



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Groton was certified on May 20, 2024 with 490 points. Listed below is information regarding Groton'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 Groton was approved for in 2024 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

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT_HEAT.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 1.1 Equity Toolkit_Heat - equity toolkit completed for Action 10.6

Partners: 1.1 (equity toolkit): None. The partners who assisted us with the extreme heat planning work are shown in the details for Action 10.6.

1.2 Participate in Equity Training – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

5 Points

Approved Information: 1.2.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.2.2 HOST AN EQUITY TRAINING OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.2.2 EQUITY TRAINING LEARNING GUIDE AND ATTENDANCE LIST.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 1.2.2 Host an Equity Training Overview: summary document including the submission requirements 1.2.2 Equity Training Learning Guide and Attendance List: learning guide document from the training, which shows the content covered, and the training sign-in sheet (page 7)

Partners: 1.2.2 (host an equity training): KJR Consulting conducted the training for Groton Parks and Recreation leadership and staff

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.3: Prepare a grant proposal for site assessment or clean-up (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.1.3 BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROPOSAL OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 BROWNFIELDS GRANT SUBMISSION CONFIRMATION EMAIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 BROWNFIELDS GRANT APPLICATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 2.1.3 Brownfields Grant Proposal Overview - a summary of the point request 2.1.3 Brownfields Grant Submission Confirmation Email - documentation showing that the grant proposal was submitted 2.1.3 Brownfields Grant Application - copy of the grant proposal

Partners: 2.1.3 (brownfields grant proposal) The town worked with Rodgers Development, LLC to prepare the redevelopment concept

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1: 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.2.1 SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT TRAINING SUMMARY DOCUMENT.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: This document includes the submission requirements (information about the training and the staff who completed it).

Partners: 2.2.1: None

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.1 WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.1 GROTON BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE FLIERS.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.1 GROTON BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INVITE.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.1 THE DAY ARTICLE.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.1 WEATHERING THE STORM POSTCARD.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 BUSINESS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT MAP 2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BOOTH ASSIGNMENTS 2023.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Documentation for 2.4.1: 2.4.1 worksheet: required worksheet for points submission
2.4.1 Groton Business Roundtable Fliers: image used to help publicize the event series
2.4.1 Groton Business Roundtable Invite: invitation used to solicit participants to the event series
2.4.1 The Day Article: article helping publicize the "Solving the Redevelopment Puzzle" event
2.4.1 Weathering the Storm Postcard: postcard mailed and handed out to solicit participants to the event
Documentation for 2.4.3: 2.4.3 Business Community Connections: summary of the Summer Sound Waves Concerts (page 1) and National Night Out event (page 3), including event fliers and photos
2.4.3 National Night Out Map: map of the event space and food vendor locations
2.4.3 National Night Out Booth Assignments: listing of all participating organizations

Partners: 2.4.1 (business roundtable and/or events): The Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored the "Weathering the Storm" event.
2.4.3 (invite businesses to community events): there were many participating organizations, which are listed in the attached documents

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1.a Sponsor or host a program to educate residents and business owners in your community about the value of watersheds (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.1.1A PROVIDE WATERSHED EDUCATION SUMMARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1.A PWD MONTHLY REPORT 10-21_CLEAN WATER WAYS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A THE DAY ARTICLE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1a Provide Watershed Education Summary - overview of watershed education events 3.1.1a PWD Monthly Report 10-21_Clean Water Ways - Groton Public Works monthly report (which is posted on the Public Works website) sharing information about the Clean Water Ways program 3.1.1a The Day Article - article posted in The Day about the Clean Water Ways program and the posting of a new episode

Partners: 3.1.1a (watershed education): Three Town of Groton departments (Public Works, Groton Public Library [GMTV]), and Planning and Development Services) partner with Save the Sound on Clean Water Ways. Additional groups, such as Project Oceanology, have assisted with episodes. Groton Public Schools was the partner for the watershed model tabling events.

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

45 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 - 10 points 3.4.3 - 10 points 3.4.4a - 15 points 3.4.4b - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [3.4.1 OPEN SPACE INVENTORY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 WORKSHEET AND ROLLING CREDIT JUSTIFICATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 2016 POCD CHAPTER 2.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES 6.21.2016.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.4A CONSERVATION EASEMENT WOLFEBROOK.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.4A THE DAY ARTICLE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.4B - OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUND.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.4.1 Documentation 3.4.1 Open Space Inventory - inventory completed in 2023 using the Sustainable CT template 3.4.3 Documentation 3.4.3 Worksheet and Rolling Credit Justification - required worksheet and justification of how the plan is still relevant and used by the town since it was developed more than 3 years ago 3.4.3 2016 POCD Chapter 2 - this is an excerpt from the Town of Groton Plan of Conservation and Development, approved in 2016 3.4.3 Town Council Minutes 6.21.2016 - the vote to endorse the 2016 POCD is on page 7 (item 2016-0121) 3.4.4a Documentation 3.4.4a Conservation Easement Wolfebrook - conservation easement for the Wolfebrook/Watrous property, signed December 2022, which also shows the exact location of the lot in "Schedule A" 3.4.4a The Day Article - copy of the article titled "Groton announces purchase of Wolfebrook property" from The Day 3.4.4b Documentation 3.4.4b - Open Space Acquisition Fund - copy of email from the Groton Finance Director confirming the balance of the town's Open Space Acquisition Fund as of 12/31/23

Partners: 3.4.1 (open space inventory) - none 3.4.3 (open space plan) - none 3.4.4a (acquire new open space) - Groton Open Space Association and Groton Parks and Recreation Foundation 3.4.4b (establish an open space acquisition fund) - none

Additional Information: 3.4.4a - The Wolfbrook/Watrous property is owned by the Town and managed by its Parks and Recreation Department

3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.8.1c: Have at least one municipal employee attend a training on LID/green infrastructure practices (5 points) 3.8.2b: Encourage and promote LID in your municipal ordinances and/or regulations (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.8.1C TRAINING OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.8.1C TRAINING WEBSITE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.8.2B LID REGULATION WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.8.2B ZONING REGULATION EXCERPTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.8.2B ROLLING CREDIT JUSTIFICATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.8.1 Documentation 3.8.1c Training Overview - summary of required information about the training 3.8.1c Training Website - screenshot of the training website, including content covered and presenters 3.8.2 Documentation 3.8.2b LID Regulation Worksheet - required worksheet for point request 3.8.2b Zoning Regulation Excerpts - excerpts from the current Groton Zoning Regulations, providing the sections cited in the LID Regulation Worksheet 3.8.2b Rolling Credit Justification - confirmation of the review conducted by town planners

Partners: 3.8.1c (training): none 3.8.2b (LID in ordinances or regulations): none

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.3 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.10.3 FACILITATE INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT SUMMARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.10.3B THE BUZZ ON INVASIVES PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.10.3 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management - provides all required information for 3.10.a and 3.10.b activities 3.10.3b The Buzz on Invasives Presentation - a copy of the Powerpoint used during the 10.3.b workshop

Partners: 3.10.3b - Groton Pollinator Pathway and Groton Conservation Commission

3.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Programs

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.11.2a - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.11.2A SHENNECOSSETT BMP MANUAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.11.2A IPM IMPLEMENTATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.11.2a Shennecossett BMP Manual - This is the best management practices manual for Shennecossett Golf Course, which is owned and operated by the town as part of the Parks and Recreation Department. The manual includes a section on Integrated Pest Management, starting on page 143. 3.11.2a IPM Implementation - This is an email from the Golf Course Manager confirming that IPM is used and explaining how it is implemented.

Partners: 3.11.2a (Ground Treatment BMPs): None

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1: Provide education to residents and local businesses to improve pollinator habitat (5 points) 3.12.2: Create native pollinator gardens, upgrade existing gardens to be pollinator friendly and educate the public about the importance of pollinators to society (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR EDUCATION SUMMARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 MY GARDEN OF A THOUSAND BEES FLIER.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 CREATE POLLINATOR GARDENS SUMMARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 THE DAY ARTICLE_PEQUOT VILLAGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 THE DAY ARTICLE_TOWN HALL ANNEX.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.1 Documentation 3.12.1 Pollinator Education Summary - overview of three educational pollinator education initiatives 3.12.1 My Garden of a Thousand Bees Flier - flier used to publicize one of the educational initiatives 3.12.2 Create Pollinator Gardens Summary - overview of several pollinator garden creation and maintenance projects 3.12.2 The Day Article_Pequot Village - article promoting the new garden installed at Pequot Village 3.12.2 The Day Article_Town Hall Annex - article promoting improvements made to the gardens at the Town Hall Annex. Please note that the Town Hall project also described in this project was not included in the summary for points consideration because native plants were not predominately used.

Partners: 13.12.1 - Partners include Groton Public Library, Groton Pollinator Pathway, Groton Conservation Commission, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Department of Entomology and Connecticut College 13.12.2 - Partners include Groton Pollinator Pathway, Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Groton Housing Authority, Groton Beautification Committee, and Breezeline

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.13.3 ZONING REGULATIONS LIGHTING EXCERPTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.13.3 ROLLING CREDIT JUSTIFICATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.13.3 Zoning Regulations Lighting Excerpts - This document provides the sections of Groton's Zoning Regulations that address lighting standards. Section 8.5 under "standards" states "Lighting fixtures for all areas of vehicular and/or pedestrian access must be full cut-off type fixtures or Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) cut-off fixtures...". These full cut off design requirements are dark sky compliant fixtures. 3.13.3 Rolling Credit Justification - confirmation of the rolling credit review completed

Partners: 3.13.3 (Promote Dark Skies Policy): None

3.14 Implement Sustainable Snow Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.14.1a: Have at least one snow removal or winter operations staff member participate in a Connecticut Training & Technical Assistance Center (5 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.14.1A T2 CENTER SNOW MANAGEMENT TRAINING.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.14.1A CT GSP PARKING LOTS & SIDEWALKS FLYER SPRING 2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.14.1A CURIOSO CT GSP CERTIFICATE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.14.1A EMERY CT GSP CERTIFICATE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.14.1A PWD MONTHLY REPORT 1-23.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.14.1a T2 Center Snow Management Training - an overview of the points request 3.14.1a CT GSP Parking Lots & Sidewalks Flyer Spring 2023 - a flier with information about the training completed by Groton staff the previous year 3.14.1a Curioso CT GSP Certificate - training completion certificate 3.14.1a Emery CT GSP Certificate - training completion certificate 3.14.1a PWD monthly report 1-23 - Public Works newsletter highlighting the training

Partners: 3.14.1a (T2 sustainable snow management training completion): none

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

15 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1a - 10 points 4.1.1b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

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

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

Documentation Details: 4.1.1a_worksheet - required worksheet with website links and screenshots 4.1.1b Documentation - screenshots and links showing how the website has been disseminated

Partners: 4.1.1a (Identify tourism and cultural assets and create a public online resource): none 4.1.1b (Promote the online resource): none

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

30 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2: Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (5 points) 4.2.3: Commit dedicated funding to the arts (10 points) 4.2.5: Establish a Cultural Office or Arts and Culture Department/Council (5 points) 4.2.7: Streamline permitting (10 points) 4.2.13: Other initiative supporting arts and creative culture (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

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

PDF: [4.2.3 ARTS FUNDING AWARD LETTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 ARTS COMMISSION.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES 5.23.23.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 THE DAY ARTICLE.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 STREAMLINE PERMITTING.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 ZONING REGULATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.10 LIBRARY ARTS PROGRAMMING.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.10 GPL NEWSLETTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.13 OTHER ARTS INITIATIVES.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.13 BIG BELLY COMPACTORS ART COMPETITION.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 COMMISSION VACANCIES.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 ARTS FUNDING OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.2 Documentation 4.2.2 Arts and Culture in Municipal Marketing - screenshots and hyperlink of examples 4.2.3 Documentation 4.2.3 Arts Funding Overview - summary of the funding dedicated to the arts 4.2.3 Arts Funding Award Letter - letter issued by the town to its Beautification Committee awarding \$10,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding support for arts projects 4.2.5 Documentation 4.2.5 Arts Commission - overview of the town's new performing arts commission 4.2.5 Town Council Minutes 5.23.23 - meeting minutes showing Town Council resolution to create the new commission (page 5, item IX.5) 4.2.5 The Day Article - article from the New London Day publicizing the creation of the new commission 4.2.5 Commission Vacancies - document posted on the town website in February 2024 soliciting interest in vacant board and commission seats 4.2.7 Documentation 4.2.7 Streamline Permitting - overview of how the town has streamlined permitting for events and performances 4.2.7 Zoning Regulations - excerpt from the current zoning regulations showing that the temporary event regulations are in place 4.2.10 Documentation 4.2.10 Library Arts Programming - overview with screenshots and hyperlinks 4.2.10 GPL Newsletter - example of a Groton Public Library newsletter publicizing arts events 4.2.13 Documentation 4.2.13 Other Arts Initiatives - overview of two arts initiatives not already addressed elsewhere 4.2.13 Big Belly Compactors Art Competition - guidelines from the second initiative described in the overview document

Partners: 4.2.2 (Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing) - none 4.2.3 (Commit dedicated funding to the arts) - Groton Beautification Committee 4.2.5 (Establish a Cultural Office or Arts and Culture Department/Council) - none 4.2.7 (Streamline permitting) - none 4.2.10 (Support arts and cultural activities offered through local library) - several libraries from surrounding towns, as listed in the overview document 4.2.13: Other initiative supporting arts and creative culture - Groton Beautification Committee, Bike Groton, Artist Robert Cerrato

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1c: Engage in intentional and ongoing public outreach (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1.1C PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PARTICIPATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.1C COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP SERIES EMAIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.1C COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE BOARD.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.1C COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS MARKET DYNAMICS INFOGRAPHICS.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.1C COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS POCD MAP.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1.1c Public Outreach and Participation - overview of the points request 5.1.1c Community Conversations Workshop Series Email - email sent out to publicize the workshop series 3 of the poster printed and used during the first two workshops are also provided - demographic profile board, market dynamics infographic, and POCD map

Partners: 5.1.1c (public outreach): the Nautilus Museum and Marine Science Magnet High School very kindly allowed us to use their spaces to hold the first two events

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.1a - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.4.1A_WORKSHEET1.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.4.1 DOWNTOWN MYSTIC RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.4.1a_worksheet - required worksheet for this action with Downtown Mystic Resiliency and Sustainability Plan citations 5.4.1 Downtown Mystic Resiliency and Sustainability Plan - document cited in the worksheet

Partners: 5.4.1a (climate vulnerability assessment): the Town contracted GZA GeoEnvironmental to help develop the plan

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

55 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.1: Build a Complete Streets Team that reflects the demographics of your town. (5 points) 6.1.3: By municipal resolution or ordinance, adopt a Complete Streets policy. (20 points) 6.1.6: Implement, repair and maintain specific projects that expand safe, connected, active transportation networks across all neighborhoods. (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.1.1 BUILD A COMPLETE STREETS TEAM.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.1 TOWN REGISTER JANUARY 2024.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.1 COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES AND DRAFT SURVEY.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.3_WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 GROTON COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTION OF COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.6_WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.1.1 documentation 6.1.1 Build a Complete Streets Team - document with member listing and meeting dates 6.1.1 Town Register January 2024 - please see page 7 for Complete Streets Advisory Committee roster 6.1.1 Complete Streets Advisory Committee Minutes and Draft Survey - draft minutes from most recent meeting, including draft survey discussed during the meeting 6.1.3 documentation 6.1.3_Worksheet - required worksheet for this action 6.1.3 Groton Complete Streets Policy 6.1.3 Town Council Adoption of Complete Streets Policy - please see item X.7 on page 13 6.1.6 documentation 6.1.6_Worksheet - required worksheet for this action

Partners: 6.1.1 (build a Complete Streets Team): none 6.1.3 (Complete Streets Policy): a Complete Streets Committee developed the policy 6.1.6 (implement projects): none

6.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.2.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.2.1 CONDUCT A PARKING NEEDS ASSESSMENT.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [6.2.1 FLYER FOR 2.21.23 PUBLIC MEETING.JPG](#)

PDF: [6.2.1 MYSTIC PARKING STUDY 2021.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.2.1 Conduct a Parking Needs Assessment - overview of rolling credit request 6.2.1 Flyer for 2.21.23 Public Meeting - flyer for event held during the certification lookback period 6.2.1 Mystic Parking Study 2021 - copy of the report completed in 2021. The statement of purpose is provided in the Introduction and Background section (report page 2) and the key findings are provided in the Key Observations/Finding sections (report page 21)

Partners: 6.2.1 (conduct a parking needs assessment): Town of Stonington and John M. Burke, Parking & Transit Consulting (consultant for the parking study)

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

25 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 (20 points) 7.9.3 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.9.1 GROTON CPACE MUNI AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.9.1 CPACE SCREENSHOT.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [7.9.1 C-PACE PROJECTS CLOSED AS OF 1.1.21 - GROTON.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: 7.9.1 Groton CPACE Muni Agreement - copy of the executed agreement 7.9.1 CPACE screenshot - link and screenshot showing that the Town is publicizing its participation in the C-PACE program 7.9.1 C-PACE Projects Closed as of 1.1.21 - Groton - spreadsheet showing 2 eligible projects

Partners: 7.9.1 (Municipal C-PACE resolution): none 7.9.3 (CPACE projects): CT Green Bank and Mystic Business Park

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 Support and hold a sustainability event (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [8.1_WORKSHEET.XLSX](#)

PDF: [8.1 EVENT 1 EARTH DAY EXPO FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1 EVENT 2 GROTON CLIMATE FORUM FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1 EVENT 3 MYSTIC FLYER NOV 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1 EVENT 4 MYSTIC FLYER MAY 2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1 EVENT 5 MYSTIC FLYER JAN 2024.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1 EVENT 6 INFORMATIONAL PACKET.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 8.1_worksheet - provides the required information about 5 sustainability events
Flyers are also provided for each event

Partners: 8.1.1 (Hold a Sustainability Event): partners for each event are listed in the worksheet

8.7 Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.7.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.7_WORKSHEET_1.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.7.1 SECT YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT INFORMATIONAL PACKET.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 8.7_Worksheet_1 - required worksheet with information about the project 8.7.1
SECT Youth Climate Summit Informational Packet - agenda for the Youth Climate Summit event

Partners: 8.7.1 (support youth-led sustainability projects in your community): Marine Science Magnet High School (MSMHS), MSMHS Environmental Club, City of Groton, Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 Create infrastructure to recycle additional materials that Connecticut law has not designated as mandatory recyclable items (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.3_WORKSHEET_1.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3 TRANSFER STATION BROCHURE FOR FYE24.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3 BYE BYE MATTRESS SCREENSHOTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3 BYE BYE MATTRESS FACEBOOK POST.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3 BAY STATE TEXTILES SCREENSHOT.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3 BAY STATE TEXTILES FACEBOOK POSTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3 SCRRRA TIRE SCREENSHOT.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3 TIRE REUSE EXPLANATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.3._Worksheet_1 - required worksheet for the point request 9.3 Transfer Station Brochure for FYE24 - brochure posted on the Public Works website that lists all materials accepted at the transfer station 9.3 Bye Bye Mattress Screenshots - screenshots showing Groton on the list of free mattress drop-off locations 9.3 Bye Bye Mattress Facebook Post - copy of a social media post shared by the town to publicize the mattress recycling program 9.3 Bay State Textiles Screenshot - screenshot of website showing Groton included in the list of participating towns 9.3 Bay State Textiles Facebook Posts - copies of social media posts shared by the town to publicize the textile recycling program 9.3 SCRRRA Tire Screenshot - screenshot of SCRRRA tool showing that tires can be brought to the Groton transfer station 9.3 Tire Reuse Explanation - an email explaining how the tires collected at the transfer station are used by the hauler

Partners: 9.3.1 (Recycle Additional Materials): SCRRRA, Bay State Textiles, Bye Bye Mattress, Empire Tire

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 Develop and promote inclusive growing spaces (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.4 DEVELOP AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces - overview of point request, with photos, links, social media post snapshots, and garden descriptions

Partners: 10.4.1 (Community Grow Spaces): None

10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

25 Points

Approved Information: 10.6.1b - 10 points 10.6.1c - 5 points 10.6.2a - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.6.1B GROTON HEAT VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.6.1C HEAT OUTREACH DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.6.1C GROTON HEAT INFOGRAPHICS.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.6.1C GROTON HEAT BOOKLETS.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.6.1C HEAT PUBLIC MEETING FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.6.1C HEAT PUBLIC MEETING SLIDES 7-18-23.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.6.2 WORKSHEET_2.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.6.2A HEAT SAFETY AND GROTON COOLING CENTER LOCATIONS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.6.1b documentation 10.6.1b Groton Heat Vulnerability Assessment 10.6.1c documentation 10.6.1c Heat Outreach Description - overview of the work done and materials developed Files with heat infographics, a booklet, a public event flyer, and the public event slides are also provided as uploads 10.6.2 documentation 10.6.2_worksheet_2 - the required worksheet for this action. The hyperlink to the town's website with cooling center information is provided at the end of the document 10.6.2a Heat Safety and Groton Cooling Center Locations - PDF of town website

Partners: 10.6 (plan and prepare for extreme heat): University of New Hampshire Sustainability Institute Fellowship Program

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.2 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.7 IMPROVE OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.7 LIGHTING SITE PLAN.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All - overview of point request 10.7 Lighting Site Plan - site plan for the solar light installation at Poquonnock Plains Park

Partners: 10.7 (improve outdoor access): none

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

40 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.3 Implement strategies in adopted Affordable Housing Plan (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.1_WORKSHEET_3.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1 GROTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1 TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1 PZC APPROVAL ADU TEXT AMENDMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1 ARPA HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 11.1_Worksheet_3 - required worksheet for the points request 11.1 Groton Affordable Housing Plan - a copy of the current affordable housing plan 11.1 Town Council Approval Affordable Housing Trust Fund - please see item IX.5 on page 5 11.1 PZC Approval ADU Text Amendment - please see item III.1 on page 3 11.1 ARPA Housing Assistance Program - memo signed by the Town Manager describing the use of ARPA funding to expand the town's housing rehabilitation loan program

Partners: 11.1 (implement affordable housing plan): none

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

5 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.1: 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.2.1 2023 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: This document shows that in 2023, 22.84% of Groton's housing was affordable.

Partners: 11.2.1 (identify affordable housing percentage): none

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 prevent homelessness (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.4.1 WORKSHEET 1.PDF](#)

PDF: [12.4.1 NLHHC FUNDING AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [12.4.1 ALWAYS HOME FUNDING AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [12.4.1 HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.PDF](#)

PDF: [12.4.1 HUMAN SERVICES ARPA FUNDING STATEMENTS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 12.4.1_Worksheet_1 - required worksheet for point request 12.4.1 NLHHC Funding Agreement - executed funding agreement for one of the programs described in Worksheet 1 12.4.1 Always Home Funding Agreement - executed funding agreement for a second program described in Worksheet 1 12.4.1 Human Services Department Services and Activities - document showing the programs provided by Groton Human Services, including the ARPA funded program described in Worksheet 1 12.4.1 Human Services ARPA Funding Statements - an email from the Groton Finance Director explaining the drawdown of ARPA funding and statements showing the use of the funds over time

Partners: 12.4.1 (homelessness prevention funding): NLHHC and Always Home

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

10 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [13.1 AGE FRIENDLY GROTON COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 AGE FRIENDLY GROTON COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 AGE FRIENDLY PLAN_TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 SMALL BUSINESS PIVOT GRANT.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 SMALL BUSINESS PIVOT GRANT - AUTHORIZATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 SMALL BUSINESS PIVOT GRANT - PRESS RELEASE 101923.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 GROTON ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 SMALL BUSINESS PIVOT GRANT NEWSLETTER.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Documentation for First Action 13.1 Age Friendly Groton Community Action Plan Overview - overview of point request 13.1 Age Friendly Groton Community Action Plan - copy of the final plan 13.1 Age Friendly Plan_Town Council Endorsement - please see item IX.4 on page 6 Documentation for Second Action 13.1 Small Business Pivot Grant - overview of point request 13.1 Small Business Pivot Grant - Authorization - memo confirming use of ARPA funding for the grant program 13.1 Small Business Pivot Grant - Press Release 101923 - press release announcing the launch of the first grant round 13.1 Groton announces small business grant program - article from The Day 13.1 Small Business Pivot Grant Newsletter - newsletter article about the grant program

Partners: Age Friendly Action Plan: Age Friendly Planning Committee Small Business Pivot Grant: none