2 Allow active agricultural use of municipal land or provide outreach on CT Farmlink, linking available municipal or private land to farmers looking for land to farm. \*\*\*\*2019\*\*\*\* West Haven's Community Garden was established on municipally-owned land behind the Molloy School over 5 years ago and has been in operation ever since.  
<https://whcommunitygarden.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/unh-ad.jpg> Annually, they publish information via the City's informational mailings and in the West Haven Voice weekly newspaper, advertising the availability of plots and learning opportunities. Their website offers further resources for gardeners. <https://whcommunitygarden.org/> The flyer submitted with this application was also sent out to all K-8 schoolkids via the Board of Education.

**Partners:** None

## 6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

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### 6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.5.1 Educate residents via existing regional mobility managers, websites, and social media apps about alternative routes and transportation methods. (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [6.5--CITY TRANSIT OPTIONS - WEST HAVEN FOR SUSTAINABLECT.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5--SENIOR TRANSPORTATION - CITY OF WEST HAVEN.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** We provide an overview of your outreach on our website TOD:  
<https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/827/Plan-of-Conservation-and-Development-Final-PDF?bidId= Allingtown LOOP>:  
<https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3439/Tour-3---Allingtown-Center-Long-Loop-PDF?bidId= COVID Transit>:  
<https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3269/FEMA-COVID-19-Funeral-Assistance-Flyer-English-PDF?bidId= Elderly Transportation>: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/348/Elderly-Services> AND  
<https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3276/West-Haven-Elderly-Services-Brochure-PDF?bidId= AND>  
<https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/287/Transportation>

**Partners:** N/A

## 7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

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### 7.6 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.6.2a Convert Utility-Owned Streetlights (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [UI LETTER DOCUMENTING CONVERSION](#)

PDF: [ROSSI LETTER.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 7.6.1 Create a streetlight inventory \*\*\*\*2019\*\*\*\* 6.7.1 Please see first paragraph in the attached letter from Mayor Rossi, documenting the City's pursuit of replacement of its High-sodium streetlights with LEDs. The letter from UI's Key Account Manager documents the conversion and savings realized.

**Partners:** None

## 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:**

IMAGE: [NOTICE OF MENUNKATUCK PLANT PICK-UP EVENT](#)

EXCEL: [SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS ON TEMPLATE.XLSX](#)

IMAGE: [FARMERS MARKET NOTICE ON CITY WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [FARMERS MARKET NOTICE IN WEST HAVEN VOICE](#)

**Documentation Details:** 7.1.1 West Haven sponsors twice-a-week Farmer's Markets mid-July until the end of October. The Tony Inzero Farmers Market on the Green in West Haven, CT was started in 1999 and provides the community with a wide variety of local produce. Between September 1, 2018 and August 30, 2019, the City will have sponsored 32 Farmer's Markets on the Town Green. See attached public notice, posted on the City website and sent to subscribers to the City's newsletter and similar notice in the West Haven Voice. 7.1.2 In a venture with Menunkatuck Audubon, West Haven offered the parking lot at Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary for Menunkatuck's annual native plant sale pick-up on May 11, 2018. A permit for this use was granted. Several tables were set up to display information on pollinators and invasive plant species, making this event interactive among those who came to pick up plants as well as those who, driving by the Sanctuary and seeing tents, stopped by to find out what was going on. The City sent information out on this event in its "City Notes" mailing and on its website.



## 9. Strategic Materials Management

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### 9.1 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste

5 Points

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

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2019 RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [2018 RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [2017 RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE WORKSHEET](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT OF PUBLIC WORKS WEBPAGE](#)

PDF: [MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DATA AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE.](#)

**Documentation Details:** 9.1.1 town's staff member(s) responsible for collecting data on municipal solid waste and recycling and reporting that data to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) \*\*\*\*2019\*\*\*\* 7.5.1 Tom McCarthy, Commissioner of Public Works, is responsible for collecting municipal solid waste data. Municipal solid waste data is posted on the City's Public Works page here: <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/177/Public-Works>, screen shot attached. The link takes you to text that provides detail, also attached. Solid waste figures come from fiscal years 2019, 2018, and 2017, while Persons per Household (B), Percent Occupied Housing (C), and Total Units (D) are from 2017 census data. The number of persons used in per capita calculations (E) is the same in all years. It may be worth noting that the Percent Occupied Housing (C) may be somewhat anomalous, as the percentage in every one of the preceding seven years was greater than 90%. Calculations based on that higher occupancy percentage yield lower per capita solid waste totals.

**Partners:** None

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### 9.3 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.3 West Haven maintains its own municipal compost site. <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/262/Compost-Site>. City Grantwriter Doug Colter (also a member of our Sustainability Team) is involved with SCROG on a regional pilot to collect food scraps in order to activate all of the greenwaste from tree-trimmings that have accumulated at the compost site.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [COMPOST WEBPAGE ON CITY WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [SCROG REGIONAL SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS \(MINUTES FROM JAN 2019\)](#)

PDF: [AGENDA PACKET FROM MAY 2021 SCROG MEETING](#)

**Documentation Details:** Waste management recommendations are on pg 9 of the minutes. Our city followed up by developing a competitive application for a food scraps collection service that can enhance the value of our Compost Site for the region. See pg 31 of the 91-pg Agenda Packet for SCROG's May meeting. Here you will find this statement: "CT DEEP approved West Haven's application for a project that adds food scraps to the city's registered leaf and grass composting operation."

**Partners:** SCROG - and consultant Pamela Roach is point person.

**Additional Information:** Pamela presented on this project at a SustainableCT Coffee Hour.

## 10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

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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:**

WORD: [WEST HAVEN POLLINATOR PATHWAY.DOCX](#)

PDF: [APPLICATION PROCESS - WH COMMUNITY GARDEN.PDF](#)

WORD: [COMMUNITY GARDEN-3REVISED.DOCX](#)

PDF: [HOME PAGE SAVED AS DOCUMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [PERMIT-APPLICATION-2021 WITH CODE OF CONDUCT.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 10.4.1 A photo of at least one growing space and a description of what the spaces are and what's being grown, how you connected with residents and made them aware of the space(s), and how residents can access the space(s).

**Partners:** NA

## 11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

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### 11.1 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.1.2--Housing data profile analysis (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES HOUSING DATA PROFILE](#)

PDF: [POCD](#)

PDF: [NOTICE OF HOUSING DATA PRESENTATION](#)

WORD: [HOUSING DATA ANALYSIS](#)

PDF: [5\\_SCRCOG\\_MAY21.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 8.1.1 A copy of the 2018 Housing Data profile is attached. The most recent Housing Data Profile available (2015) at the time the Plan of Conservation and Development was adopted was included in the "Housing Snapshot," "Affordable Housing," and "The Regional Picture" sections of Chapter 2, pp 25-30, viewable online here: <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/827/Plan-of-Conservation-and-Development-Final-PDF?bidId=> The Housing Data Profile and an analysis based on Worksheet 2 were presented at the Sustainability Team meeting held at City Hall on August 27, 2019. A copy of the email announcing this presentation was sent to the sustainability team mailing list, the Mayor, members of the City Council, and others. The meeting was also announced on the "Sustainable West Haven" Facebook page. Copy of our housing data analysis responses to Worksheet 2 and the email are also attached. SCROG is presently developing a Regional Affordable Housing Plan which will include West Haven. Public meetings were held in 2020 to assess needs. - see pg 30 of the May minutes.

**Partners:** SCROG

**Additional Information:** N/A

## 12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

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### 12.3 Collect and Share Homelessness Data

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 12.3 West Haven just adopted a new Community Development Plan which took effect in July 2020 and goes through 2025. It details the cost burden and other factors that put people at risk, and the geographic concentrations of Housing Problems in the City.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [WEST-HAVEN-CDA-FIVE-YEAR-CONSOLIDATED-PLAN-AND-2020-21-ANNUAL-ACTION-PLAN.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** See Table 7 for a Housing Problems List (other relevant data throughout)

**Partners:** West Haven Youth and Family Services and the Greater New Haven Continuum of Care consulted with our Community Development Agency on the report