

### 3.3 Develop a Creative Placemaking Plan

10 Points

15 Points

#### Objective

Strengthen your community by building and enhancing a sense of place with arts and cultural activities.

#### What to Do

*The more you do, the more points you earn.*

#### Develop a Creative Placemaking Plan (10 points)

*All elements must be completed to receive credit*

1. Engage diverse culture bearers, artists of all kinds, and members from the arts and culture field in the creation of your Creative Placemaking Plan. Your plan may be for a neighborhood or selected area of your community, or for your entire municipality.
2. Develop your community's Creative Placemaking Plan. This should:
  - o Identify defining characteristics, cultures, cultural practices, and features of the community (take care to engage with and represent the varied demographics of your community);
  - o Establish goals and a strategy to identify, encourage, enhance, highlight, and make accessible unique features of your local culture. Include opportunities, locations, events, etc. designed for diverse individuals of varying backgrounds and ages;
  - o Identify potential venues for activities (e.g. a park, theater, greenspace, etc.);
  - o Demonstrate how your plan incorporates the unique, distinguishing characteristics of your community (e.g. historical, artistic, economic, architectural, artistic etc.);
  - o Identify resources and partnerships that exist, or might be developed, to achieve the plan;
  - o Create or highlight opportunities for monetary and/or in-kind investments in and by public, private, and non-profit organizations and partners to help achieve the Plan's objectives;
  - o Include a mix of complementary community activities and services, such as housing, retail, food, services and public spaces, that could be enhanced through strategic linking to the arts or cultural central feature;
  - o Include steps for implementation; and
  - o Identify entities responsible for administration, organization, and measurement and monitoring progress.

**Submit:** A copy of your Creative Placemaking Plan.

#### Integrate Placemaking Plan into the Plan of Conservation and Development (5 points)

1. Integrate your Creative Placemaking Plan into your Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

**Submit:** A copy of your updated, adopted POCD that integrates your Creative Placemaking Plan.

#### Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Staff from the planning and zoning, public works, economic development, parks and recreation, tourism, and senior services departments could be helpful in implementing this action.

In addition, your art commission, planning and zoning commission, local art organizations, local artists, and chamber of commerce could help implement this action.

## Funding

For a complete listing of potential funding opportunities to assist with implementing Sustainable CT Actions, please visit the [Sustainable CT Grants Portal](#), which is searchable by Action. Please also visit the [Sustainable CT Resources for Certification](#) page for opportunities for technical assistance and other supports.

## Resources

### *Toolkits, Calculators, Guidance Documents*

- National Endowment for the Arts, "[How to Do Creative Placemaking](#)"
- Jason Schupabach, "[Defining Creative Placemaking A Talk with Ann Markusen and Anne Gadwa Nicodemus](#)"
- Anne Gadwa Nicodemus, "[Creative Placemaking 101 for Community Developers](#)"
- [D.I.Y. Creative Placemaking](#) – This website has many resources, from a video about "What is Creative Placemaking," to pages on approaches, defining creative and cultural sector, collaborations and partnerships, how to rent or buy creative space, and case studies and lessons learned.
- D.I.Y. Creative Placemaking, "[Approaches to Creative Placemaking](#)"

### *Organizations and Relevant Programs*

- CT Department of Economic and Community Development, [Office of the Arts](#)

## Benefits

In creative placemaking public, private, not-for-profit, and community sectors partner to strategically shape the physical and social character of a neighborhood, town, tribe, city, or region around arts and cultural activities. A community with a strong cultural identity leverages arts, culture, and entertainment to stabilize or strengthen a given place.

Creating a cultural identity, through art and cultural activities, enhances and stabilizes communities undergoing economic and demographic changes. By connecting individuals and organizations to and within the community, art and cultural activities encourage investment in public, semi-public, and private spaces. Supporting businesses develop or grow, drawing residents and other patrons to the place and the community. Creative places also provide positive branding and image for the host community.

According to the CT Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of the Arts, the arts are integral to building and unifying our communities, "63% believe the arts lift them up beyond everyday experiences; 73% believe the arts are a positive experience in a troubled world; 62% believe that the arts help them understand other cultures better; and 67% believe the arts unify their communities regardless of age, race, and ethnicity."

## CT Success Stories

- New Haven, CT: "[Project Storefronts](#)" (pg.42)

## Credit for Past Action

- The Creative Placemaking Plan must be published within the past 10 years prior to application submission.