



## Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Cheshire, a Sustainable CT bronze certified applicant.

Cheshire was certified on October 31, 2022 with 265 points. Listed below is information regarding Cheshire's Sustainable CT efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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## Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Cheshire was approved for in 2022 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

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.1 Complete the Sustainable CT Equity Toolkit for Action 9.4 (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: [1.1.1 ACTION 9.4 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY NARRATIVE.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** 1.1.1: A narrative of how the project submitted for action item 9.4 took on an equity lens

**Partners:** 9.4 and 8.1 Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire - Cheshire Compost Task Force (CCTF) organizer and participant 9.4.2 and 8.1 Cheshire Public Library - hosted compost distribution 10/16/2020 9.4 Cheshire Pod(Cast) - education/promotion of composting and compost bin fundraiser 9.4 and 8.1 Friends of Boulder Knoll Farm (Cheshire Community Garden) - CCTF participant 9.4 and 8.1 Bartlem Community Garden (Cheshire Community Garden) - CCTF participant 9.4 and 8.1 Eco-Justice Council - St. Peter's Episcopal Church - CCTF participant 9.4 and 8.1 First Congregational Church - CCTF participant

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### 1.2 Participate in Equity Training

10 Points

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

**Documentation Details:** Attendees: Winter 2021- 2/25, 3/9, 3/30 Jennifer Dillon, Member of Cheshire Sustainability Team & Member of Inlands Wetlands Commission Fall 2021 - 10/5, 10/28, 11/23 - Arnett Talbot, Assistant Town Manager, Cheshire Summer 2022- 8/4, 8/25, 9/14 - Jim Jinks, Town Council Member (Note that this session is occurring during the submission deadline)

**Partners:** 1.2.1- As per the guidelines a municipal staff member, an elected official, and town volunteer all attended the training.

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## 2. Thriving Local Economies

## 2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.1.1 Brownfield Inventory (5 points) 2.1.2 Brownfield Inventory Map (5 points) 2.1.4 Brownfield Grant proposal (10 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

**WORD:** [2.1.4 - HISTORY OF BALL AND SOCKET ARTS AND THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE](#)

**PDF:** [2.1.4 - BALL AND SOCKET ARTS VISION](#)

**PDF:** [2.1.4 - BALL AND SOCKET CLEAN UP GRANT APP \\$750,000](#)

**PDF:** [2.1.4 - B & S PRE - APP FOR GRANT - 2020](#)

**WORD:** [2.1.8 - SUMMARY - REMEDIATE A BROWNFIELD SITE - HOUSING.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [2.1.8 - DEEP LIST OF CHESHIRE CONTAMINATED PROPERTIES .PDF](#)

**IMAGE:** [2.1.8 - TOWN APPROVAL OF HOUSING ON SITE.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [2.1.8 - ARCHITECT'S RENDERING OF BUILDINGS 1.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [2.1.8 - ARCHITECTS RENDERING OF BUILDINGS 2.JPG](#)

**WORD:** [2.1.2 BROWNFIELD MAP LINK](#)

**EXCEL:** [2.1.1 BROWNFIELD INVENTORY SPREADSHEET](#)

**IMAGE:** [2.1.2 BROWNFIELD MAP SCREENSHOT](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2.1.4 - These four documents exhibit the ongoing work and partnership between the Town of Cheshire and Ball and Socket Arts. Far beyond a simple application to clean up the only significant brownfield site in town, these documents demonstrate real and ongoing support by the town for Ball and Socket Arts and the arts community. 2.1.8 - The document entitled Summary gives a brief overview of the remediation project being submitted for consideration. 2.1.8 DEEP list shows the property listed at hand here on the state list of contaminated properties within the municipality. The three jpgs are of the official town approval of this project and two of the building plans for the housing at the former Sunoco site. 2.1.1 Brownfield inventory spreadsheet information provided by NVCOG. 2.1.2 Brownfield inventory map link and screenshot. 2.1.8 Recently received State grant to begin Phase 2.

**Partners:** 2.1.4 - The town took all the steps necessary to apply for the various grants - Ball and Socket Arts was a partner in the process supporting the effort in any way necessary. Members of the community have regularly donated to Ball and Socket Arts, demonstrating their support of the project. 2.1.8 - The town was very supportive of the clean up efforts on the site and obviously were very pleased to have an eye sore removed and attractive new housing constructed. 2.1.8 Recently received state funding to begin Phase 2. 2.1.1 Worked with Sustainable CT Fellow to get NVCOG Brownfield Data. 2.1.2 Received assistance from Sustainable CT Fellow on creating an ArcGIS Map with brownfield sites.

**Additional Information:** 2.1.4 Given the steadfast support of the town for the Ball and Socket Arts project, which has been ongoing for nearly a decade, it is very likely that Ball and Socket Arts project will in the future contribute to action item 4.2. The Ball and Socket Arts project initiative has been framed as a collaborative arts-oriented project from the beginning. 2.1.8 - As noted above, the town was very supportive of the clean-up efforts and the restoration of the property to productive use.

## 2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.3.2 - Develop Implement and Maintain an ongoing buy local campaign - (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

**WORD:** [2.3.2 - BUY LOCAL WORKSHEET](#)

**PDF:** [2.3.2 BUY LOCAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2.3.2 Worksheet: This explains the basics of the program. (I do not think the links to the videos in the worksheet are functional - you will probably need to go to the Town of Cheshire website to find the active links to the videos) Supporting materials include local newspaper advertisements and copies of the "shop local" and "eat local" signs distributed to merchants in town

**Partners:** 2.3.2 - Cheshire Chamber of Commerce , Bozzuto's Inc (they donated the videographer and editing time and facilities to produce the videos), Town of Cheshire Economic Development Commission

**Additional Information:** This is just the latest program that is a collaboration between the Town of Cheshire Economic Development Commission and the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce - these groups work together regularly on issues of importance to the town.

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## 3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

### 3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.1.1a: Provide Watershed Education (5 points) Overview of education program and one example of materials

**Supporting Documentation:**

**WORD:** [3.1.1A WATERSHED EDUCATION MILL RIVER TALK OCT 22 2019.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [3.1.1A WATERSHED EDUCATION MILL RIVER FLIER-REVISED.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 3.1.1a River Talk is the description as shared in local papers for the watershed education event. The 3.1.1a Flier is an infographic on the Mill River that was distributed at the event.

**Partners:** 3.1.1a Watershed Education Talk, Hosted by Save the Sound and Cheshire Land Trust. Presented in partnership with Mill River Watershed Association, Cheshire Historical Society and Town of Cheshire Public Library.

## 3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.2.1 Conduct a Watershed Management Inventory (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [3.2.1 FINAL\\_MILL-RIVER-WATERSHED-MANAGEMENT-PLAN\\_MAINBODY\\_COMPRESSED.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.2.1 ABC MILL RIVER WATERSHED PAGES CHESHIRE.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 3.2.1 - The attached plan is a comprehensive document that fully addresses all parts of 3.2.1 in regards to the Mill River Watershed area 3.2.1- a, b, and c. The attached document lists the page numbers for the maps and tables for 3.2.1 a, b, and c

**Partners:** 3.2.1 - The attached plan represents the results of a regional collaborative effort between the Mill River Watershed Coalition and multiple stakeholders including: Carl Amento, South Central Region Council of Governments Rebecca Andreucci, South Central Region Council of Governments Mark Austin, Hamden Town Engineer Bill Brown, Eli Whitney Museum Aaron Budris, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments Kim Digiovanni, Quinnipiac University Sean Duffy, Quinnipiac University/Albert Schweitzer Institute Alex Felson, Director, Yale Urban Ecology & Design Mark Foran, Whitneyville Civic Association Dawn Henning, City of New Haven Engineering Daniel W. Kops, Hamden Town Planner Elsa Loehmann, Cheshire Land Trust JR Logan, Mill River Trail Advocates Chris Malik, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Connie Matheson, Whitneyville Civic Association Kevin McCarthy, Friends of East Rock Park/Mill River Trail Advocates Mary Mushinsky, River Advocates of South Central Connecticut Pamela Roach, Cheshire Land Trust Nancy Rosebalm, Hamden Land Trust Joy Vanderlek, Cheshire Land Trust Ron Walters, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Aicha Woods, New Haven City Planning Anthony Zemba, Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. Gary Zrelak, Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority Other Involved Stakeholders Gabe Benoit, Yale FES Professor, Hixon Center Director Rebecca Bombero, Director of New Haven Parks, Recreation, and Trees Lee Cruz, Community Foundation of Greater New Haven Matthew Davis, Town of Hamden Assistant Town Planner Kathy Fay, Neighborhood Housing Services Joe Gerhard, Author, Photographer: Mill River (2011) Aaron Goode, New Haven Green Fund Florence S. McBride, Filmmaker: The Mill River—Water and Wildlife Mill River Streamwalk Volunteers Nick Motmans, Cheshire Land Trust Suzanne Simone, Town of Cheshire Environmental Planner Town of Bethany Town of North Haven Town of Prospect Town of Wallingford Eliza Valk, Reed Hilderbrand Whitneyville Civic Association Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, City of New Haven Mill River Watershed Based Plan Save the Sound/Connecticut Fund for the Environment Gwen Macdonald, Director of Green Projects Kevin Dahms, Green Infrastructure Project Manager Anna Marshall, Green Projects Associate Annalisa Paltauf, Green Project Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator Nicole Davis, Mill River Watershed Coordinator Jon Vander Werff, Seasonal Fisheries Biologist Kendall Barberry, Emeritus Consultant – Fuss & O’Neill, Inc. Erik Mas, P.E; Julianne Busa, Ph.D.; Stefan Bengtson, MSc; Phil Cassidy

### 3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.4.3 Develop an Open Space Plan (10 points) 3.4.4d Establish an Open Space Acquisition Fund (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [3.4.3 OPEN SPACE PLAN CHESHIRE-POCD-2016-AS-AMENDED-2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 WORKSHEET DEVELOP AN OPEN SPACE PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.4D CHESHIRE OPEN SPACE FUND.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 REVIEWING AND AMENDING PLANNING AND ZONING MARCH 2019.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 3.4.3 Open Space Plan: This document is Cheshire's Plan of Conservation and Development. The Natural Resources and Open Space portion begins on page 38. This document was effective on July 1, 2016, but amended and approved on March 25, 2019 and effective April 1, 2019. 3.4.3 Worksheet: Required documentation with page number guide. 3.4.4d This document shows Cheshire's monetary commitment to open space for FY 2021. 3.4.3 Reviewing and Amending Planning and Zoning March 2019 - These are the minutes from the March 25, 2019 Planning and Zoning meeting that lists all of the members of P&Z, and then on page 2, Section VII Item 1 shows that P&Z, after considering comments from SCROGS, the Public and more, updates the POCD not only to enhance the economic base, but to recognize the aquifer protection areas. Added specifically in response to reviewer feedback 2021.

**Partners:** The Town of Cheshire's Town Council used resources available from the CT DEEP to produce this plan, as well as its own Planning Department. Insights were provided by a Community Survey with more than 200 responses. Guidance was taken from the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments 2008 Regional Plan and the 2013-2018 Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan For Connecticut prepared by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. The update of 2019 was made after input from Cheshire Town Council, The Cheshire Economic Development Commission, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) and members of the general public.

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### 3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.8.3.a - Develop and Implement a LID Demonstration Project with signage in a high-visibility location (5 points) - Completed Fall 2019

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2.8.3 BYAM-ROAD-FIRESTATION-RAINGARDEN-CONSTRUCTION-COMPRESSED.PDF](#)

**Partners:** UCONN Clear worked with the Town of Cheshire to construct this rain garden demonstration project. UCONN Clear coordinated with Cheshire's Public Works Department to identify and evaluate eligible municipal lands and manage the installation.

## 3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.12.1 Provide Education to Residents on improving pollinator habitat (5 points)  
3.12.2 Create pollinator gardens and educate the public about the important of pollinators (15 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

**WORD:** [3.12.1 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS PROVIDE EDUCATION TO IMPROVE POLLINATOR HABITAT.DOCX](#)

**WORD:** [3.12.1 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS PROVIDE EDUCATION RESOURCES LIST.DOCX](#)

**IMAGE:** [3.12.1 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS PROVIDE EDUCATION PHOTO.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [3.12.2 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS CREATE GARDENS PHOTOS OF GARDEN.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [3.12.2 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS CREATE GARDENS PHOTO OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [3.12.2 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS CREATE GARDENS FLIER PG 1.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [3.12.2 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS CREATE GARDENS FLIER P2.JPG](#)

**Documentation Details:** The first document describes three presentations on pollinators and the importance of native plants (and much more) between February 18, 2020 and November 11, 2020. The first one was in-person, the other two were virtual. The first presentation had 85 attendees, the last had over 60. Time for question and answer at each presentation. Photo attached is of the crowd at the first presentation (which was on a cold rainy night in February!). The first presentation was a power point we created ourselves. The third document is a resources list we compiled and handed out in February. The photos are of our garden, some of our promotional materials, and details of our flier.

**Partners:** 3.12.1 Pollinator Pathways, provide education: Partnered with Cheshire Land Trust to raise funds, and with First Congregational Church of Cheshire Outreach Committee for space for talk/ AV assistance, Partnered with Hamden Land Conservation Trust and Southington Land Trust to sponsor Dr. Tallamy's talk on line. 3.12.2 Pollinator Pathways, create a garden: Town of Cheshire generously gave permission for Pollinator Pathway garden to be on Town Property next to the Heritage Rail Trail (a very high profile spot). Talked to Cheshire Nursery about importance of having native species available to gardeners for purchase. They also donated many plants. Had many volunteers clear land, donate, plant and water throughout the hot summer (including people from Abilities without Boundaries). Grants were submitted and awarded from Honees Cough Drops, Generation Prime, the Outreach Committee of the First Congregational Church of Cheshire, and the Sarah M. Ferguson Foundation through the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Additional volunteers include members of the Cheshire Land Trust, First Congregational Church of Cheshire, Cheshire residents, the Coalition for a Sustainable Cheshire, Abilities without Boundaries, Cheshire Academy, Sheehan High School, Wallingford, and Cheshire High School. Donors of labor and products include Bill and Rick Beebe of Cheshire Nursery, Nicholas Motmans, EZ Tree Service, and Kyle Cipully Landscaping. Additionally, the Cheshire Fire Department fills our water tank as needed during the summer months.

**Additional Information:** This is a serious pollinator garden, with native spring ephemerals, native perennials and native shrubs. We also plant bright, attractive annuals along the roadside end of the garden. These attract pollinators, and also show the public that gardens that help pollinators can be attractive. The garden is essentially complete, with just a few additional plants and tweaks to come, such as more ephemerals and attractive fencing. We do also have a large water tank in place during the growing season, which is filled as needed by the Cheshire Fire Department. We are now working on getting approval to install another native garden not far from this one.



### 3.13 Promote Dark Skies

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.13.1: Promote Dark Skies Public Education (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [3.13.1 DARK SKIES DESCRIPTION OF LIGHT POLLUTION TALK.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.13.1 DARK SKIES EDUCATION FLIERS DISTRIBUTED AT 3 EVENTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.13.1 DARK SKIES EDUCATION PUBLICITY WRITE UP PRIOR.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.13.1 DARK SKIES EDUCATION SPEAKERLEOSMITHCV.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.13.1 DARK SKIES LIGHTPOLLUTIONPOSTWRITEUP.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** We had been hoping to have a Dark Skies presentation in town since before the Pandemic hit, and we did our best to generate interest ahead of time. We passed out the fliers at the Cheshire Fall Festival in September and at our first ever Sustainability Fair in October. We also had write-ups in the local paper before and after the event.

**Partners:** 3.13.1 Dark Skies Education: This event was funded by Friends of the Cheshire Public Library and co-sponsored by The Cheshire Public Library and The Coalition for a Sustainable Cheshire.

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## 4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

## 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.2.2 - Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (printed or web-based) 4.2.3 - Commit dedicated funding to the arts. Funding may be directed at an Arts Office, as part of the municipal budget, etc.. 4.2.5 - Establish a Cultural Arts Office or Culture Department/Council 4.2.10 - Support arts and cultural activities offered at your local library (3 actions for 10 pts and 5pts for each additional subaction = 15pts)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.2 - SUPPORT ARTS & CREATIVE CULTURE - TOWN WEBSITE MARKETING.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 - SUPPORT ARTS AND CREATIVE CULTURE - ESTABLISH AN ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 - SUPPORT ARTS & CREATIVE CULTURE - FINE ARTS COMMITTEE BUDGET.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.10 - SUPPORT ARTS & CREATIVE CULTURE - LOCAL LIBRARY ART EVENTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.10 - SUPPORT ARTS & CREATIVE CULTURE - LOCAL LIBRARY CALENDAR.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 4.2.2 Town Website: Screenshots of material and information on Artsplace that appears on the Town of Cheshire website 4.2.3 Budget: Town of Cheshire 2020-2021 budget exhibiting municipal funds dedicated to arts 4.2.5: Information on Artsplace written by center director 4.2.10 Library Art Event: Screenshot of specific art focused event offered by the local library 4.2.10: Calendar: Full Library calendar of events from the last year

**Partners:** 4.2.2 Collaboration between Artsplace, Cheshire Public Library, and Town of Cheshire 4.2.3 Collaboration between Artsplace, Cheshire Public Library, and Town of Cheshire 4.2.5 Collaboration between Artsplace, Cheshire Public Library, and Town of Cheshire 4.2.10 Collaboration between Artsplace and Cheshire Public Library

## 5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

## 5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.3.2 Farming on municipal land (5pts), lease updated 1/1/2020

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.3.2 FRIENDS OF BOULDER KNOLL LEASE.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.3. ZONING REGS 2020.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 CONFIRMATION MEMO.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 5.3.1: Current Zoning regulations document of the Town of Cheshire. Originally adopted in 1970 but with amendments through 2012. Section 30 (subparts 21, 22, 23, 24) refers specifically to farming allowances. Cheshire is nicknamed, "The Bedding Plant Capital of Connecticut" for the amount of nursery operations. 5.3.2.: Current land lease document with signatures of Town Manager and Non-Profit President

**Partners:** 5.3.2: The Friends of Boulder Knoll, the operating non-profit of Boulder Knoll farm provided the lease information to us. They are the direct land lessee from the municipality. Friends of Boulder Knoll is a partner organization with the Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire, the group which spearheaded the Sustainable CT municipal resolution.

## 5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

25 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.5.1: Inventory Resources (15 points) 5.5.2: Assess Viability of Assets (10 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.5.2 WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 HDCBROCHURE.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 HDC-REGS-AMENDED-06-05-17.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 HISTORICAL INVENTORY.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 5.5.1 Historical Inventory: A spreadsheet with assets, history and viability 5.5.1 hdcbrochure: Brochure of the two Cheshire Historical Districts featuring maps and building photos 5.5.1 hdc-regs-amended: Town of Cheshire Historic Commission Regulations 5.5.2 Worksheet: Required worksheet for one historical asset viability- Bowden Hall at Cheshire Academy

**Partners:** 5.5.1: (inventory assets): This work would not have been possible without extensive partnership help. This included documents from former Town Historian Ron Gagliardi, the Cheshire Historical Society, specifically Board President Diane Calabro, as well as consultation with documents provided publicly by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Historical and Historic District Commission. Additional thanks to Reverend Dr. James Campbell of the First Congregational Church of Cheshire for current information on church maintenance. 5.5.2 (assess viability of historical asset worksheet): The staff of Cheshire Academy provided details on prior work and plans for maintenance of Bowden Hall.

**Additional Information:** The Town of Cheshire has a long and proud historical heritage and has worked over the decades to assess and celebrate this history. In 2004, the town officially established two historic districts, the Cornwall Avenue-Town Center district, and the South Brooksvale district, becoming the 79th CT town to do so. In 2000, the Town of Cheshire created a Cheshire Patriot Trail which was recognized as a Community Millennium Trail by the White House Millennium Council. This small town was also the hometown of Alice Washburn an architect far ahead of her time. During the height of her career in the 1920s, less than 1% of practicing architects were female. The Connecticut chapter of the American Institute of Architects confers a yearly award in her name. In 1990, the Cheshire Historical Society sponsored A Washburn Celebration and had a house tour of all Washburn homes in town. The Cheshire Historical District Commission ensures any and all changes to buildings within the District adhere to strict historical standards for preservation of the areas.

## 6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

## 6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.4.2 Have at least one municipal elected official and/or staff member and/or member of a relevant commission participate in a training related to electrification of municipal vehicles (15 points).

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.4.2 LIVE GREEN - 12 WEEK MODULE OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [6.4.5 CHESHIRE CHARGING STATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.4.5 CHESHIRE CHARGING STATION 2.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.4.5 - CHARGING STATION RESOLUTION-TOWN COUNCIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 INFOGRAPHIC FOR MUNICIPAL EV READINESS TOOLKIT MODULES ATTENDED.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 PAMELA ROACH - SCRCOG INCLUDING CHESHIRE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION WITH DISTINCTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 CHESHIRE EV CONTACT LIST.PDF](#)

WORD: [6.4.5 EV CHARGING STATION OVERVIEW.DOCX](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 SHARING LIVE GREEN MODULE RESOURCES.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 6.4.2 The documents provides a detailed description of the 12 module, Cheshire's EV Contact List, Certificate of Completion (lists Pam Roach as SCRCOG consultant - Pam attended all modules and applied them to and share resources with both Cheshire and SCRCOG municipalities), document 6.4.2 Sharing Live Green Module Resources includes resources shared via email from all 12 modules, infographic lists 12 modules. 6.4.5 The two pdf documents contain pictures of the charging stations located at Big Y Grocery Store in Cheshire. The resolution provides an explanation as to why the Big Y parking lot was selected as the location for this charging station. Only two charging stations were installed not the four previously discussed in the resolution.

**Partners:** 6.4.2 Pam Roach on behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire and the South Central Regional Council of Governments participated in Live Green's 12-Week Program 6.4.5 Town of Cheshire Energy Commission had 2 EV Charging stations installed for public use in the Big Y parking lot

**Additional Information:** 6.4.2 Pam Roach shared information from all 12 modules with relevant municipal employees which included the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Director of Public Works, Chief of Police, Superintendent, Town Planner, Environmental Planner and others--a full contact list is provided in the attached document above. A copy of all email communications sent to all town employees contacted is included in a separate document above--that document details how this information was shared and includes responses detailing how it will be applied.

## 7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

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### 7.6 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.6.2 Municipally Owned Street Light Replacement (15 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [BARTLEM PARK LED UPGRADE.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.6 LETTER FROM PUBLIC WORKS\\_LIGHTING UPGRADE VERIFICATION.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 7.6.3 LED parking lot light upgrade invoice for Bartlem and Cheshire Park (9/2020)

**Partners:** 7.6.3 Efficient Lighting Consultants (<https://www.efficientlightingconsultants.com/>), offers free energy audits for residential, commercial, and municipalities. The town of Cheshire contracted ELC to perform an energy audit and replace older street lamps at two parks with updated LED's

## 8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

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### 8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.1.1 Hold a sustainability event (15 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

EXCEL: [8.1\\_SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS\\_2019-2022\\_CHESHIRE.XLSX](#)

**Documentation Details:** 8.1 The attached "Hold a Sustainability Event" template contains descriptions of 21 events held in Cheshire between February 2019 and May 2022.

**Partners:** 8.1 See the template for a complete list of partners for specific actions--partners included Cheshire Pollinator Pathway, Friends of Boulder Knoll Farm, Mill River Watershed Association, Partnership for Strong Communities, Bike Cheshire, Cheshire Art League, White Memorial Conservation Center, Coalition for a Sustainable Cheshire, Cheshire Land Trust, Save the Sound, UCONN's Natural Conservation Resource's Academy, Cheshire Senior Center, Cheshire Food Pantry, ArtsPlace, Cheshire Public Library, Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, to name but a few.

## 9. Strategic Materials Management

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### 9.4 Reduce and Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.4.2 - Choose one or more target sectors in which to implement a food scraps recovery or food waste prevention program. (15pts)

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: [9.4.1 EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN POSTS AND NEWS COMPOSTING.DOCX](#)

WORD: [9.4 OVERVIEW.DOCX](#)

WORD: [9.4.2 COMPOST BIN PROJECT PATRONICITY.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** 9.4.1 Educational Campaign Posts: This document showcases the social media posts regarding this program as well as print media coverage 9.4 Overview: This document adheres to the action item instructions including targets 9.4.2: Bin Project: An outline of the fundraising that was done and the compost bin distribution

**Partners:** 9.4 Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire - Cheshire Compost Task Force (CCTF) organizer and participant 9.4.2 Cheshire Public Library - hosted compost distribution 10/16/2020 9.4 Cheshire Pod(Cast) - education/promotion of composting and compost bin fundraiser 9.4 Friends of Boulder Knoll Farm (Cheshire Community Garden) - CCTF participant 9.4 Bartlem Community Garden (Cheshire Community Garden) - CCTF participant 9.4 Eco-Justice Council - St. Peter's Episcopal Church - CCTF participant 9.4 First Congregational Church - CCTF participant 9.4 Arnett Talbot - Assistant Town Manager & Don Walsh - Town Council - Chair of Solid Waste 9.4 Chamber of Commerce - Director Yetta Augur 9.4.2 Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments 9.4 Blue Earth Compost - Sam King

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## 10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

## 10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 10.4.1: Municipal Gardening (15pts)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.4 2020 GARDEN REGISTRATION FORM.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.4 GARDEN RULES AND REGS.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [10.4 BARTLEMPARK\\_GARDEN1.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [10.4 BARTLEMPARK\\_GARDEN2.JPG](#)

PDF: [10.4 GARDEN PLOT DIAGRAM.PDF](#)

WORD: [10.4 COMMUNITY GARDEN PICTURES\\_2022.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** 10.4 2020 Garden Registration: The form used by residents to apply for a garden plot with the town 10.4 Garden Rules and Regs: The rules by which gardeners must comport themselves on municipal land 10.4 Bartlem Park\_Garden1: Picture 1 of community gardeners receiving composters for their garden plots 10.4 Bartlem Park\_Garden2: Picture 2 of community garden in the winter 10.4 Garden Plot Diagram: A lay out map of the all the garden plot 10.4 Recent Pictures of Community Garden - 2022

**Partners:** 10.4 (municipal garden): This action item is fully implemented by the Town of Cheshire via the Recreation Department and the Program Manager in that office.

**Additional Information:** Many gardeners return to the Bartlem Park Community Garden each and every year. Every year a Program Supervisor in the Recreation office contacts prior gardeners to confirm their interest in retaining the plots. Usually there are between 1-5 plots available for new gardeners. There is a sign at the entrance of the park with the phone number to call for more information on registering for a plot in order that the public can be easily engaged. There is a waiting list most years for registration. Once a gardener receives a plot they are able to use it as they see fit within the rules of the garden (attached file). There are a total of 29 available plots at the park (map attached).

## 11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing



## 11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.1 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan (10 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [11.1\\_WORKSHEET\\_2\\_CESHIRE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [MINUTES\\_PUBLIC MEETING\\_PZC\\_5-23-22.PDF](#)

PDF: [PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES\\_CESHIRE\\_2020.PDF](#)

PDF: [CHESHIREAFFORDABLEHOUSINGPLAN2022.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Attached you will find Worksheet 2 and the 2020 Housing Profile report drafted by the Partnership for Strong Communities. Our town submitted their Affordable Housing Plan to our town's Planning and Zoning Commission for public review on May 23, 2022. In addition to members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Town Planner, Michael Glidden took part in the public discussion. An overview of the discussion can be found in the meeting minutes under Item #2. Also attached is a copy of Cheshire's Affordable Housing Plan for 2022.

**Partners:** 11.1 Partnership for Strong Communities, Planning and Zoning Commission & Town Planner, Michael Glidden

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## 11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.2.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options (10pts)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.2\\_2020\\_AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.2.2\\_2016\\_AFFORDABLE-HOUSING-APPEALS-LIST.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** These documents are from 2016 and 2020. According to the Connecticut State Department of Housing's (CSDH) annual "Affordable Housing Appeals List" for Non-Exempt Municipalities, the percent of housing stock that was reported as affordable in 2016 in Cheshire was 3.5%. By 2020, the most recent year available, the percent of affordable housing in Cheshire increased by .31% to 3.81%. Details for Cheshire are cited on P.2 of each of the attached documents

**Partners:** None.

## 12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

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### 12.3 Collect and Share Homelessness Data

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 12.3 Collect and Share Homelessness Data (5pts)

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: [EMAIL - HOMELESSNESS COUNT FOR CHESHIRE 2020-22.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** Names and details about homeless individuals are not provided to protect their confidentiality given the small number of identified homeless individuals in our community.

**Partners:** 12.3 Michelle Piccerillo - Director of Youth and Human Services, Cheshire

**Additional Information:** As stated above, names and details about homeless individuals are not provided to protect their confidentiality given the small number of identified homeless individuals in our community.

## 13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

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### 13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 13.1.1: Collaborate within your community or take a regional approach to implementing a sustainability action not listed on the Sustainable CT action list. (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [CA YOUTH ADVISORY LETTER.DOCX.PDF](#)

WORD: [13.1 SUBMISSION NARRATIVE](#)

WORD: [ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION MINUTES 6-22](#)

**Documentation Details:** 13.1 Innovation Narrative-A short explanation of the new youth environmental coalition CA Youth Advisory Letter- Confirmation letter from Cheshire Academy pertaining to participation in the new youth coalition Minutes from Environment Commission meeting of 6/22 with Youth Coalition presentation

**Partners:** 13.1 (new innovation) The partnership includes students and faculty of Cheshire Academy, Cheshire High School and Cheshire (Dodd) Middle School. Going forward it is hoped that the group will also be able to include a representative from St. Bridget School.