



Sustainable Connecticut Community Certification Report

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

Weston was certified on November 01, 2021 with 325 points. Listed below is information regarding Weston'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 Weston was approved for in 2021 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

Notes: Submission content was created by Weston, and Sustainable CT makes no claims, promises or guarantees about the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the submission, beyond that an individual reviewer approved at least some elements of the action for certification. Further, standards for actions below may have changed, and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Finally, approved actions here may include some documents and descriptions in support of action elements that were not approved, in addition to elements that were approved. In preparing your own application, please rely only on the action write-ups for the current certification year to guide your submission. Please contact info@sustainablect.org with specific questions.

1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.1: Optimize for Equity for Town Green, Reusable Bags, and WSC Internship 10 points. (ongoing since January 2019. Most recent action is in August 2019)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY \(WSC INTERNSHIP\)](#)

PDF: [1.1 APPLYING EQUITY TOOL KIT \(TOWN GREEN\)](#)

PDF: [REUSABLE/PAPER BAG TRANSITION- EQUITY TOOLKIT](#)

Documentation Details: Everything attached above is self explanatory.

Partners: 1.1 (Town Green Project): Historic District Commission, Board of Selectmen, and Planning and Zoning Commission

Additional Information: N/A

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1 Brownfield Inventory (5 points), created 7/31/19 2.1.2 Brownfield Map (5 points), created 8/6/19

Supporting Documentation:

[2.1.1 BROWNFIELD INVENTORY 7/31/2019](#)

PDF: [2.1.2 BROWNFIELD MAP 8/6/2019](#)

WORD: [2.1.2 BROWNFIELD MAP 10/2/2019](#)

EXCEL: [2.1.1. BROWNFIELD INVENTORY 10/2/2019](#)

EXCEL: [2.1.1 BROWNFIELD INVENTORY](#)

WORD: [2.1.2 BROWNFIELD MAP.DOCX](#)

PDF: [2.1.2 BROWNFIELD MAP .PDF](#)

WORD: [2.1.2 BROWNFIELD MAP AND INVENTORY.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 2.1.1 Brownfield Inventory may not be completed exactly how the form wanted it to be. This is because for the sections on the form where we were supposed to chose from "Drop-down options" we were unable to. It is completed, just not in the exact format as requested due to this. 2.1.2 When accessing this real map (not PDF), clicking on the points yield more information.

Partners: 2.1.1 (Brownfield Inventory): None 2.1.2 (Brownfield Map)(5 points): None

Additional Information: N/A

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1 a - Sponsor or host a program to educate residents and business owners in your community about the value of watersheds and the importance of protecting and restoring them. (10 Points) 3.1.1.b Implement and maintain a signage program that highlights key watershed issues. (5 Points) 3.1.1c-> Promote and encourage residents and business owners to take a watershed health pledge. (5 points), 3.1.2 - Institute a local monitoring program related to watershed functions or health to be conducted by citizen groups such as local nonprofits or K-12 students. (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [3.1.1.C RIVER PLEDGE EX. 1 6/17/2019](#)

IMAGE: [3.1.1.C RIVER PLEDGE EX. 2 6/17/2019](#)

IMAGE: [3.1.1.C RIVER PLEDGE EX. 3 6/17/2019](#)

IMAGE: [3.1.1.C RIVER PLEDGE EX. 4 6/17/2019](#)

PDF: [3.1.1.A WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTLINE 7/10/2019](#)

[3.1.1.B WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM MATERIALS EXAMPLE 7/10/2019](#)

WORD: [3.1.1.A FURTHER DESCRIPTION WATERSHED EDUCATION 10/3/2019](#)

PDF: [3.1.2 FAIRFIELD-COUNTY-RIVER-REPORT-2020.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A WATERWISE EVENT SEPTEMBER 2021](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1.a-> Watershed Education Program Outline 7/10/2019 -> Waterwise Event September 2021 -> Water Quality Event - "Are you Waterwise?" -> "Is Your Backyard a Graveyard" 3.1.1.b -> Implement and maintain a signage program that highlights key watershed issues.-> Watershed Education Program MaterialsExample 7/10/2019 3.1.1c -> River Pledge Examples are for 3.1.2 -> Descriptions can be found on pages 18-24, photos included of locations.

Partners: 3.1.2 Harborwatch completed the 2020 annual river report as uploaded 3.1.1 a - We are planning a Waterwise event on September 23rd, 2021 per the attachment. Norwalk River Watershed Association, League of Women Voters, Lachat Town Farm, Weston Garden Club, and Pollinator Pathway have already signed on to help.

Additional Information: 3.1.1 a - Sponsor or host a program to educate residents and business owners in your community about the value of watersheds and the importance of protecting and restoring them. (10 Points) -> Water Quality Event - "Are you Waterwise?" I care about protecting the quality of water in our watershed. I know that clean rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands, and aquifers are necessary for health, recreation, and the survival of all creatures. I want to be River Smart! I commit to taking at least four of the following steps to protect our local water resources. I will strive to achieve all where appropriate for my home -> "Is Your Backyard a Graveyard" learning how to co-exist with nature in our country town. Weston has an abundance of natural resources. Many of us are looking to become better stewards of our wonderful town. -> "Lachat Town Farm" is a grassroots, volunteer-run initiative, that was begun to support and preserve a 1770's homestead that had been deeded to the town of Weston by dairy farmer Leon Lachat. Instead of its being torn down, local citizens decided to turn the beautiful 40-acre site back into a farm. 3.1.1.b Implement and maintain a signage program that highlights key watershed issues. (5 Points) -> Watershed Education Program MaterialsExample 7/10/2019 3.1.1c-> Promote and encourage residents and business owners to take a watershed health pledge. (5 points), - Pledges Taken uploaded 6/17/19 3.1.2 - Institute a local monitoring program related to watershed functions or health to be conducted by citizen groups such as local nonprofits or K-12 students. (5 points) -> Fairfield-County-River-Report-2020.pdf Additional background for our Sustainable CT Application - 3.1 3.1.1 The River Smart Pledge (<https://www.riversmartct.org/pledge>) was supported and communicated by the Weston Sustainability Committee to its leadership and membership. It was marketed through an email and a social media campaign, to Weston's sustainability committee membership, as well as other local residents describing the importance of taking the pledge and benefits to us, Weston, and the environment. The Weston Sustainability Committee was able to follow up and track and note that multiple of its targeted respondents took part in this pledge, and continues to espouse its importance. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r-fQWYO8ZIH1mA3zwLa3XdiUg7OY0Uh0/view>

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1: Complete an open space inventory (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.4 DEVELOPANOPENSAPRESERVATIONPLAN_LACHATFARMCONSERVATIONPLAN](#)

PDF: [3.4 ASPETUCKLANDTRUSTGREENBELT](#)

EXCEL: [3.4.1 WESTON_OPENSAPINVENTORY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [3.4.4C WESTONCT_ONIONBARNPROJECT_PGS 21-28.PDF](#)

PDF: [WESTON2020 POCD ADOPTED APPENDIX_PGS1-3AND32-36.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.4.A. OPEN SPACE - BISCEGLIE STATUS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 2019: 1. DevelopAnOpenSpace... This document details working on gaining and improving upon open space in Weston and protecting specific areas and resources 2.4.4 AspetuckLandTrustGreenBelt shows increasing preserved open space in our community 2021: 3.4.1_Weston_OpenSpaceInventory.xlsx Weston2020 POCD ADOPTED Appendix_PGS1-3and32-36.pdf - POCD - Supplementary document pages with a map used for 3.4.1. Original file was too large for upload. 3.4.4.a. Open Space - Bisceglie status.pdf 3.4.4c_WestonCT_OnionBarnProject_PGS 21-28.pdf - PERTINENT PAGES HAVE BEEN SUBBED FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENT AS THE FILE SIZE WAS TOO LARGE

Partners: Aspetuck Land Trust Nature Conservancy Lachat Town Farm

Additional Information: FOR 3.4.4c - We had to to sub out the the pages from the full town pdf (pgs 21-28) as the original file was too large and was part of a larger town budgetary packet. . This project will revitalize a town owned open space known as the Onion Barn. New drainage is being put in along with a proposed community green area where invasives will be removed (we know this does not count) and new trees and native plants installed. This work is currently underway in Phase 1. Weston2020 POCD ADOPTED Appendix_PGS1-3and32-36 - This document contains a grid map that we used conjunction with another website to complete the 3.4.1 document. We had to the sub the pertinent pages because the original file was too large.

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.5. Natural Resource Inventory (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.5. WESTON2010 POCD - NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. B.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL INNER PAGE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. A.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL COVER.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. C.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL PG 2-3.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. D. WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL PG 6-7.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. E.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 10-11.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. F.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 12-13.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. G.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 14-15.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. H.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 16-17.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. I.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 18-19.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. J.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 20-21.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. K.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 22-23.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. L.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 24-25.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. M.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 26-27.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. N.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 28-29.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. O.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 30-31.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. P.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 32-33.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. Q.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 34-35.JPG](#)

PDF: [3.5.WESTON2020POCD-RELEVANT SECTIONS.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [3.5. R.WESTON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANUAL 36-37.JPG](#)

Documentation Details: 3.5. Weston2020 POCD - relevant sections 3.5. Weston 2010 POCD - relevant sections 3.5. Weston Environmental Resources Manual - relevant sections in separate attachments (a) through (r) - Photos of pages from the manual.

Partners: 3.5 (Natural Resources and Wildlife Inventory): None

Additional Information: Majority of information uploaded here was obtained from Weston Conservation Planner, Tom Failla. Town Administrator, Jonathan Luiz, said he is in the process of contracting a GIS project for the town which will have layers of its natural resources and be available online.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

40 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 Provide education to residents and local businesses to improve pollinator habitat (5 points) 3.12.2 Create pollinator gardens and upgrade existing gardens to be pollinator-friendly and (15 points) educate the public about the importance of pollinators to society. 3.12.3 Pass Pollinator Friendly Resolution (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [ITEM 3.12.3 - POLLINATOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR WEEK 2020 EDUCATION EVENTS](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.1 FEBRUARY 2019 OUTREACH EVENT](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.1 SUMMER OUTREACH EVENT AND NATIVE PLANT SALE](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.1 MAY GARDENING CLASS - CHEMICAL FREE](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 ONION BARN NATIVE GARDEN](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 LACHAT FARM POLLINATOR GARDENS](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIVE GARDEN](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NATIVE GARDEN](#)

EXCEL: [SW TRACKING DOC.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.1 Please see the presentation to the Sustainable CT pollinator week panel conducted on 3.25.2021 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gOnzsRo4sWfczwoHYcCh9zKyNGdMPOI8/view> 3.12.1 Please see the flyers for all of the public education outreach events 3.12.2 Please visit the Weston Pollinator Pathway FB page and website for details of the completed Weston Pollinator Pathway Gardens. <https://www.facebook.com/WestonPollinatorPathway/> <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/weston> 3.12.3 A copy of the resolution and a link to minutes from the agenda where it was approved by your municipal governing body. Item 14 is on the agenda. <https://www.westonct.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/5849>

Partners: 3.12.1 We have partnered with Weston Pollinator Pathway, Weston Garden Club, Lachat Town Farm, Norwalk River Watershed Authority, Aspetuck Land Trust, Weston Education Foundation on various outreach events. Details can be found in the flyers and on the Weston Pollinator Pathway Facebook page under Events. 3.12.2 We partnered with the Weston Education Foundation, the Weston Beautification Committee and Sustainable Weston on a Community Matchfund to create and enhance 4 pollinator gardens here in Weston - 1) Lachat Town Farm - add to existing pollinator gardens 2) Onion Barn Town Garden - create new native pollinator garden 3) Jarvis Parks and Rec Garden - Create new native pollinator garden 4) Hurlbutt butterfly garden - add more native plants to the existing garden. 3.12.2 and 3.12.3 We partnered with the Weston Pollinator Pathway Northeast, the Weston Pollinator Pathway steering committee, and the Weston Garden Club.

Additional Information: N/A

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1: Tourism and Cultural Asset Map (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.1.1.D A COPY OF THE PLAN FOR MAINTAINING AND UPDATING THE TOURISM AND CULTURAL ASSET RESOURCE](#)

PDF: [4.1.1B WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.2 CREATE AND MAINTAIN MUNICIPAL PROFILE ON CTVISIT.PDF](#)

PDF: [WESTON MAP BROCHURE .PDF](#)

Documentation Details: "4.1.1b Worksheet.pdf" contains all of the needed information regarding the major inclusions on the Weston Tourism and Cultural Asset Map. "4.1.2 Create and Maintain Municipal Profile on CTVisit.pdf" is a document containing a screenshot of the beginning of Weston's profile and images on VisitCT and the hyperlink to the profile. "Weston Map Brochure .pdf" is a PDF copy of the Tourism and Cultural Asset Map. "4.1.1.d A copy of the plan for maintaining and updating the tourism and cultural asset resource" is the original and active plan for maintaining and updating the tourism and cultural asset map.

Partners: 4.1.1 (Tourism and Cultural Asset Map): The Town of Weston Marketing & Communications Advisory Committee created and published this illustrated map.

Additional Information: Weston CTVisit Website: <http://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-weston> The illustrated tourism and culture map is available on the town's website: <https://www.westonct.gov/about-us>

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2: Arts in Municipal Marketing (Part of 10 points) 4.2.3: Funding for the Arts (Part of 10 points) 4.2.8: Establish an Arts District (Part of 10 points), 4.2.10: Support Arts at Library (5 Points) 4.2.11: Support Artists (5 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.3 A DESCRIPTION OF AMOUNT OF FUNDING ALLOCATED TO WESTON COMMISION OF ART](#)

PDF: [4.2.11 SUPPORT ARTISTS](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 COMMIT DEDICATED FUNDING TO THE ARTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 INCLUDE ARTS AND CULTURE IN PUBLICLY AVAILABLE MUNICIPAL MARKETING.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.10 SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY \(1\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: "4.1.1.d A copy of the plan for maintaining and updating the tourism and cultural asset resource" is a document explaining the plan for maintaining and updating the tourism and cultural asset resource, "4.2.11 Support Artists" is a document with a description of a scholarship program in Weston that supports student artists and hyperlink that goes to Weston Art's webpage about it. Various ways in which the town of Weston has committed dedicated funding to the arts are listed and described in "4.2.3 Commit dedicated funding to the arts.pdf." The document also includes screenshots from the Weston Arts website. Page one of "4.2.2 Include Arts and Culture in Publicly Available Municipal Marketing.pdf" contains a list of the websites that are often and accurately updated to alert people of art events and programs and promote them. The following pages contain marketing examples of recent events from these sites. "4.2.10 Support Arts and Cultural Activities at the Library (1).pdf" describes, supported by links and images, recent and ongoing arts and culture events/activities that take place at or are sponsored by the library.

Partners: Weston Arts is a volunteer nonprofit affiliated with the town with the mission to advance the arts in the community. The First Selectman is on the board of the organization as a bridge between the town and the non-profit. The non-profit bolsters the towns efforts by providing grants that further the arts in the schools (instrument donations, support for theater programs, renovation of space) and the rest of the community (music lessons for children in need, concerts, and events). Further the organization holds events in conjunction with Lachat Farm (the town owned farm) where local artists are showcased.

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 Land Use Policies (5 points) 5.3.4 Hold a Farmer Forum (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.DEVELOPCOMMUNITYGARDENS_LACHATTOWNFARMGARDEN](#)

WORD: [5.3.1 WESTON ZONING REGULATION POLICY](#)

PDF: [5.3.2 PROOF OF AGRICULTURAL USE OF MUNICIPAL LAND](#)

WORD: [5.3.6 PROOF OF PHOTOS AND OUTREACH FOR LACHAT COMMUNITY GARDEN](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 ADOPT LAND USE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS THAT PROMOTE AND SUPPORT ACTIVE AGRICULTURAL USES \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [5.3.4 HOLD A FARMER FORUM.PDF](#)

Partners: None

Additional Information: Lachat Town Farm Garden: <http://www.lachattownfarm.org/feature-gardens.html>

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.1 Inventory Resources, (5 points) 5.5.2 Viability of Assets, (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.5.2 JARVIS OFFICE BUILDING VIABILITY](#)

WORD: [5.5.2 COLEY HOMESTEAD VIABILITY](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 NORFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 BRADLEY EDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 KETTLE CREEK HISTORIC DISTRICT](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 ASPETUCK HISTORIC DISTRICT](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 LACHAT FARM STRUCTURAL CONDITIONS INSPECTION AND REPORT.PDF](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 HISTORIC ASSET INVENTORY](#)

Documentation Details: From the document titled "5.5.1 Inventory Resources and Viability of Assets", the four sites listed (the Historic Districts)- each document titled "X Historic District Information" relates to each site specifically showing documentation, maps, exact locations/number of buildings, work done, their benefits to the community, and more. 5.5.2 Three Viability assessments included

Partners: 5.5.1 (inventory of historic buildings): assistance from Weston Historical Society. 5.5.2 (Viability of Assets): assessments completed by Kevcor engineers.

Additional Information: N/A

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.1 Complete Streets Team (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1.4. WESTON SIDEWALKS AND STREET IMPROVEMENT "BLUEPRINT"](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.4 WESTON POCD STANDARD BICYCLE LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.4 WESTON POCD LOCAL BICYCLE LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.4 WESTON POCD PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION PLAN.JPG](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1.3 Document contains proof of it being distributed along with the complete streets policy, etc. 6.1.1 A list of members of the Complete Streets Team: Committee webpage is linked below: <https://www.westonct.gov/government/boards-commissions/appointed/weston-bicycle-pedestrian-select-committee> Agenda and meeting minutes can also be found on that link. 6.1.4 Weston POCD Standard Bicycle Level of Service Analysis - taken from the 2020 POCD 6.1.4 Weston POCD Local Bicycle Level of Service Analysis - taken from the 2020 POCD 6.1.4 Weston POCD Local Bicycle Level of Service Analysis - taken from the 2020 POCD

Partners: 6.1.3: None 6.1.4: None

Additional Information: 6.1.4 Rolling credit - 1 New Action Credit for updated documents in 2020 POCD adopted by Planning and Zoning commission. For the entire document please see below: <https://www.westonct.gov/government/boards-commissions/elected/planning-zoning-commission> The new pedestrian sidewalks are in progress.

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.4 Assessment of where ZEV charging infrastructure is needed in Weston (5 points); created 6/24/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.4.4 ASSESSMENTOFZEV](#)

WORD: [6.4.1 APRIL 2021 MINUTES SWTC.DOCX](#)

Partners: 6.4.1 (ZEV promotional event): EV Club of CT

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.3 Conduct a bicycle and/or pedestrian audit, 12/1/18 6.5.2 - Conduct a bicycle education program that teaches participants how to safely operate their bicycles in varied settings and improve bicycle riding and handling skills. To receive credit, the program must go beyond being an informational event and include an experiential, on-bicycle component. 6.5.1 - Promote Other mobility strategies (5 points) 6.5.6 - Provide shared mobility services, such as by having your municipality partner with a bicycle-share service or an electric car-share service. Other shared mobility services will be considered if financially supported by the municipality.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.5.1 EDUCATINGALTERNATIVEROUTES](#)

PDF: [6.5.4 BICYCLE PLAN](#)

IMAGE: [6.5.2 VALLEY FORGE DAY 2021](#)

PDF: [6.5.6 LETTER.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.5.1 Educating Alternative Routes 6.5.4 Bicycle plan 6.5.2 Valley Forge Day - The town closes the entire stretch of Valley Forge Road to allow pedestrians and cyclists to explore safely <https://www.westonct.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/1370/196> 6.5.6 Letter detailing shared mobility services

Partners: 6.5.2 (bicycle education program): Parks and Recreation Department 6.5.1 (Educate residents via existing regional mobility managers, websites, and social media apps about alternative routes and transportation methods) and 6.5.6 (Provide shared mobility services): Weston Senior Center

Additional Information: 6.5.3 Conduct a bicycle and/or pedestrian audit 6.5.2 - Conduct a bicycle education program that teaches participants how to safely operate their bicycles in varied settings and improve bicycle riding and handling skills. To receive credit, the program must go beyond being an informational event and include an experiential, on-bicycle component. 6.5.1 - Promote Other mobility strategies 6.5.6 - Provide shared mobility services, such as by having your municipality partner with a bicycle-share service or an electric car-share service. Other shared mobility services will be considered if financially supported by the municipality.

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.6 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.6.2b Convert Municipally-Owned Streetlights (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

[7.6.2.A](#)

EXCEL: [STREET LIGHT INVENTORY](#)

EXCEL: [NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [7.6.2.B \(STREET LIGHT CONVERSION CONTRACT\)](#)

PDF: [7.6.2.B \(STREET LIGHT CONVERSION PAYMENTS\)](#)

Documentation Details: Document "7.6.2.a" is the email exchange between Weston's town administrator and an Eversource representative. As seen in the emails, the process with Eversource began in October of 2017 and was completed in May of 2020. An official order has been filed with Eversource. Document "7.6.2.b (Street Light Conversion Contract)" is a contract between Weston and Real Term Energy for the streetlight conversion process. "7.6.2.b (Street Light Conversion PAYMENTS)" is a list of the payments from Real Term Energy Conversions.

Partners: 7.6.2.b: Real Term Energy helped us complete the conversion of streetlights to LEDs.

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.1.1.A SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS SUPPORTING DOCUMENT1](#)

PDF: [8.1.1.B SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS LACHAT FARM EVENTS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)

EXCEL: [8.1. SW EVENTS TRACKING DOC UPDATED 8.21.2021.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: 8.1_SW Events Tracking Doc is a spreadsheet that records the sustainability events hosted since 2019 by Sustainable Weston and its partners, per the requirements for the submission. Document entitled "8.1.1.b Sustainability Events Lachat Farm Events Supporting Documents" provides more information the opportunities present at the monthly Farmer's Market in Weston. Document entitled "8.1.1.a Sustainability Events Supporting Document" provides advertisement and more information on some of the sustainability events listed on the Excel spreadsheet.

Partners: Citizens Campaign, HRRRA (Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority) NRWA (Norwalk River Watershed Association, Inc.) Aspetuck Land Trust Weston Garden Club Lachat Town Farm Sustainable Weston. Weston staff members dedicated their time to helping plan the events, including the program details, promotional/ marketing efforts, and other logistics.

Additional Information: All events listed are free to the public. Link to sustainability events in Weston at the Lachat Farm: <http://www.lachattownfarm.org/farmers-market.php> Sustainable Weston's Instagram (@Sustainable_Weston) and Facebook (@SustainableWeston) often post information about upcoming and current sustainability events.

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

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.4 CMF Projects, Lachat Giving Garden. (5 points), Sustainable Weston 2021 Intern Fundraiser (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [8.4 GG VOLUNTEERS](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 GG PRODUCE](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 GG PLANTING BLUEBERRIES](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 GG PREP WORK](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 PP INTERACTIVE MAP JUNE 2020.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 PP CHEMICAL FREE LAWN EVENT 05.05.19.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 PP HES WORK DAY MAY 2020.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 4.11.19 PROTECT OUR POLLINATORS TALK .JPG](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 PP OUTREACH - 2019 MEM DAY PARADE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [8.4 PP OUTREACH AT WESTON AGAINST CANCER EVENT JUNE 2019.JPG](#)

EXCEL: [8.4 SUBMISSION TEMPLATE.XLSX](#)

IMAGE: [INTERN JAMIE SEMAYA AT NATIVE PLANT OUTREACH EVENT MAY 2021.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [INTERN JAMIE SEMAYA AT LACHAT OUTREACH EVENT JUNE 2021.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [INTERN JAMIE SEMAYA AT GG AUGUST 2021.JPG](#)

Documentation Details:

GIVING GARDEN Funded via Sustainable CT Matching Fund

<https://ioby.org/project/lachat-giving-garden> Weekly Opportunities to volunteer and learn how to grow your own food. Produce is donated to the Weston Food Pantry & Local Charities assisting with food insecurity. For Photos and more submission back up information, please visit the Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1206573973017168> POLLINATOR PATHWAY GARDENS Community gardens on town property that are maintained by members of the Weston Garden Club Monthly volunteer opportunities and several education events each year. To find out more about the Weston Pollinator Pathway, click here <https://www.facebook.com/WestonPollinatorPathway/> & <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/weston> in 2020, 4 pollinator gardens were Funded via Sustainable CT Matching Fund Town pollinator gardens: Hurlbutt Elementary School Weston Middle School Onion Barn Lachat Town Farm Jarvis Parks and rec building Bisceglie Playpark

Partners: 8.4 Giving Garden Partners include Lachat Town Farm, Weston Garden Club, and the Master Gardening program at UConn Weston Food Pantry, Weston Social Services, Person to Person Norwalk receives the fresh food donations. 8.4 PP Garden partners include The Pollinator Pathway NorthEast, the Weston Garden Club, The beautification Committee, Lachat Town Farm, the Parks, and Rec department, and the Weston Education Fund. In addition, we invited the following organizations to speak at public outreach events sponsored by the Weston Pollinator Pathway - Aspetuck Land Trust, Protect our Pollinators in Newtown, Wildlife in Crisis, Christine's Critters, The CT Audubon society amongst others. 8.4 Intern 2021 partners include Town Administration, Weston Senior Center, Planning and Zoning, Lachat Town Farm, Weston Historical Society, Parks and Recreation, Tree Warden.

Additional Information: So far this year, the giving garden has provided 727lbs of fresh food to food-insecure neighbors. Since its inception, it has donated 1827lbs. The volunteer leaders also collect eggs and excess produce from local farms. So far this year, the Weston Pollinator Pathway has signed up almost 200 households to the Pollinator Pathway. These households have pledged to avoid all chemicals, plant more native plants, reduce their lawn size, and rethink their lawn. In doing so, they are providing approx. 400 acres of healthy backyard habitat.

8.5 Collaborate With Other Municipalities

20 Points

Approved Information: 8.5.1 - Mentor to, or seek a mentorship with, other towns on implementation of Sustainable CT actions. (20 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.5_WORKSHEET_1SH.DOCX](#)

WORD: [SCARSDALE COMPOSTING TOUR 11.19.19.DOCX](#)

WORD: [MARCH 2021 MINUTES SWTC.DOCX](#)

WORD: [8.5_WORKSHEET_2SH.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: Through our town's strong ties with our neighbors in Fairfield County and beyond, we are building relationships each year. Our town also participates in the very active Sustainable Fairfield County network. <http://www.livegreenct.org/sustainable-fairfield-county/> 11.19.19 Scarsdale Composting Operation - Report 4.1.20 Earthplace Climate Crisis Talk - <https://www.facebook.com/events/510137339670051> 4.8.21 Westport Wakeman Town Farm Compost Talk - <https://vimeo.com/534886260> 3.17.21 Committee meeting to discuss implementing a tree planting program similar to town of Fairfield.

Partners: 8.5.1 Weston Garden Club, Weston Pollinator Pathway, Wakeman Town Farm, UConn Master Gardener Program, Norwalk River Watershed, Pollinator Pathway NorthEast 8.5.2 Tree Warden, Beautification Committee, Wakeman Town Farm, Westport Pollinator Pathway, Scarsdale Composting, Fairfield Tree and Forestry Commission

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1.a - Create infrastructure to recycle additional materials that Connecticut law has not designated as mandatory recyclable items or under Product Stewardship program (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.3.1.A & C WESTON RECYCLING GUIDE EVIDENCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM FOR EACH NON-MANDATED MATERIAL .PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1.A & C WESTON RECYCLING GUIDE 2020.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1.B. AGREEMENT WITH BAY STATE TEXTILES. PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.3.1.a - infrastructure to recycle additional materials that Connecticut law has not designated as mandatory recyclable items. -> Textiles -> Page 1 -> <https://www.westonct.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/388/637200029719700000> (10 Points) -> Food & beverage cartoons -> <https://www.westonct.gov/government/municipal-departments/transfer-station> (10 Points) -> Junk Mail -> <https://www.westonct.gov/government/municipal-departments/transfer-station> (10 Points) -> Plastic Container -> <https://www.westonct.gov/government/municipal-departments/transfer-station> (10 Points) -> Items under Product Stewardship program -> Household Covered Electronic Devices -> Page 2-> <https://www.westonct.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/388/637200029719700000> (10 Points) 9.3.1.b -> Agreement with Bay State Textiles 9.3.1.c -> Weston Recycling guide 2019 and 2020 plus the following websites - <https://www.westonct.gov/government/municipal-departments/transfer-station> - <https://www.westonct.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/388/637200029719700000> - <https://www.westonct.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/1549/637305869082130000>

Partners: 9.3.1.a (partnership letter): Bay State Textiles 9.3.1.b (partnership letter): Bay State Textiles

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.4 -> Campaigns to prevent excessive idling of motor vehicles with photographs of signage.docx (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.3.4 CAMPAIGNS TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF SIGNAGE.DOCX](#)

WORD: [10.3.1 GATHERED LOCAL AND REGIONAL DATA ON TOBACCO USE IN THE COMMUNITY V2.0 .DOCX](#)

WORD: [10.3.2 NAMES OF THE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS ABOUT SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE REDUCTION V2.0.DOCX](#)

WORD: [10.3.3 ADOPTED POLICIES DESIGNED TO REDUCE TOBACCO USE IN THE MUNICIPALITY V2.0.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 10.3.1 -> Gathered local and regional data on tobacco use Source: National Air Toxics Assessment estimate of health risks from toxic air pollutants. EPA released 2019 <https://www.bestplaces.net/health/zip-code/connecticut/weston/06883> 10.3.2 -> Names of the educational events and campaigns about smoking and tobacco use reduction from 2019 onward. 10.3.3. -> the list of policies and rules implemented to reduce tobacco use in the municipality 10.3.4 -> Campaigns to prevent excessive idling of motor vehicles with photographs of signage at different locations.

Partners: 10.3.2-> - Weston High School - Weston Middle School Library 10.3.3-> - Weston High School - Weston Middle School Library - Weston Public Library 10.3.4-> - Hurlbut Elementary School - Weston Intermediate School - Weston High School - Weston Middle School Library - Weston Public Library

Additional Information: N/A

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:

IMAGE: [10.4.1 LACHAT GIVING GARDEN](#)

IMAGE: [10.4.1 JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS AT THE GIVING GARDEN](#)

Documentation Details: 10.4.1 Local Farming / Growing Community Options in town: 1. Lachat Giving Garden - Giving Garden: "grow to give" describes how to engage volunteers to grow organic fruit and vegetables for neighbors facing food insecurity and to grow to produce for the Weston Food Pantry. - Funded via Sustainable CT Matching Fund - <https://ioby.org/project/lachat-giving-garden> - Weekly Opportunities to volunteer and learn how to grow your own food. - Produce is donated to the Weston Food Pantry & Local Charities assisting with food insecurity. - For Photos and more submission backup information, please visit the Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1206573973017168> - Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces. Lachat Town Farm <https://www.lachattownfarm.org/about.php#modal6> 2. Lachat Town Farm Community Garden - Community garden plots available to all residents - describes what's being grown, how the residents are connected, awareness, and how to access it. - For more information please visit the Lachat Town Farm website - <https://www.lachattownfarm.org/about.php#modal6> - Programs: <https://www.lachattownfarm.org/index.php#scrollevents>: it shows the whole year long of different programs to engage residents 3. Weston Pollinator Pathway Community Gardens Community gardens on town property that are maintained by members of the Weston Garden Club Monthly volunteer opportunities and several education events each year. To find out more about the Weston Pollinator Pathway, click here <https://www.facebook.com/WestonPollinatorPathway/> in 2020, 4 pollinator gardens were Funded via Sustainable CT Matching Fund <https://ioby.org/project/pollinator-pathway-gardens-weston>

Partners: 10.4.1 -> - Wells Hill Farm, - Weston Kiwanis, - Sustainable CT, - Whole Foods, - the New England Grassroots Environment Fund, - the Weston Progress Fund - Builders Beyond Borders - Green Village Initiatives - Weston High School seniors - Weston Education Fund - Weston Garden Club - Global Preservation Society - Aspetuck Land Trust - Norwalk River Watershed - Pollinator Pathway NorthEast - Weston Pollinator Pathway

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

40 Points

Approved Information: 2021: 11.1.2. Community's Housing Data Profile (10 Points) 11.1.3. Affordable Housing Plan (25 Points) 11.1.4. AFP Distribution (5 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [11.1.2. WESTON HOUSING DATA PROFILE ANALYSIS BY PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES 2018](#)

WORD: [11.1.4 PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA WITH HOUSING PRESENTATION](#)

WORD: [11.1.2 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#)

WORD: [11.1.2 GUIDE TO HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#)

[11.1.2 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 WESTON HOUSING DATA PROFILE ANALYSIS BY PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES 2018](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.3. PROOF OF EMAIL SENT DEPARTMENT HEADS \(2019\)](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.1 PRINT SCREEN FOR THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMES/TITLE](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.1. PROMOTIONAL EMAIL TO TOWN RESIDENTS TO JOIN P&Z'S PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON AN AHP - APRIL 2021.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.1. PROMOTIONAL EMAIL TO RESIDENTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY APRIL 2021.PNG](#)

PDF: [11.2 IVA MOORE COTTAGE ON DEER RUN TRAIL LEASE WITH VIRGINIA IRWIN FOR 2020 THRU 2022.PDF](#)

WORD: [11.1.3.. WORKSHEET_3 8.23.2021.DOCX](#)

PDF: [11.1.3. ZONINGREGULATIONSOFTHETOWNOFWESTON 2018.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.1. EMAIL FROM KENNETH EDGAR, CHAIR P&Z COMMISSION, RE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN PROCESS AUG 2021.PNG](#)

PDF: [11.1.2. WESTON COMMUNITY HOUSING DATA PROFILE 2020.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1.2. WESTONAFFORDABLEHOUSINGPLAN DATAANALYSIS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT MARCH 2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1.1. P&Z PUBLIC ZOOM WORKSHOP ON AFP APRIL 19 2021.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.4. PZC MINUTES ADOPTING 2021 AHP ON 08.02.2021.PNG](#)

WORD: [11.1.3. WESTON 2020 POCD ADOPTED 2020 \(WEBLINK\).DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 2019: 11.1.: Housing data profile, analysis, and presentation accessed 05/31/2019 (10 points) - Weston Housing Committee members <https://www.westonct.gov/government/boards-commissions/elected/planning-zoning-commission> 2021: 11.1.1. Print screen for the committee members 11.1.1. Email from Chairman of P&Z/AH Committee, Kenneth to Sustainability Committee re Committee and process 11.1.1. Promotional email to residents for Affordable Housing survey April 2021 11.1.1. Promotional email to town residents to join P&Z's Public Workshop on an AHP - April 2021 11.1.1. P&Z Public Zoom Workshop on AFP April 19 2021.pdf 11.1.2. Weston Community Housing Data Profile 2020 11.1.2. Weston Affordable Housing Plan Data Analysis and Needs Assessment March 2021 11.1.3. Worksheet_3 8.23.2021 with references to: 11.1.3. Weston Affordable Housing Plan 2021 Adopted 11.1.3. Zoning Regulations of the Town of Weston 2018 11.1.3. Weston POCD Adopted 2020 11.1.4. PZC Minutes adopting 2021 AHP on 08.02.2021.png

Partners: Plan Consultant: SLR International Corporation Funding for this plan was made possible in part by a grant from the Connecticut Department of Housing

Additional Information: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Weston-Connecticut.html>

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

25 Points

Approved Information: 13.1: (1) Weston's recognition as a 2019 Green School recipient through the CT Green LEAF Schools Program (15 points), and (2) Bring-your-own reusable bag campaign (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [CT GREEN LEAF COMMITMENT](#)

PDF: [GREEN RIBBON NOMINATION](#)

PDF: [EDADVANCE PRESS RELEASE](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF WESTON SUSTAINABLE ACTION ITEM 10.1](#)

PDF: [WHS GREEN LEAF ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GREEN RIBBON HIGHLIGHTS](#)

PDF: [WESTON TODAY ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [BAG BAN ORDINANCE](#)

WORD: [OVERVIEW OF BAG BAN](#)

WORD: [TOWN GREEN OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [TOWN GREEN PROPOSAL](#)

IMAGE: [SUSTAINABLE WESTON INTERNSHIP](#)

PDF: [INTERNSHIP GRANT APPLICATION](#)

WORD: [INTERNSHIP OFFER LETTER](#)

PDF: [INTERNSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION 2021](#)

IMAGE: [INTERNSHIP PROJECT APPROVAL](#)

PDF: [REUSABLE BAG PRICING ESTIMATES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES \(BAG MOVEMENT\)](#)

IMAGE: [BYO BAG GOALS \(BAG MOVEMENT\)](#)

IMAGE: [BYO BAG FLIER \(BAG MOVEMENT\)](#)

IMAGE: [BRING YOUR OWN BAG EDUCATIONAL PIECE \(BAG MOVEMENT\)](#)

Documentation Details: Documents Listed Above are self-explanatory and easily navigated. Relevant information in US Department of Education Green Ribbon Highlights appears at page 35.

Partners: Weston High School Administration; Weston High School – Green Team Student Club. Weston Sustainability Committee (WSC)