



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Windham was certified on September 29, 2023 with 335 points. Listed below is information regarding Windham'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 Windham was approved for in 2023 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 for All Certification Levels

20 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 Optimize for Equity (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [1.1.1 \(2\) WINDHAM SOLAR FOR ALL EQUITY TOOLKIT.DOCX](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 \(1\) JUST FOOD FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 \(1\) COOKING ACROSS CULTURES FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 \(2\) SOLAR FOR ALL CUSTOMER SURVEY DATA.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 \(2\) SOLAR FOR ALL CAMPAIGN SUMMARY.PDF](#)

WORD: [1.1.1 \(1\) JUST FOOD SERIES EQUITY TOOLKIT.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 1.1.1 (1) - Just Food Lecture Series: Completed for action 2.2.1, this concept was completed through many discussions by the Sustainable Committee. When COVID hit, the committee changed how to move forward. The classes in the series were offered in January - June of 2022 and 2023. The idea for this came from Windham's Sustainability Committee, while the Town of Windham provided outlets for promotion. A link to CLiCK's webpage for more information can be found here: <https://clickwillimantic.com/justfoodseries/> 1.1.1 (2) - Solar for All: Complete for action 7.7.1, this idea began in October 2019 but was postponed due to COVID. The campaign was able to complete a few months later, running from July 2020 - October 2020. Installations were still ongoing as of August 9th, 2021. The idea for this came from Sustainable Windham, who approached Mansfield Sustainability Committee about working on the project together.

Partners: 1.1.1 (1) (Complete Equity Toolkit) - Three organizations were invited to join and participate in the discussions; CLiCK (Commercially Licensed Cooperative Kitchen), the Willimantic Food Corp, and the Windham Community Food Network. The community also worked in consultation with the Windham/Willimantic NAACP chapter. 1.1.1 (2) (Complete Equity Toolkit) - The Windham Sustainability Committee partnered with the Mansfield Sustainability Committee, PosiGen, and the Connecticut Green Bank to complete this campaign.

Additional Information: N/A

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.2: Create a map of brownfield sites within the community (5 points), 2.1.4: Prepare a grant proposal for site assessment or clean-up (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [2.1.1 CONNECTICUT BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY \(WINDHAM\).PNG](#)

PDF: [2.1.4 2020 DECD BROWNFIELDS APPLICATION FORM - TOWN OF WINDHAM.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.1.5 WINDHAM - KNIGHTS OIL - FAP - DECD SIGNED.PDF](#)

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

Documentation Details: 2.1.1 - Connecticut brownfields inventory contains Windham's brownfields sites from Connecticut's state inventory 2.1.2 - Windham's brownfields map 2.1.4 - 2020 Windham brownfields application form 2.1.5 - Windham's Financial Assistance Agreement from the State for \$123,000 remediation grant at Knight's Oil, from July 2022

Partners: 2.1.1 (Create a municipal brownfields inventory) - None 2.1.2 (Create a brownfields map for your community) - None 2.1.4 (Prepare a grant proposal) - None 2.1.5 (Collect additional information on priority sites) - None

Additional Information: N/A

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.3 Invite businesses to participate in at least three events to build community recognition, provide access to potential customers, and connect the businesses to civic and community organizations. (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.1 ERTD TOURISM LISTENING TOUR_JUNE 13_2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.1 06-08-2023 ERTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.2 ARPA PRESS RELEASE- BUSINESS GRANT.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 WINDHAM THIRD THURSDAYS \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 WINDHAM EATS AND BEATS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 2.4.1 - Business trainings include Tourism Listening Tour (included promotional flyer) held on 06/13/2023 and Eastern Regional Tourism District meeting (included meeting minutes), held on 06/08/2023 2.4.2 - ARPA grant program aimed at helping business affected by COVID-19, launched on 03/01/2022 (included press release) 2.4.3 - Three business events include Third Thursday Festivals (last one occurred on 07/20/2023), the Chocolate Festival (02/11/2023), and Eats and Beats (submitting 05/12/2023 event)

Partners: 2.4.1 - Tourism Listening Tour was held in collaboration with CT Visit and Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. The Eastern Regional Tourism District meeting was held in collaboration with the Eastern Regional Tourism District and CT Visit. 2.4.2 - None 2.4.3 - Third Thursdays held by the Willimantic Renaissance Inc. non-profit. The Eats and Beats events are held by CLiCK. The Chocolate Festival was held by the Willimantic Renaissance Inc. non-profit, the Willimantic Food CO-OP, and Windham Recreation.

Additional Information: N/A

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1a - Sponsor or host a watershed education program (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.1.1A 2021 WINDHAM WATER WORKS REPORT.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A PROTECTING WATERSHEDS FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A MANURE MANAGEMENT MANUAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT MANUAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A AGRICULTURAL WASTE ASSISTANCE FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A WINDHAM WATER QUALITY REPORT.DOC.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A SEPTIC SYSTEM FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FIELD TRIPS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1a - There were two education programs to teach the public about watersheds. The first was a 5th grade field trip on 02/25/23 to the water and sewer departments. An email setting up the field trip is included in the "Water and Sewer Department Field Trips" document. The second outreach campaign includes flyers and manuals disseminated to the community. This includes the rest of the documents, including the 2021 Windham Water Works Report, Protecting Watersheds Flyer, Manure Management Manual, Agricultural Manual, and Agricultural Waste Assistance Flyer.

Partners: 3.1.1a - Windham Water Works and the Town of Windham Water Department helped host the 5th grade field trip, with local, state officials, and other interested parties joining in on the trip.

Additional Information: N/A

3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.3.2: Adopt or revise regulations to help protect your watershed, source water, and or riparian corridors (15 points).

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.3.2 SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION INSTRUCTIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.3.2 2021 WATER QUALITY MONITORING REPORT.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.3.2 2022 JOB CREATION PLANT OPERATOR.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.3.2 APPLICATION FOR PROJECTS IN WATERSHED AREAS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.3.2 - These documents protect the Windham Water Works Reservoir and Willimantic Reservoir to ensure that drinking water for residents stay safe. The Septic System Inspection details how inspections of properties located near the reservoirs will go. The 2021 Water Quality Monitoring Report was completed in 2021 to evaluate the quality of the Willimantic Reservoir. In the Spring of 2022, a new position of Environmental Technician was created at the Windham Water Department to help protect source water in the reservoirs. The last document is an application for any projects within the reservoirs that first have to be approved by Windham Water Works.

Partners: 3.3.2 - All documents are in association with Windham Water Works

Additional Information: N/A

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1: Develop a natural resource and wildlife (NRW) inventory (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.5.1 NATURAL DIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE INVENTORY MAPS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.5.1 - The inventory was completed on 07/25/2023 in conjunction with Windham Water Works. The inventory contains the following maps for the town of Windham: DEEP Property, Contour (East), Soil Flooding Class, Soil Draining Class, Hydric Soils, Soil Parent Material, Farmland Soils, Potential for Subsurface Sewage Disposal, Surficial Materials/Glacial and Postglacial Deposits, Water Quality Classifications, Quaternary Geology, Connecticut Soils, Protected Open Space, Natural Drainage Basins, and Natural Diversity Data Base Areas.

Partners: 3.5.1 - The inventory was created by Michael Turgeon, the Windham Water Works' Superintendent.

Additional Information: N/A

3.6 Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.6.2a - Develop and pass a drought restriction ordinance (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.6.2A DROUGHT RESTRICTION ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.6.2a - Page 2 of the Drought Restriction Ordinance document details staged response plans and emergency conservation measures to droughts in Windham. The ordinance is a part of Windham's Water Supply Plan, which was last adopted by the Windham Water Works Department on 08/31/2012 and is being updated soon. Since this last adoption, there hasn't been any changes made to the Water Supply Plan or to the Drought Restriction Plan.

Partners: 3.6.2a - Developed in conjunction with the Windham Water Works Department.

Additional Information: N/A

3.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.11.1 - Complete grounds and maintenance inventory (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.11.1 WINDHAM GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE INVENTORY \(2019\).PDF](#)

PDF: [3.11.1 FERTILIZER EVENTS AND SCHEDULE PER PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR \(2019\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.11.1 - Windham Grounds and Maintenance Inventory was completed for Windham's 2019 submission. Changes made since the 2019 submission are the following; Shetucket Park and Guild Field have irrigation, and Old Plains Road Landfill is mowed three times a year. Other than that, everything else has stayed the same.

Partners: 3.11.1 - None

Additional Information: 3.11.1 - The ball fields at the Rec. Park, Shetucket Park, Guild Field, Lauter Park, and Memorial Park as well as the parcel at Jillson, get fertilized at a rate of 4.13 lbs/1000 square feet once during the spring and at a rate of 4 lbs/1000 square feet once during the summer.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 - Provide education to residents and local businesses to improve pollinator habit (5 points) 3.12.3 - Pass a native pollinator friendly community resolution (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.1 CHRONICLE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON POLLINATOR PATHWAYS, 03/2021](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 03/03/21 COLLABORATION WITH MANSFIELD, MEETING MINUTES MANSFIELD SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 UCONN VOLUNTEERS AT JULIA DE BURGOS GARDEN](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 UCONN VOLUNTEERS AT SHILBERG GARDEN](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 MAP OF POLLINATOR GARDENS IN WINDHAM \(CREATION\)](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR PATHWAYS, EDUCATIONAL BROCHURE](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 WILLIMANTIC WHITEWATER PARK \(BEFORE AND AFTER CREATION OF POLLINATOR GARDEN\)](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 PROTECTING BEES EDUCATIONAL BROCHURE](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 NEIGHBORS NEWS ARTICLE ON WINDHAM POLLINATOR PATHWAY \(EDUCATION AND CREATION\)](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR PATHWAY SIGNAGE](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR PATHWAYS VOLUNTEERS TRACKING SHEET \(CREATION\)](#)

PDF: [3.12.3 POLLINATOR PATHWAY RESOLUTION, WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/11/20](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.1 VEGGIESTOCK FLIER \(EDUCATION\)](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR PATHWAY EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [3.12.3 WINDHAM POLLINATOR PATHWAY RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.1 - The Mansfield Sustainability Committee meeting minutes details Mansfield and Windham's collaboration on the project. A description regarding the adoption of a pollinator resolution, parcels relevant, posted signs, and creating a webpage for outreach is also included in the document. The Chronicle and Neighbors news articles give general descriptions of activities on pollinator pathways. Other 3.12.1 documents provide supporting information. 3.12.2 - Sites 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 14 are located on town-owned property. 3.12.3 - The Windham Pollinator Pathway Resolution contains the town's resolution. The Windham Town Council Meeting Minutes also details this resolution on PG. 6-8.

Partners: 3.12.1 - The Pollinator Pathway initiative is a collaboration between the Towns of Windham, Mansfield, and Chaplin. Many of the sites for the gardens are located on Windham town property. Within Windham, a range of community organizations have been active partners, including the Garden Club of Windham, Whitewater Park, and the Windham History and Textile Museum. Volunteers to establish pollinator gardens were also drawn from UCONN, Eastern Connecticut State University, and Windham Public Schools. 3.12.2 - Collaborated with UCONN volunteers to create garden spaces. Also collaborated with the Garden Club of Windham and the Willimantic Whitewater Park on their garden spaces. 3.12.3 - None

Additional Information: 3.12.1/3.12.2 - This is an ongoing activity with multiple sites across the town. This makes giving dates difficult because there are so many of them. Dates given for the creation process and educational outreach are for a range of activities done earlier in 2021.

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.1 Conduct Outreach and Education on Light Pollution and Dark Skies (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.13.1 LIGHT POLLUTION 101 FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.13.1 AUGUST 2022 SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.13.1 - The Windham Senior Center held an event on 08/31/2022 about light pollution. Information about this was distributed in the Senior Center Newsletter, which can be found on the senior center's website here: <https://www.windhamseniorcenter.org/>.

Partners: 3.13.1 - The event was held by the Windham Senior Center.

Additional Information: N/A

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

25 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.5 - Establish a Cultural Office or Arts and Culture Council (5 points) 4.2.7 - Streamline permitting systems for performances and events (10 points) 4.2.12 - Other initiative supporting arts and creative culture (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.5 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES \(2019\).PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 STREAMLINED FACILITIES REQUEST FORM \(2019\).PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 FEE \(2019\).DOCX.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.9 ARTICLE ON HUMANITIES AWARDS 05_30_23.JPG](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 ROLLING CREDITS WINDHAM ART, MUSIC AND CULTURE MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.12 WINDHAM MUSIC PROGRAMS.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.1 ADA LIMÓN AS THE 24TH POET LAUREATE CONSULTANT IN POETRY.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.9 HUMANITIES EXCELLENCE AWARDS](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.9 HUMANITIES EXCELLENCE AWARDS OUTREACH](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.1 - Article describing Ada Limón's designation as Windham's 24th Poet Laureate on 07/12/2022 4.2.5 - Meeting minutes from Windham's Music, Arts, and Culture Commission from various meetings throughout 2020 - 2023. The Town Council Meeting Minutes from 08/20/2019 detail the establishment of the Music, Arts, and Culture Commission 4.2.7 - Documents showing application needed to host performances in the town, as well as the required fee. 4.2.9 - The Humanities Excellence Awards is an annual recognition program for those making contributions to the humanities. The awards are open to leaders, mentors, educators, advocators, volunteers, and creatives in the humanities who have worked to support, promote, and provide access to the arts. The awards this year were held on 05/23/2023 4.2.12 - Various musical events held by the Town of Windham throughout 2022-2023 to support and promote local bands

Partners: 4.2.1 (Establish a Poet Laureate) - None 4.2.5 (Establish an Arts Council) - None 4.2.7 (Streamline permitting systems for performances and events) - None 4.2.9 (Establish an annual recognition program for local artists) - Held by the Partnership for Arts, Culture, History, and Tourism for the Windham Area. 4.2.12 (Other initiative supporting arts and creative culture) - All events were held at the Shaboo Stage. Windham's Latin Multicultural Festival had various sponsors, as were illustrated on the promotional flyer.

Additional Information: N/A

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

40 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1b Integrate sustainability concepts into POCD (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1.1B WINDHAM POCD 2017.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.1B WORKSHEET 2 \(2019\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1.1b - 5.1.1b Worksheet 2 details where in 2017 POCD sustainability concepts are highlighted. The 2017 POCD is attached as reference.

Partners: 5.1.1b - None

Additional Information: N/A

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.1 Identify multiple priority historic assets within your community (15 points) 5.5.4 Achieve "Certified Local Government" status (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [5.5.4 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT WINDHAM CONTACT.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [5.5.4 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT WINDHAM STATUS.PNG](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 ALEX CASSIE PARK.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 PUBLIC SPACES.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 WINDHAM PARKS.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 WINDHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.1 - The documents detail various historic assets within Windham. Alex Cassie Park and Windham Parks detail public parks, Public Spaces contain the public spaces and gardens in the community, and the National Register of Historic Places and Windham Historic District contain designated historic places in the town. 5.5.4 - Both of the screenshots demonstrate that Windham has achieved "Certified Local Government" status on the National Park Service on 07/09/2008. This information can also be found here: https://grantsdev.cr.nps.gov/CLG_Review/Results.cfm

Partners: 5.5.1 (Identify priority historic assets) - None 5.5.4 (Achieve "Certified Local Government" Status) - None

Additional Information: N/A

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.1 Educate residents about transportation options (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.5.2 BIKE SAFETY FLYER 2018.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.2 BIKE SAFETY FLYER 2019.PDF](#)

WORD: [6.5.2 PROGRAM MATERIALS SAFE RIDING TIPS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [6.5.1 DIAL A RIDE_INFO.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.1 WRTD-TRANSIT-GUIDE PAMPHLET.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.5.1 - Windham promotes the Windham Regional Transit District services and a local Dial-A-Ride service in its Town Hall and Senior Center. Spaces are provided for flyers. 6.5.2 - This program is designed to teach the youth of the community basic bike safety and positive interaction with local police. In 2018, 47 kids participated in the program; in 2019, 39 participated. The program continued annually in 2020, 2021, and 2022 with the same guidelines as the program in 2018/2019.

Partners: 6.5.2 - The Willimantic Police Department helped out with the event in 2018 and 2019.

Additional Information: N/A

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.7.1 - Implement a community energy campaign to promote adoption of energy practices (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.7.1 SOLAR FOR ALL MANSFIELD-WINDHAM CAMPAIGN SUMMARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.7.1 SOLAR FOR ALL \(LETTER TO EDITOR BY CT GREEN BANK CEO\) 8.13.2020.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.7.1 SOLAR FOR ALL, CUSTOMER SURVEY DATA.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 7.7.1 - Solar for All Campaign Summary: The Windham and Mansfield Sustainable CT Committees partnered with PosiGen (solar array company) and the Connecticut Green Bank to promote a no-money-down, no credit requirement, solar installation lease and energy efficiency assessment program for low- to moderate-income, single-family homeowners. The campaign officially ran from July - October 2020. Oversight and installations are still ongoing as of August 9, 2021.

Partners: 7.7.1 - Partnered with the Mansfield Sustainability Committee, PosiGen, and the Connecticut Green Bank.

Additional Information: 7.7.1 - The Equity Toolkit for action 1.1.1 (Optimize for Equity) was completed for this action.

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 - Support and hold more than 10 sustainability events (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [JUST FOOD \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [COOKING ACROSS CULTURES \(1\).PDF](#)

EXCEL: [WINDHAM 8.1.1 WORKSHEET \(1\).XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: 8.1.1 - The Windham 8.1.1 worksheet details the Just Food and Cooking Across Culture programs that were held by Willimantic's CLiCK throughout 2022. Also attached are flyers used to promote the events. A link to CLiCK's website with more information can be found here: <https://clickwillimantic.com/justfoodseries/>

Partners: 8.1.1 - The Just Food and Cooking Across Cultures programs were hosted by CLiCK. The programs were also sponsored by CT Humanities, the Windham/Willimantic NAACP, and the Willimantic Food CO-OP.

Additional Information: N/A

8.7 Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.7.1 - Support youth-led sustainability projects in your community (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.7.1 WINDHAM YOUTH-LED SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 8.7.1 - Document details seven youth-led sustainability projects completed in Windham between 2021 - 2023.

Partners: 8.1.7 - Various organizations and clubs described in the document from Windham High School completed these projects.

Additional Information: N/A

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 - recycle additional materials (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.3.1 TREX ADOPTION TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 TEXTILE RECYCLING INFO.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 CT PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM INFO.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 PAINT CARE PROGRAM INFO.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 PAINT CARE BROCHURE.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 MID-NORTHEAST RECYCLING PRICES 2019-2020.PDF](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 WINDHAM COMPOSTING.DOCX](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 WINDHAM BYE-BYE MATTRESS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 2023 TEXTILE RECYCLING INFO.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 WINDHAM 2022 D.E.E.P. ANNUAL RECYCLING REPORT \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 2023 BOOK RECYCLING INFO.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 WINDHAM 2023 D.E.E.P. ANNUAL RECYCLING REPORT \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [PW RECYCLE MATTRESSES FLYER.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.3.1 - In the 2019 Town Council minutes, please search for section 15a. In this section, a motion is passed to give plastic bags to TREX, a company that creates decking out of recycled plastic. Please refer to this website for more information on TREX: <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/> Other recycling provided for non-mandated items include: - Mattresses - Paint - Plastic bags - Textiles - Composting - Books/CDs Also included 2022 and 2023 DEEP annual recycling reports for Windham.

Partners: 9.3.1 - Partnered with TREX, Discover Books, Planet Aid, Bye-Bye Mattress, and Paint Care.

Additional Information: N/A

9.4 Reduce and Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.2 - Implement a program to divert food waste (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.4.2 RECYCLABLE FLYER 3.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.4.2 RECYCLABLE FLYER 2.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.4.2 RECYCLABLE FLYER 1.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 NO WASTE PROJECT RESULTS.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 NO WASTE FLYER.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: 9.4.2 - No Waste Initiative description; CLiCK has partnered with Windham Community Food Network to run waste reduction operations at town events, including Third Thursday, Downtown Country Fair and HopFest. This involves facilitating the use of recyclable containers and cutlery for food, and collection of food leftovers for composting. Stations set up at these events assist attendees to separate their recyclables or compostable waste from their trash. Food waste is taken to CLiCK for composting. Within CLiCK itself, kitchen members have been taught and encouraged to separate their own waste, so that organic materials go to compost rather than into the trash. Events for this initiative started in 2017 and have continued through 2023.

Partners: 9.4.2 - Windham has partnered with CLiCK and the Windham Community Food Network to implement the No Waste initiative. The town partners with Click and Hop Fest by providing a site for the Hop Fest along with collection bins at the fest, and at our Third Thursday events. With Click we provide promotion on our town electronic sign, flyers at town hall, and some grant funding for their programs.

Additional Information: 9.4.2 - The No Waste Initiative is currently a campaign with Sustainable CT's Community Match Fund and will collect funds by 08/18/2023;
https://www.patronicity.com/project/community_waste_diversion_initiative#!/

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.3 Adopt one or more policies designed to reduce tobacco use in your municipality (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.3.3 TOBACCO FREE PARKS POLICY \(2019\).PDF](#)

PDF: [10.3.3 TOBACCO FREE PARKS SIGNAGE \(2019\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.3.3 - Tobacco Free Parks Policy describes the town's policy that was adopted on 04/03/2012. Tobacco Free Parks Signage contains pictures of tobacco free signage from around Windham. New tobacco free signs were installed around Windham in 2022 to extend the Tobacco Free Parks Policy in parks such as Memorial, Lauter, Shetucket, and Guile. They were also placed in local ball fields and play grounds.

Partners: 10.3.3 - None

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 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.4.1 WINDHAM COMMUNITY GARDEN.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.4.1 - Windham Community Garden contains information about the town's two community gardens including photos, history, descriptions of how the spaces are used, what is being grown, links to websites that provide residents with information about the gardens, and how to get involved. Information about these gardens since Windham's 2019 submission is still accurate. To care for the gardens, local organizations provide them with compost, mulch, and soils as needed. Signage is also installed if it is needed and clean up is provided when necessary. Updated links to the gardens can be found here; <https://www.growwindham.org/where-we-work>

Partners: 10.4.1 - The WAIM community garden is maintained by the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM). The Thread City community garden is maintained by GROW Windham. Both gardens are municipally owned, and donate produce to the Covenant Soup Kitchen as well as other organizations.

Additional Information: N/A

10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1 - Host a farmers' market in your municipality (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.5.1 WINDHAM SUBMISSION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.5.1 - Submission document has details regarding Willimantic's farmers' market

Partners: 10.5.1 - None

Additional Information: N/A

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.1 - Identify the current percentage of affordable housing in the community (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [11.2.3 GRANT ALLOCATION.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [11.2.3 FUNDING FOR FATHER HONAN TERRACE HOUSING ARTICLE.JPG](#)

PDF: [AFFORDABLE-APPEALS-LIST-2022-FOR-ON-LINE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 11.2.1 - The Town of Windham has 27.92% affordable housing units, listed in the DOH 2022 Affordable Appeals List. 11.2.3 - (Grant Allocation) The Town of Windham received \$2 million from the Connecticut Community Development Block Program to complete renovations at Terry Court. These renovations will be made to a housing complex on the site, installing as room upgrades, heating and cooling systems, roofing, LED lighting, and other improvements for elderly and disabled residents. An article about the apartments (Funding for Father Honan Terrace Housing) is attached with more information.

Partners: 11.2.3 - None

Additional Information: N/A

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.4 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.4.1 - Commit dedicated funding to directly address and prevent homelessness (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [12.4.1 WINDHAM REGION NO FREEZE PROJECT ARTICLE](#)

IMAGE: [12.4.1 NO FREEZE BUDGET.PNG](#)

WORD: [12.4.1 WORKSHEET 1.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 12.4.1 - The Windham No Freeze Project is collaborating with the Community Health Resources and applied for state funding through the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program. The funding will go towards the towns diversion program, which focuses on helping people out of shelters and into permanent and safe housing. Windham Region No Freeze applied for \$8,000, while the Community Health Resources applied for \$64,000. The funds will be put into paying for transportation costs, birth certificates, and cell phones to help people apply for housing.

Partners: 12.4.1 - Windham Region No Freeze, a non-profit aimed at helping those experiencing homelessness, applied for the grant. They also partnered with Community Health Resources.

Additional Information: N/A