

## 4.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 – 45 Points

### Action Updates

This action has been revised for the **current certification cycle**. A version of this action from the prior program year is [available for comparison](#). Edits are highlighted in yellow. (Last update 2020)

### Objective

Plan for, educate, and implement projects to protect your community's historic resources.

Complementary action:

- [Assess Climate Vulnerability](#)

### What to Do

If you collaborate with other municipalities or other stakeholders to implement this Action, please describe the partnership in the “partners” box of your submission. Please also consult this [guidance document](#) to help your municipality earn points for actions pursued in partnership. Regional collaboration and other forms of partnership are highly encouraged.

Best practices for historic places can be found within the Secretary of the Interior's [Standards for the Treatment of Historic Places](#).

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

1. **Inventory Resources (5 points).** Identify priority historic assets within your community, and actions required to sustain their long-term viability. Actions should be specific to each asset listed. Please include a short description of each location, and note if the location is privately or municipally owned. Assets may include:

- Historic buildings,
- Parks,
- Natural resources,
- View-sheds,
- Public spaces,
- Stone walls,
- Other

**Submit:** The list of priority historic resources and the list of actions required to sustain their long-term viability. The [State Historic Preservation Office](#) can help pay for such services.

2. **Assess Viability of Assets (10 points per asset, max 3 assets or 30 points).** For one historic asset included in your priority list, assess its viability and long-term health. Include in the assessment the sustainability of each building present, possibility of energy retrofits, vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change, etc. You may assess the viability for up to three different assets **(10 points per asset)**.

**Submit:** You may submit the conditions assessment, feasibility study, or long-term maintenance plan that uses the Secretary of the Interior's [Standards for the Treatment of Historic Places](#) for each historic resource listed in your inventory. The [State Historic Preservation Office](#) can help pay for such services.

3. **Education (5 points).** Sponsor or host an educational workshop or program to educate owners of historic homes on how to manage their historic building(s) sustainably (for example, through energy audits or energy efficiency upgrades). You may partner with neighboring communities to offer the workshop.

**Submit:** A description of outreach (5 sentences maximum); and documentation of education programming at least one example from among materials disseminated; and number of historic buildings in municipality; and estimated number of property owners reached through education program.

4. **Achieve Recognition (5 points).** Achieve "Certified Local Government" status. See the [Certified Local Government Program](#) of the CT Department of Economic and Community Development website for additional information on how to work towards your certification.

**Submit:** Proof of recognition from the National Park Service regarding attainment of *Certified Local Government* status.

## Credit for Past Action

For spring certification, count back from February 1st of the current year. For fall certification, count back from August 1st of the current year. For further clarification on determining if your prior work is eligible to earn points, [click here](#).

- Assessments must have been completed within the past 10 years, with proof of update prior to application submission.
- Educational workshops must have occurred within the past year.
- *Certified Local Government* status may be included each time certification is sought.

## Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Staff from the planning and zoning, parks and recreation, public works, and economic development departments could be helpful in implementing this action. Your historic preservation commission, planning and zoning commission, energy commission, local historic society, local art league, CT Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Culture and Tourism could help implement this action.

## Funding

Below are potential funding sources specific to this Action. 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.

- [Historic Restoration Fund Grants](#)
- [Urban Act Grant Program](#)
- [Municipal Grant Program \(MGP\)](#)
- [2020 Sustainable CT Community Match Fund](#)

*Funding outlined below may be beneficial to creating the historic inventory and/or implementing action items listed in your inventory.*

- [Historic Restoration Fund Grant](#)
- [Survey and Planning Grants for Historic Inventories](#)
- [Planning and Pre-Development Grants](#)

- [Partners in Preservation Grant](#)

*Funding available to communities with Certified Local Government status:*

- [Historic Preservation Enhancement Grants \(HPEG\)](#)
- [Supplemental Certified Local Government Grants](#)

## Resources

*Toolkits, Calculators, Guidance Documents*

- CT Trust for Historic Preservation, ["Inventory of Local Historic Districts and Local Historic Properties, Connecticut"](#)
- National Park Service, Technical Preservation Services, ["Sustainability"](#)
- National Park Service, ["NPS-28: Cultural Resource Management Guideline"](#)
- National Preservation Institute, ["What are 'Cultural Resources'?"](#)
- [GSA](#)
- Certified Local Governments: [CT Department of Economic and Community Development](#)
- [National Park Service](#)
- National Park Service, ["The Treatment of Historic Properties"](#)
- [Energize CT](#)
- [Sample Preservation Restriction/Easement](#)
- National Trust for Historic Preservation, ["Climate and Culture"](#)
- National Park Service, ["National Park Service Cultural Resources Climate Change Strategy"](#)
- New London Fire Department Headquarters Building, [Conditions Assessment Report](#)
- The First Church of Christ Congregational East Haddam, [Connecticut Conditions Assessment Report](#)

*Organizations and Relevant Programs*

- [CT Trust For Historic Preservation](#)
- [CT Main Street](#)
- CT Department of Community and Economic Development, [Office of Culture and Tourism](#)
- CT Department of Community and Economic Development, [State Historic Preservation Office](#)
- [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#)
- [American Alliance of Museums](#)
- [National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers](#)
- [National Park Service](#)
- [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)
- [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

## Why This Matters

Historic resources can be buildings, monuments, art installations, traditional community practices, archaeological sites, public spaces, stonewalls, etc.

## Benefits

Historic resources perform a vital function in a community by:

- Contributing to local community character,
- Instilling attachment to place,
- Attracting a talented workforce, and
- Encouraging tourism.

By protecting local historic resources from a host of threats, (for instance, climate change), you ensure that present and future generations can enjoy these sites.

### **CT Success Stories**

- [2018 Glastonbury - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 Greenwich - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 Hartford - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 Milford - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 New Haven - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 New London - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 New Milford - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 Ridgefield - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 Windham - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- [2018 Woodbridge - Extensive and Clear Submission](#)
- Westport, CT: [Historic District Commission](#)