



## Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

West Haven was certified on October 31, 2022 with 300 points. Listed below is information regarding West Haven'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 West Haven 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

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.1 Juneteenth Event (Action 8.1) (10 points) 1.1 Arts Roundtable (Action 4.2) (10 points) 1.1 Equity Statement (Action 1.3) (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [1.1.1 WEST HAVEN EQUITY TOOLKITS](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2022 1.1.1 The Equity Toolkit is being submitted for the following actions: Arts Roundtable, Juneteenth Festival, & Equity Statement

**Partners:** 2022 NA

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#### 1.2 Participate in Equity Training

10 Points

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

**Documentation Details:** 2022 1.2.1 Equity Training completion certificates: N/A-Registered via SustainableCT Attendees: Dates: Mayor Nancy Rossi FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Mark Paine Dir Parks & Rec FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Elinor Slomba Resident & West Haven SustainableCT Team Member FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM 1.2.2 Support equity training for a cohort of at least three municipal staff (including Board of Education employees and Board members) and/or elected municipal officials. The training must be "live" (whether in person or virtual). Municipal attendees must attend the same training. (5 points) 2021 Equity Training completion certificates: N/A-Registered via SustainableCT Attendees: Dates: Mayor Nancy Rossi FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Mark Paine Dir Parks & Rec FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Elinor Slomba Resident & West Haven SustainableCT Team Member FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 09, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM/MARCH 30, 2021 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

**Partners:** 2022 SustainableCT 2021 SustainableCT

### 1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity

15 Points

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

**Supporting Documentation:**

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

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

**Documentation Details:** 2022 1.3.1 Submit: Your town's equity statement, the date it was adopted by the municipal governing body and associated documentation of the adoption (such as meeting minutes or agenda), and a description of outreach conducted to make the statement publicly accessible. (See attached) Public Equity Statement- concludes with the assertion that "anti-racist work encourages the growth and success of every resident and improves community culture in the City of West Haven." See pgs 5-6 of the Meeting Minutes from December 28, 2020 where it was unanimously adopted by our City Council Outreach has included a workshop with Dr. Lorenzo Boyd of the University of New Haven on Feb 17, 2021 which was broadcast live on Facebook. A recording is publicly available here: <https://www.facebook.com/CAofWH/posts/111009594343518> and monthly virtual Town Halls with Mayor Nancy Rossi hosted by the UNH Student Mayoral Advisory Committee. 2021 1.3.1 Submit: Your town's equity statement, the date it was adopted by the municipal governing body and associated documentation of the adoption (such as meeting minutes or agenda), and a description of outreach conducted to make the statement publicly accessible. Public Equity Statement- concludes with the assertion that "anti-racist work encourages the growth and success of every resident and improves community culture in the City of West Haven." See pgs 5-6 of the Meeting Minutes from December 28, 2020 where it was unanimously adopted by our City Council Outreach has included a workshop with Dr. Lorenzo Boyd of the University of New Haven on Feb 17, 2021 which was broadcast live on Facebook. A recording is publicly available here: <https://www.facebook.com/CAofWH/posts/111009594343518> and monthly virtual Town Halls with Mayor Nancy Rossi hosted by the UNH Student Mayoral Advisory Committee.

**Partners:** 2022 NA 2021 1.3.1. The City created a new public Board/Commission - the Community Alliance of West Haven - to play a key role in this action. <https://www.facebook.com/CAofWH>. Ms. Trenee McGee, Councilwoman for our 7th District, Chaired the Alliance and facilitated the process of drafting the Resolution with input from Corporation Counsel. At the Mayor's invitation, members of the West Haven Police Department, cultural and youth leaders, leaders/members of local houses of worship participated in review and input.

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

## 2. Thriving Local Economies

### 2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.1.1: Brownfield Inventory (15 pts)

**Supporting Documentation:**

IMAGE: [BROWNFIELDS MAP](#)

PDF: [HAVEN SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT PLAN](#)

EXCEL: [BROWNFIELD INVENTORY UPDATE-FINANCE07.XLSX](#)

IMAGE: [EPABROWN SITE MAP2022.PDF.JPG](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2022 2.1.1 Create a municipal or regional brownfields inventory. Any private properties should be listed only with the owner's consent. The inventory should include each site's name, address, zip code, parcel number, status, site type, site size, current zoning, current owner, tax payment status, existing buildings and their square footage, and the availability of site photos and site documents as outlined in the attached template. Consider partnering with neighboring municipalities, or working through your council of governments to create the inventory. Ideally, the inventory should be updated as soon as any site is identified, assessed or remediated. Submit: A map of brownfield sites listed in the inventory. For maps available online, please provide a hyperlink and a screenshot of the relevant webpage(s). 2.1.2 Create a map of the brownfield sites within your community, either by marking up an existing municipal map manually, or by using an electronic Geographic Information System (GIS) base map. (5 points) Submit: A map of brownfield sites listed in the inventory. For maps available online, please provide a hyperlink and a screenshot of the relevant webpage(s). \*\*\*\*\*2019 Bronze\*\*\*\*\* 1.1.1 Upon review of the requirements for this action, we have determined we have only six sites formally identified as "brownfields" in West Haven. The other sites previously provided included contaminated or potentially contaminated sites as well as brownfields. We have attached a new inventory in the required format and have reduced our requested points to 10 for the six sites. Only three of the six sites appear on the inventory because the other three are privately owned and have not given permission to be included here. We have also attached a map showing these six sites, taken from the EPA website here: <https://westhaven.mapxpress.net/>, link also supplied on the inventory. Properties outlined in brown are or were on the EPA Brownfields list. Several properties on the City were recently acquired for redevelopment by The Haven Group. Please see attached The Haven South Municipal Redevelopment Plan for details on the environmental assessments for those properties.

**Partners:** NA

## 3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

### 3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.10.2 Municipal Management (5 points) 3.10.3 Educate Residents on Invasive Species (5 points)

#### Supporting Documentation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

PDF: [3.10.3A WEB PATH](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2022 3.10.2a Award Timeline and Eagle Scouts Article from July 2018 establish how the City is building on years of work by volunteers in managing invasive species 3.10.2a Share the Shore Award press release includes this quote by an Audubon volunteer (middle of pg 2): "Working with the West Haven Watershed Restoration Committee and the Wildlife Guards, we have removed invasive plants and replaced them with native ones." Winter 2020-21 3.10.2a Photo of a New Sign at the Boardwalk says: "West Haven Shoreline Restoration Project Pardon our appearance! The City of West Haven, the West Haven Land Trust, and other local environmental groups are removing invasive plant and investigating options for ecosystem restoration. This is a work in progress that will take some time. Your patience is appreciated! If you have questions or would like to get involved, please visit the Sustainable West Haven Facebook page." 3.10.3b Sustainable West Haven offered public education in the form of posts on its Facebook page throughout National Invasive Species Awareness Week in May 2021 followed by a public Invasive Plant Eradication Event near the shoreline, aimed mainly at Garlic Mustard. 2021 3.10.2a Award Timeline and Eagle Scouts Article from July 2018 establish how the City is building on years of work by volunteers in managing invasive species 3.10.2a Share the Shore Award press release includes this quote by an Audubon volunteer (middle of pg 2): "Working with the West Haven Watershed Restoration Committee and the Wildlife Guards, we have removed invasive plants and replaced them with native ones." Winter 2020-21 3.10.2a Photo of a New Sign at the Boardwalk says: "West Haven Shoreline Restoration Project Pardon our appearance! The City of West Haven, the West Haven Land Trust, and other local environmental groups are removing invasive plant and investigating options for ecosystem restoration. This is a work in progress that will take some time. Your patience is appreciated! If you have questions or would like to get involved, please visit the Sustainable West Haven Facebook page." 3.10.3a path starting at City of West Haven website and showing how to access Invasive Species info from the home page 3.10.3b Sustainable West Haven offered public education in the form of posts on its Facebook page throughout National Invasive Species Awareness Week in May 2021 followed by a public Invasive Plant Eradication Event near the shoreline, aimed mainly at Garlic Mustard.

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

### 3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

15 Points

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

#### Supporting Documentation:

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

PDF: [1 GARDEN AT LIBRARY.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 3.12.2 Submit: A photo of each pollinator garden along with associated outreach and promotion materials. If the garden is not located on municipal property, provide evidence of in-kind and/or financial support from the municipality to the initiative's administrators.

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

## 4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

## 4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.1.1 Identify tourism and cultural assets (10 points) 4.1.2: Update Your Profile on CTVisit (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

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

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

WORD: [4.1.1C-D.DOCX](#)

PDF: [4.1.1E PG2.PDF](#)

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

EXCEL: [CULTURAL MAPPING WORKSHEET.XLSX](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2022 4.1.1a Create maps and resources and implement projects to promote your community's tourism and cultural assets, including places, institutions, programs, historical resources, and people a. Identify potential tourism and cultural assets, including institutions, locations, programs, and organizations in your community. You may work regionally to complete any or all of the tourism and cultural asset map. Note: Please ensure that more than one type of cultural asset is accounted for in your map. Potential tourism and cultural assets could include (but are not limited to) historically significant buildings; works of art; gardens, parks, or other tracts of the natural environment; historic landmarks; viewsheds; public spaces; and significant venues. b. Identify the following information for each potential tourism and cultural asset: Contact information and/or designee; A general description of the asset; Location of the asset and website; For venues only: a detailed description of the venue, seating capacity, and availability; and Type of asset: identify category. - Worksheet. 4.1.1c Create a useable and public online resource that enables the community to search, learn and use the information generated on the assets. Hyperlink and screenshot to the finished web-based resource. 4.1.1d Promote the resource through municipal communication channels. Evidence of promotion and dissemination of the resource and contact information of the person(s) responsible for updating 4.1.1e Maintenance plan for updating the dynamic tourism and cultural asset web resource defining how often the resource will be updated (for instance, seasonally). 4.1.2 Updated CTVisits profile: Updated 2020 is more easily searchable and features the tagline created by the Economic Development Commission - "Miles of Shore & So Much More..." a subheading optimized for Sustainability is "building a Green and Clean community" The profile can be found online here: <https://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-west-haven> 2021 4.1.2 our freshly updated profile in 2020 is more easily searchable and features the tagline created by the Economic Development Commission - "Miles of Shore & So Much More..." a subheading optimized for Sustainability is "building a Green and Clean community" The profile can be found online here: <https://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-west-haven>

**Partners:** 2022 Arts WestCT 2021 4.1.1. ArtsWestCT is a newly revived organization gaining momentum with funding from the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. They are providing legwork for cultural projects and coordinating with our City PR person. ArtsWestCT Held a virtual informational session, 'What is Cultural Assets Mapping?' on March 20, 2021. It was attended by 8 individuals representing several different artistic disciplines, educators, and differing cultural backgrounds and ability levels. At least 6 of these attendees have stayed involved in the project and are now known as the Cultural Asset Equity group. ArtsWestCT collaborates regionally with the Milford Arts Council, Hamden Cultural Commission and the Woodbridge Arts Guild.

**Additional Information:** 2022 NA 2021 4.1.1. Our Cultural Mapping Form is based on a Cultural Assets Mapping Kit used in Austin, TX and Hamden, CT. It can be found online at [http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/EGRSO/CAMPKit\\_Webpage.pdf](http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/EGRSO/CAMPKit_Webpage.pdf)

## 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

25 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.2.1 Establish a Poet Laureate 4.2.2 Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (printed or web-based). 4.2.6 Establish and designate/appoint an Arts and Culture Liaison or Artist-in-Residence to your municipality. 4.2.10 Support arts and cultural activities offered at your local library(ies). 4.2.11d Develop an artist mentoring program. Submitting 6 actions for a total of 25 points

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [APPOINTMENT OF POET LAUREATE](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMAGE: [ARTS LIAISON APPOINTMENT.PNG](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2022 4.2.1 Flier for poetry event featuring West Haven Poet Laureate 4.2.2 Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (printed or web-based). City eblast for Centennial Events list (partial) 4.2.6 newsletter demonstrating ArtsWestCT's liaison role for the City (180 subscribers, social links shared by multiple groups) 4.2.7 copy of permit application - updated with Corporation Counsel review and departmental input (Parks & Rec, Health, Public Works, Building) 4.2.9 Public recognition of Local Artists by City / the Mayor for Centennial year with intent to make Annual 4.2.10a Mayor social media promoting Library events 4.2.11d List of network-building and peer sharing opportunities for artists organized by Arts West CT, with live links 2021 4.2.1 Flier for poetry event featuring West Haven Poet Laureate 4.2.2 City eblast for Centennial Events list (partial) 4.2.3 public Facebook profile for Centennial Committee, the body producing high profile arts & culture events during this Centennial Year 4.2.6 newsletter demonstrating ArtsWestCT's liaison role for the City (180 subscribers, social links shared by multiple groups) 4.2.7 copy of permit application - updated with Corporation Counsel review and departmental input (Parks & Rec, Health, Public Works, Building) 4.2.9 Public recognition of Local Artists by City / the Mayor for Centennial year with intent to make Annual 4.2.10a Mayor social media promoting Library events 4.2.11d List of network-building and peer sharing opportunities for artists organized by Arts West CT, with live links

**Partners:** 2022 NA 2021 The Centennial Committee and ArtsWestCT collaborated with numerous groups to produce high quality events, including the Connecticut Poetry Society, West Haven Historical Society, West Haven High School, Village Drill Team and the Savin Rock Festival Committee. The West Haven Public Library did a great job pivoting during Covid to produce virtual and outdoor events, which the City promoted.

**Additional Information:** 2022 NA 2021 You can see the latest ArtsWestCT newsletter and all past issues through this link: <https://mailchi.mp/ed3f5b13f201/painted-pallets-spoken-word-fresh-figs-and-more> The Library hosted professionally-facilitated Community Input Sessions virtually in 2020.

## 5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

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### 5.7 Plan for Long-Term Recovery

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.7.1 - Identify a Long-Term Recovery Manager and establish a long-term recovery committee. (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

**WORD:** [LTRM TEAM.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [WEST HAVEN - ACTION 5.7 LTR PLAN.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 5.7.1a The name and title of your municipally appointed Long-Term Recovery Manager, including the dates of tenure. Submit the job duties of your Long-Term Recovery Manager. If you have a regional Local Long-Term Recovery Manager, you must also submit documents outlining the regional partnership. 5.7.1b The names, titles, and affiliations of the Long-Term Recovery Committee members, including the dates of their tenure. Please submit a copy of the municipal meeting minutes documenting the establishment of your Long-Term Recovery Committee or other proof of the existence of the Committee. If you have a regional Long-Term Recovery Committee, you must also submit documents outlining the regional partnerships. 2021 5.7.1a The name and title of your municipally appointed Long-Term Recovery Manager, including the dates of tenure. Submit the job duties of your Long-Term Recovery Manager. If you have a regional Local Long-Term Recovery Manager, you must also submit documents outlining the regional partnership.

**Partners:** NA

## 6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

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### 6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

10 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. (5 points) 6.4.3 Replace municipal fleet vehicles to reduce emissions. (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

**WORD:** [MEMORANDUM-FUEL.DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [CROWLEY RECEIPT.PDF](#)

**IMAGE:** [RAWIMAGE.JPG](#)

**IMAGE:** [1200X0.JPG](#)

**Documentation Details:** 6.4.2 The names and contact information of the individuals who attended the training; the name of the training, date(s) it occurred, and the organization that provided the training; and a description in the "partners" field of your submission, if residents participated in the program, to describe how the information learned will be shared with and applied by the municipal government: Captain Stephen Panza spanza@cityofwesthavenfd.org Electric vehicle Safety for the 1st Responder 4/30/22 Facilitator Bill Cadella of Shelton FD 6.4.3 Purchase receipts for zero emission fleet vehicles or generic hybrids and the total number of non-emergency and/or emergency passenger fleet vehicles in municipality. 293 Non Emergency Vehicles 13 Electric, Hybrid, Alternative Fuel 6.4.5 The address of the municipal property where the station is installed and either a photo of the charging station and/or a receipt of purchase. If the electric vehicle charging station is not sited on municipal property, include an explanation of why an alternative location was selected and demonstrate proof of purchase by the municipality. This subaction is included in the optional Sustainable CT Climate Leader Designation.

**Partners:** Shelton FD



## 6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

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

### Supporting Documentation:

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

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

**Documentation Details:** 2022 6.5.1 overview of your outreach (5 sentences maximum) and examples of your outreach and educational materials, which could include flyers, articles, letters, newsletters, presentations, or digital communications. For websites, submit both a hyperlink and a screenshot of the relevant webpage(s). We provide an overview of your outreach on our website TOD: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/827/Plan-of-Conservation-and-Development-Final-PDF?bidId= Allingtown LOOP>: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3439/Tour-3---Allingtown-Center-Long-Loop-PDF?bidId= COVID Transit>: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3269/FEMA-COVID-19-Funeral-Assistance-Flyer-English-PDF?bidId= Elderly Transportation>: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/348/Elderly-Services> AND <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3276/West-Haven-Elderly-Services-Brochure-PDF?bidId= AND> <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/287/Transportation> We provide an overview of your outreach on our website TOD: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/827/Plan-of-Conservation-and-Development-Final-PDF?bidId= Allingtown LOOP>: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3439/Tour-3---Allingtown-Center-Long-Loop-PDF?bidId= COVID Transit>: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3269/FEMA-COVID-19-Funeral-Assistance-Flyer-English-PDF?bidId= Elderly Transportation>: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/348/Elderly-Services> AND <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3276/West-Haven-Elderly-Services-Brochure-PDF?bidId= AND> <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/287/Transportation>

**Partners:** N/A

## 7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

### 7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.1.1 Track Energy Use in Municipal and Board of Education Buildings (5 points) 7.1.2 Track Energy Use of Your Wastewater Treatment Plant (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [ENERGY DATA REPORT UI SCG](#)

**Documentation Details:** 7.1.1 Submit: SCT Portfolio Manager report attached 7.1.2 SCG Portfolio Manager water or wastewater treatment plant report is in the Energy Star Portfolio.

**Partners:** UI SCG & UCONN

## 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:**

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

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

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

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

EXCEL: [8.1\\_TEMPLATE.XLSX](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT\\_20220825-145432\\_CHROME.JPG](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2022 8.1.1 Support and hold a sustainability event a. Hold a sustainability event. (see template) b. Provide municipal support for the event. Municipal support can include one of the following: financial support, use of a municipal building to hold the event, municipal staff support, or meaningful public outreach provided by the municipality. (see template) c. Track the number of event attendees. Identify the highlights, lessons learned, or next steps. Identify partners, if relevant (e.g., community organizations, other municipalities). 2021 8.1.a West Haven sponsors twice-a-week Farmer's Markets mid-July until the end of October. The Tony Inzero Farmers Market on the Green in West Haven, CT was started in 1999 and provides the community with a wide variety of local produce. Between September 1, 2018 and August 30, 2019, the City will have sponsored 32 Farmer's Markets on the Town Green. See attached public notice, posted on the City website and sent to subscribers to the City's newsletter and similar notice in the West Haven Voice. 8.1.b In a venture with Menunkatuck Audubon, West Haven offered the parking lot at Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary for Menunkatuck's annual native plant sale pick-up on May 11, 2018. A permit for this use was granted. Several tables were set up to display information on pollinators and invasive plant species, making this event interactive among those who came to pick up plants as well as those who, driving by the Sanctuary and seeing tents, stopped by to find out what was going on. The City sent information out on this event in its "City Notes" mailing and on its website. 8.1.c Tracking Sheet

**Partners:** Farmers Market

## 9. Strategic Materials Management

### 9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.3 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

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

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

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

**Documentation Details:** 2022 a) Evidence of implementation of a program for each non-mandated material recycled, which could be in the form of a municipal ordinance, contract, approved meeting minutes of your legislative body, or other documentation demonstrating an ongoing relationship: -Expanding residential & business composting drop off expansion to pick ups: RFP chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/4570/2022-23-Residential-Recycling-Transfer-Station-and-Municipal-Solid-Waste-Transfer-Station-II-PDF?bidId=186 b) If you collaborated with a nonprofit or business to collect or recycle the recycled material, submit a partnership letter or alternative documentation of the partnership that specifies that services to recycle the material have been provided within the past three years (please describe in the "partners" box of your submission). Alternative documentation could include a website hyperlink and a screenshot of the website or annual report of the partner organization which lists your town as participating in the recycling program 1 CT NOFA 2 Webinar & Tour: <https://ctnofa.org/event/2022-ct-compost-series-tour-3-large-municipal-scale-composting-tour/> 3 <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/262/Compost-Site> c) Examples of outreach materials, such as flyers, articles, events, links to town website pages that clearly describe how your constituents can participate in the program to recycle the material, or other method of outreach that reaches a significant portion of town residents (i.e., tax bills). Please also include a description of how you distributed materials to residents. 1 Common Ground High School and the City of West Haven use similar compost systems, but with different scales, technology, and goals. Common Ground is a charter high school, summer camp and farm site that composts food scraps, animal bedding and manures and farm waste. It has a concrete in vessel ASP composting system with the capacity to handle 480 cubic ft (18 cubic yards) of feedstock mix per week. The city of West Haven has composted their leaf and yard waste for years and is now working towards expanding its operation by adding food scraps from schools. Atlas Organics is running a 631 cubic yard capacity ASP system as a pilot demonstration for municipal level composting. -Webinar & Tour: <https://ctnofa.org/event/2022-ct-compost-series-tour-3-large-municipal-scale-composting-tour/> -<https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/262/Compost-Site> 2021 Waste management recommendations are on pg 9 of the minutes. Our city followed up by developing a competitive application for a food scraps collection service that can enhance the value of our Compost Site for the region. See pg 31 of the 91-pg Agenda Packet for SCROG's May meeting. Here you will find this statement: " CT DEEP approved West Haven's application for a project that adds food scraps to the city's registered leaf and grass composting operation."

**Partners:** 2022 a. Webinar & Tour: <https://ctnofa.org/event/2022-ct-compost-series-tour-3-large-municipal-scale-composting-tour/> b. <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/262/Compost-Site> c. SCROG d. DEEP 2021 SCROG - and consultant Pamela Roach is point person.

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

## 10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

### 10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

35 Points

**Approved Information:** 10.3.2. (10 points) Implement a smoking and tobacco use reduction campaign.2022 10.3.3 (15 points) No smoking policy, 2019 10.3.4 (10 points) No idling policy, 2018

#### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ANTI-IDLING ORDINANCE](#)

IMAGE: [SCREEN SHOT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WEBPAGE](#)

WORD: [ANTI-IDLING MEMORANDUM](#)

IMAGE: [SCREEN SHOT OF SMOKING POLICY ON PARKS AND RECREATION WEBPAGE](#)

PDF: [PRESS RELEASE REGARDING ANTI-TOBACCO EVENT AT WHHS - TAKE DOWN TOBACCO DAY OF ADVOCACY](#)

**Documentation Details:** 10.3.2. Press Release distributed by WHHS PTSA regarding the Take Down Tobacco Event 7.10.3 Statement from the Chairman of the City Council: No Smoking Policy "I spoke with Commissioner Sabo who stated that the West Haven Park & Recreation Commission Chairman Dave Coyle is in support of putting the No Smoking resolution on the next WH Park & Recreation meeting agenda which will be held on Monday, August 6th. Commissioner Sabo has also committed to having the "No Smoking" prohibition stenciled on the existing park & beach signage once the prohibition is passed by the Commission." The policy was adopted and the following is currently posted on the Parks and Recreation website, <http://www.whparkrec.com/info/dept/details.aspx?DeptInfoID=750>: "Amendment August 6, 2019 Smoke-Free Policy City of West Haven STATEMENT OF POLICY To protect and enhance outdoor air quality and contribute to the health and well-being of all residents and visitors to City of West Haven owned or controlled outdoor facilities: Smoking will be prohibited at all City-owned outdoor recreational facilities, including playgrounds, athletic fields, beaches, beach parking lots and parks. In all places that smoking is prohibited, electronic smoking is also prohibited." 7.10.4 West Haven has a regulation 154-6 that prohibits emissions from stationary or idling mobile sources. Copy of ordinance attached. In addition, the municipal fleet manager communicates this policy to drivers of municipal vehicles. Copy of memorandum attached.

**Partners:** 10.3.3 (Take Down Tobacco Event) Heather Shea of WH Sustainability Team worked with WHHS PTSA, WHHS administration and staff, WHHS students to develop a event on 4/1/22 for Take Down Tobacco (a national day of action that empowers people to stand up and speak out against the tobacco industry. Every spring, hundreds of communities hold events and rally together to Take Down Tobacco)

## 11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

### 11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

50 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.2.1 Identify the current percentage of affordable housing in your community. (10 points) 11.2.2 ¼ percentage point increase in affordable housing, as compared to a baseline year within the past 5 years (40 points)

#### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2018 CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST](#)

PDF: [2014 CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST](#)

PDF: [APPEALS LIST 2021](#)

**Documentation Details:** 11.2.1 1. Identify the current percentage of affordable housing in your community. Municipalities with at least 10%, the threshold above which developers cannot use the Affordable Housing Appeals procedure, will receive points. 11.2.2 The percent affordable housing in 2018 was 13.21%. According to the 2021 Housing appeals list, that percentage rose to 15.76%, an increase of 2.55%.

**Partners:** SCROG

## 12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

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### 12.4 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 12.4.2 Ensure that individuals experiencing literal homelessness within your municipality have locations where they can safely access services and stay 24 hours a day, especially in extreme weather. (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: [HOMELESS.DOCX](#)

WORD: [WEST HAVEN 12.4.2 WORKSHEET 2.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** <https://uwgnh.org/coordinated-access-network>

**Partners:** United Way/211; CAAN

## 13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

## 13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

20 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. (20 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [WILDLIFE GUARDS PRESS RELEASE](#)

PDF: [WILDLIFE GUARDS ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [WILDLIFE GUARDS DESCRIPTION](#)

PDF: [WILDLIFE GUARDS PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [ALLINGTOWN IN POCD](#)

WORD: [POSSIBLE GOALS/STRATEGIES FOR ALLINGTOWN](#)

WORD: [ALLINGTOWN PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE](#)

PDF: [MINUTES OF ALLINGTOWN MEETINGS](#)

WORD: [ALLINGTOWN WORKSHOP PRESS RELEASE](#)

WORD: [WORKSHOP SMALL GROUP SUMMARY](#)

WORD: [ALLINGTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN OUTLINE](#)

WORD: [ALLINGTOWN PLAN REVISED OUTLINE](#)

WORD: [ALLINGTOWN WORKSHOP FLYER](#)

EXCEL: [ALLINGTOWN WORKSHOP INVITATION LIST](#)

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

IMAGE: [MAC-HOSTED VIRTUAL TOWN HALL GRAPHIC](#)

PDF: [MAC-SPONSORED WESTFEST 2021 FACEBOOK EVENT](#)

IMAGE: [MAC-FACILITATED WEST HAVEN MAYORAL DEBATE \(DEM\) - FLIER FOR SEPT 1, 2021](#)

WORD: [HEALTH FAIR.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** 13.1 Collaborate within your community or take a regional approach to implementing a sustainability action not listed on the Sustainable CT action list. Submit: Describe your innovative sustainability action, how you accomplished it, who participated, and how it will benefit your municipality(ies). Upload additional materials (documents, photos, weblinks or other information) to substantiate that you have completed the action and provide a model for other municipalities. This subaction is included in the optional Sustainable CT Climate Leader Designation. \*\*\*\*2019\*\*\*\* 10.1.1 Allingtown Plan includes the following documents: 1) Excerpt from POCD, 2) Possible Goals/Strategies, 3) Steering Committee member list, 4) Minutes of Committee meetings, 5) Allingtown Workshop press release, 6) Workshop small group summary, 7) Neighborhood Plan Outline, 8) Revised Neighborhood Plan Outline, 9) Allingtown Workshop sign-in sheets, 10) Allingtown Workshop flyer, and 11) Description of the Allingtown Plan Innovative Action. Documents submitted for this action category also support Action 9.1 Equity Toolkit. 10.1.2 In the words of CT Audubon, "WildLife Guards is an innovative program that engages local high school students to serve as leaders to their peers and the larger community, provides employment and green job skills to underserved youth, and will ultimately help the local community develop a deeper appreciation of the natural resources that provide economic, recreational, and environmental benefits to this urban area." See attached descriptions of program. West Haven has been participating in this program since 2017.

**Partners:** 2022 City of Milford 2021 The Wildlife Guard program is a collaborative effort between West Haven and Audubon CT. West Haven hires and pays the interns with funds from an Audubon grant. In addition, Assistant Director of Public Work, Mark Paine, is an instrumental partner with Audubon's Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, director of bird conservation for Audubon Connecticut in administering the program. Mr. Paine has also been active in the Osprey Nation Project sponsored by Audubon CT, <https://www.ctaudubon.org/osprey-nation-background/>